



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in the Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

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

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR) (Chair), Damon Wellman (DW), Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY), Iain Turner (IT) and Graham Terry (GT). The Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells was in attendance. Apologies had been received from Cllr Roy Galley (RG)(ESCC)

291. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – nothing raised.

292. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – none received.

293. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none received.

294. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 12th January 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Cllr Michael Lunn (ML) joined the meeting at 7:03pm.

295. MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):

- i. Wealden Local Plan – Issues, Options and Recommendations documents – ML (WDC) confirmed that he had raised the PC's concerns at WDC.
- ii. Risk assessments – to add checking of sumps – c/f till April when GT undertakes the review of the risk assessment documents. **GT**
- iii. Criers and Dog Kennel Lanes – DW and IT had cleared the ditch, the PC thanked them for their work on this. It was felt that it should still remain on ESCC's ditching program for 2016/17. *The Clerk will update the local resident* **Clerk**
- iv. Flooding on Main Road – the Chair had written to the Head of Highways regarding the flooding. ESCC drainage team had attended on 20th January and had cleared a blockage. The Clerk has since advised Highways that both sides of the road have been flooded and they will investigate further. Highways are considering the area from the A267 junction to School Lane for a future potential drainage improvement scheme. To be also raised at the SLR meeting together with the A267/A272 junction and the Mayfield Flats.
- v. Oak tree in Hut Lane – JMY confirmed that he had spoken to the WDC tree warden. It was felt that this wasn't the Parish Council (PC's) responsibility as it was on private land on a private road, *the Clerk will write to the Chair of the Village Hall committee advising that it doesn't fall under the PC's jurisdiction and that if they have any concerns to raise them with WDC.* **Clerk**
- vi. Superfast broadband – the draft response to RG and BT was agreed by the PC. *The Clerk will also respond to a letter received from a member of the public.* **Clerk**
- vii. Uckfield and Lewes railway line – copy of open letter – c/f to the next meeting. **ML**
- viii. The Clerks Report was sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on her action points, this included:
 - a. New PCSOs details appear on the website and in the Parish Magazine.
 - b. A response was made to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Land at Five Badgers appeals against the planning enforcement notices. A letter was sent to the Head of Planning and Environmental Services regarding the pollution control observations report.
 - c. ESCC are adding Riverside to the ditching list for 2016/17. Waghorns gullies are due to be cleared in February. The Highways steward has advised that there currently aren't any safety issues that can be raised regarding the road surface in Wilderness Lane. The lane will be added to the 2016/17 ditching list.
 - d. Neighbourhood Area application has been submitted to WDC.

296. PLANNING: PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i. WD/2015/1207/MAJ – WILDERNESS WOOD, MAIN ROAD – revisions to application to allow hybrid application – part full application, part outline, to allow 2 phase redevelopment of no more than 13 cabins, phase 1 for 8 cabins (inc. for 3 for apprentices with communal cooking/washing facilities) 2 shower and toilet cabins, cabin to provide office. Phase 2 outline for 5 cabins – The Parish Council welcome the changes that have been made to the application and would like to thank the applicants for these amendments. The Parish Council's approval of the application is made on the understanding that there is a condition for no amplified music. The decision made at the Wealden Planning Committee North meeting on 22nd October 2015, that was witnessed by 4 members of the Parish Council, that included a condition of no amplified music didn't capture this part in the committee's minutes and the Parish Council must insist that this is included as a condition of the current application.
- ii. WD/2015/2785/LDE – THE COTTAGE, BROADREED FARM, FIVE ASHES, TN20 6LG – Non-compliance with condition number 5 of planning consent WD/97/1406/JF, for a period of more than 10 years – the Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

a. APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TREE WORK:

ML declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the following item and wasn't involved in any discussions regarding it.

- i. WD/2015/2339/FR Coopers Farm, Five Chimneys Lane – Retrospective application for pig farrowing house and winter housing for breeding pigs.
- ii. TM/2015/0298/TPO Thistledown, Wilderness Lane – Crown raise and remove lower branches of 7 oak trees within tree preservation order (Hadlow Down) no. 45/2 1988.

c. PLANNING MATTERS:

- i. Neighbourhood Area – the draft screening letter was discussed and amendments were approved. The Clerk will arrange for it to be sent to WDC. **Clerk**

297. REPORTS FROM CILLRS. TOBY ILLINGWORTH/MICHAEL LUNN WDC – ML advised that there are a number of planning applications for the area. WDC are reviewing their budgets and will be increasing their precept by 1.9% whilst maintaining free car parking in Wealden. In mid February phase 2 of the Uckfield regeneration will commence. Discussions are being held with Police Commissioners regarding retaining PCSOs. Community Infrastructure Levy charges commence on 1st March. He confirmed that he was available to assist with any problems residents may have.

298. BANK RECONCILIATION: –for January 2016 was agreed and signed.

299. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS :

- i. The PC agreed the quote for the tree work at the playing field.

