



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down

Tuesday 7th December 2010 at 7.00 pm

Note – this is a draft copy to be agreed and amended, if necessary, at the next Council Meeting

Present: Councillors David Walker (Chairman of the meeting), Graham Terry and Lisa Scott. Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Norman Buck (WDC) and Tony Reid (ESCC).

278. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – Concern was expressed that the Green Lane that joins Dog Kennel Lane has not yet been closed off to four-wheeled vehicles for the winter period, *Clerk to contact Highways*. **Clerk**
It was raised that the footpath at the end of Hall Lane to Waghorns Lane has been used by vehicles, *Clerk to contact Rights of Way team to see what action they can take to prevent this from happening*. **Clerk**
Clerk to contact Highways requesting that they fill in the potholes in Criers Lane **Clerk**
Following a question from a member of the public the chair confirmed that the Village Action Plan is being worked on and should be completed soon.

Concern was expressed over the lack of people putting their names forward to be new Councillors.

Councillor Michael Lunn joined the meeting at 7:08pm

279. **REPORT FROM PCSO MARK CARTER** – Mark updated the Parish Council (PC) on his plans for visiting the village and for getting the community message across. Since the beginning of November the following crimes have been reported:

Tools stolen; report of tailgating and suspicious black Vauxhall Corsa parked in Five Chimneys Lane.

Speed checks have been undertaken in the village by the Traffic Casualty Reduction Team. 3 cars were stopped and the drivers given advice on reducing their speed and 4 speed tickets were issued. They are keen to spend time each month in Hadlow Down undertaking speedwatch.

280. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – received from Cllrs. Lucy McConachie and Paul James

281. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - declarations of personal interest received from LS on point 284 Wood End and from DW and GT on point 287ii.

282. **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS** held on 2nd and 16th November agreed and signed as true records (previously circulated).

283. **MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):**

i. Land Registry Pack – c/f

PJ

ii. Condition of Stonehurst Lane, GT has revisited the site, to be raised at the next SLR meeting.

iii. Clearing of the bonfire site at the Playing Field - ongoing

GT

iv. Article in Parish Magazine regarding Community Car Scheme, LM will write the article. LM v. Clerks

Report: sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on the work she has undertaken over the last month.

ESCC will be marking out for the bus stop signs in the next few days, opposite the New Inn and on the New Inn side, *Councillors to check that markings are in the correct places*. ALL

Bus stop sign to be removed from School Lane as buses no longer go down there. Footpath signs should have been replaced at the burial ground.

284. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

WD/2010/2746/F – WOOD END, WILDERNESS LANE, TN22 4HT – Two storey extension to fill space between existing dwelling and garage – the Parish Council support this application.

GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION:

WD/2009/2515/MEA – FARM BUILDINGS, FIVE CHIMNEYS FARM, CURTAINS HILL – Erection of an agricultural building for free range hens.

WD/2010/1922/LB – HASTINGFORD HOUSE, HASTINGFORD LANE – Proposed repairs to barn.

WD/2010/1295/LB – COLES HALL, HEATHFIELD ROAD, FIVE ASHES – Removal of existing Crittall window and installation of double glazed leaded French doors.

WD/2010/2125/F – 14 STANDEN MEWS – Proposed single storey rear conservatory.

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION: none received.

COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION:

WD/2010/6010/CM – SCULLWOOD LANDFILL, STOCKLANDS LANE – Construction of a leachate treatment facility etc – WDC raise no objections to the proposal subject to certain recommendations

285. **REPORTS FROM CLLR. TONY REID, ESCC & CLLRS. KEN OGDEN and NORMAN BUCK**
WDC – TR has advised that ESCC have not yet been informed by government of their budget, they should have this information next week. KO advised that he has been very concerned over the removal of the development boundaries. The policy is going ahead however in 2 years' time they will be looking at villages and will be getting the community more involved. KO updated the PC on WDC's position regarding the removal of the old Village Hall and new houses being built on the land, also on the Community Right to Build.

286. **BANK RECONCILIATION:** – dated 26th November 2010 agreed and signed.