Cllr. Toby Illingworth (TI)(WDC) joined the meeting at 7:45pm

- ii. The payment of £273.75 to WDC for election costs that was paid at the 12th January meeting was ratified at this meeting.
- iii. The Clerk updated the meeting on the report of the Wealden Parish Remuneration Panel, to be discussed further at the annual meeting.

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

- i. Cllr. Damon Wellman raised about the WDC precept increases. The Clerk suggested that TI/ML produce an article for the Parish Magazine.
- ii. Cllr. Julian Michaelson-Yeates confirmed that he had attended the WDALC meeting and had provided a report for Councillors. Cuts are still being made to the police.
- iii. Cllr. Michael Lunn advised that the potholes in Five Chimneys Lane are getting worse. TI advised that that the platform extension work at Buxted has been extended till June. The Clerk suggested that residents raise on the FixmyStreet website any problems with Five Chimneys Lane and School Lane.
- iv. Cllr. Iain Turner has been looking at issues with drainage on the A272, he helped clear the ditch in Criers Lane and is hoping to do some work on the emergency plan. He confirmed that his contact details could be passed onto the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Wealden Road Watch representative.
- v. Cllr. Graham Terry has been involved in Patient Transport Services which will change to a new supplier wef 1st April.

301. PLAYING FIELD AND PLAY AREA:

- i. A copy of the minutes from the recent meeting between representatives of the Playing Field Committee (PFC) and the PC had been sent to Councillors prior to this meeting. At the PFC's meeting no decisions were made as they are waiting for the outcome of the PC's meeting and for the PC to complete the responsibilities and accountabilities document. The Chair put forward 2 options for the way forward for 2017-18 onwards and a discussion was held on these. It was agreed to go with the first option for 2017-18 with a review half-way through the year. For this option the PC will pay for the annual RoSPA report and the 3-5 year tree survey report and pay the costs of any work that is required to meet the

health and safety requirements. For all other activities such as grass cutting and general maintenance of the play area, the PC will pay a grant to the PFC on an annual basis and will ask them to report back on how the money has been spent. *The Clerk will complete the accountabilities and responsibilities document.*

Clerk

The Chair confirmed that a map showing the site for the Community Centre is being produced. *JMY & SR to review action points from PFC & PC meeting and make recommendations for the next PC meeting.*

JMY/SR

- ii. Registration of land – the Clerk advised that the Land Registry have now registered the land at the entrance to the playing field in the PC's name.

302. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE – the pre-feasibility study will be discussed at the next PC meeting, *SR to highlight the main items.*

SR

A Councillor highlighted that there would need to be at least 2 parking spaces for each property should these be built on the Village Hall land.

303. CRIME REPORT – the Clerk advised that an entertainer for the TN22 club had money stolen from his car whilst he was in the process of loading it up outside the village hall. Councillors advised that there had recently been a nasty burglary in Buxted..

304. RISK ASSESSMENTS – c/f till the next meeting.

305. PARISH ASSEMBLY – TI and ML (WDC) confirmed that they would be attending the Parish Assembly. The Clerk gave the PC details of the quotes she had received to produce large posters, it was agreed for her to produce the posters herself.

Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that Dr Jeremy Leach will speak at the Parish Assembly on 'Let me give you a nudge in the right direction'. *The Chair will liaise with Claire Rivers regarding her talk.*

SR

306. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

- i. A discussion was held on the agenda items for the SLR meeting.

300. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

- vi. It was highlighted that a car is again parking opposite Waghorns Lane which is affecting visibility for drivers. *ML to address.*

ML

307. CLERK'S MATTERS:

- i. The Clerk's hours were agreed and signed

308. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - the following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:

- i. Helen Simpson-Wells. Salary £914.95 includes £22.50 mileage and £30.49 expenses, £750 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £164.95.
- ii. Hadlow Down Village Hall £100 hire of hall.

309. TRAINING:

- i. South East Regional Neighbourhood Planning Event – no-one to attend.
- ii. Defibrillator training – the Clerk confirmed that she had received some bookings for the training however there were still some spaces available.

310. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- i. Correspondence regarding horse faeces on pavements – the Clerk advised that she had been contacted regarding horse faeces on the pavement in School Lane, a Councillor also advised that it had also been on the pavement on the corner of Wheelers Lane. *ML will contact the livery owner.* ML
- ii. Clean for the Queen – JMY confirmed that WDC were willing to dispose of the rubbish that he and other volunteers will collect on a litter pick on 19th and 20th March.
- iii. Libraries opening hours consultation – no response made.
- iv. Correspondence regarding dog disturbance – the Chair had been contacted a number of times with complaints about a barking dog. The member of the public has been advised to contact Environmental Health and if they have concerns about the welfare of the dog, the RSPCA.
- v. South East in Bloom – no response made.
- vi. Place of safety questionnaire – it was considered that the Village Hall and the School could be 'places of safety'. *IT will contact Mrs Rivers and will send the PC's agreed response in the Clerk's absence.* IT
The Clerk will contact the Chair of the Village Hall committee. Clerk

311. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY – check undertaken by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

312. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA:

- i. Clean for the Queen - to update on volunteer's plans
- ii. Three Southern Counties Devolution Plan

The meeting closed at 8:40pm