287. **OTHER FINANCE MATTERS** –

i. GT advised that he has spoken to parents of children at the play area who would like the area enclosed. *GT to send the Clerk details of the requirements, she will then obtain quotes for the work.*

Clerk/GT

ii. Quotes to reduce by 30% the height of the oak tree at the far easterly side of the playing field reviewed, it was agreed to go with the quote from Simon Paddon. *Clerk to write to those who tendered for the work.*

Clerk

ML left the meeting at 7:50pm

288. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT** – The following were agreed by all and cheques raised:

i. Helen Simpson-Wells. Salary £1427.86 includes £44.40 for mileage, £652.47 expenses (includes new laptop) and £70.47 training hours, £520 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £907.86.

ii. Wealden District Council £62.75 dog bin emptying

iii. Viking Direct £93.09 stationery

iv. The Friends of East Sussex Record Office, £24.00 membership renewal

v. Jason Pooley £90.00 Playing Field Maintenance

vi. BT £107.79 – paid by direct debit

289. **NEW COMMUNITY HALL** – meeting due to be held next week

290. **QUALITY COUNCIL** – c/f, all Councillors to review the notes they were given, prior to the next meeting **ALL**

291. **PARISH ASSEMBLY** – Clerk to approach ML as to whether he can speak at the Parish Assembly on the Village Action Plan. **Clerk**

292. **UNCONSECRATED PART OF BURIAL GROUND** – the Clerk has written to the Diocesan Secretary to see if they have a copy of the deeds for the Burial Ground. It has been recommended that an agreement should be drawn up by a solicitor, Clerk to investigate costs of this. **Clerk**

Once the area has been measured the Clerk will seek advice from WDC Planning department.

293. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY** – letters were sent to District Councillors expressing the PC's objection to the removal of development boundaries and to the 20 year timescale.

294. **EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE** - the PC expressed their appreciation of the work Eddie Westfield undertook during the recent bad weather, Clerk to send the PC's thanks to EW. **Clerk**

No-one on the present committee wants to take over as Chair. It was felt that during the bad weather people rallied round and were helping neighbours. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

295. **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES):**

i. Neighbourhood Watch, Old Village Hall, Emergency Planning and Youth – Cllr. Lisa Scott – LS advised that she will look at the Youth Club again.

ii. Tree Warden, Rights of Way, Highways and Footpaths – Cllr. David Walker – DW raised about a car accident where some items of street furniture had been damaged, the Clerk to liaise with WDC, ESCC and the Police in order that these can be repaired. **Clerk**

iii. New Community Hall Working Party and Playing Field Committee – Cllr. Graham Terry – nothing to report.

296. **CLERK'S MATTERS:**

i. Hours checked agreed and signed.

ii. A discussion was held regarding the recent item on the village website in response to the PC's article in the Parish Magazine, it was proposed and agreed by all that the Clerk will contact the editor to invite him to a meeting with some of the PC. **Clerk**

Update on new website c/f to the next meeting.

iii. The Clerk has been advised by English Heritage that they won't list the K6 telephone kiosk.

iv. Rights of Way report has been received.

v. The Clerk updated the PC on the SALC visioning exercise, it was decided that a decision on whether one would be held, would be made once the Village Action Plan has been produced.

297. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISTRIBUTION**

i. Impact newsletter from Citizens Advice East Sussex

ii. East Sussex Fire Authority – outcome of fire cover and resilience review

iii. Action in Rural Sussex newsletter

iv. East Sussex County Council advice on snow and ice – forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting

v. Your County magazine

vi. Action in Rural Sussex – Fuel poverty and local government

vii. 2011 Census – Community communication toolkit

viii. East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service – Annual Plan Summary 2010-11

ix. Report from Chief Inspector Julia Pope

x. English Rural Housing Association – Annual report 2010

xi. Government advice on clearing ice and snow

xii. Transport and Environment update from ESCC

298. **ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA**

i. The Clerk confirmed what anti-virus software she was using, it was not felt that this item needed to go on the next agenda as no decision needed to be made regarding increasing the cover.

ii. Sponsorship of the Bowls Club Annual Triples Tournament

iii. Environment Strategy Consultation – information already forwarded to ML, Clerk to also forward to DW.

Clerk - Meeting closed 8:55 pm - THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE – on Tuesday 4th January 2011 at 7pm.