



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held in St Mark's School Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7.00 pm on Tuesday January 13th 2009**

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

Present: Councillors Paul James (Chairman), David Walker, Graham Terry, Colin James and Michael Lunn. Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – nothing raised
2. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – received from Councillors Lucy McConachie, Tony Bonnick and Tony Reid.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None received.
4. **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST QUARTER** – Clerk gave Councillors a breakdown of spending in this financial year up to 13th January 2009 and of her forecast for spending for the whole financial year. It was decided that a new printer should be purchased as the present one no longer photocopies and this is a requirement for the Clerk to undertake her role, also prints can be misaligned. Clerk to forward prices to Councillors.
HSW
Clerk's salary higher than anticipated due to new Clerk recruited and overlap of two Clerks for training purposes. Clerk to also look into Finger Post costs, should this now be paid by another authority? **HSW**
Clerk identified that due to an administration error the donation cheque for £1000 that should have been paid to St Mark's Friends under s.137 was actually made payable to St Mark's School. To clarify the other donations made by the Parish Council in this financial year are listed together with the powers they relate to:
CAB £150 Local Government Act 1972 s.111.
Village Hall £500 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
Parent and Toddlers Group £149.50 Local Government Act 1972 s.133.
5. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**
G.M. Monk £500 donation by the Parish Council under s.137 for electrical work on the Village Hall, agreed by all and signed.
6. **PRECEPT RETURN** – agreed and signed.
7. **BURIAL GROUND TENDER** – agreed that a year contract is required rather than a seasonal one. *Councillors to take tender letter away and bring any amendments to the next Parish Council meeting. Agreed that letter should show date by when tender needs to be returned and a sketch of the area should be attached.* **ALL**
8. **BURIAL FEES** – Clerk to contact other councils and funeral directors to see if burial fees need to be increased.
HSW
9. **RISK ASSESSMENT** – Clerk has written to Playing Fields Committee to highlight risks that have been identified. Michael to also visit playing field.
ML
10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**
WD/2008/2967/F – OAKWAYS, WHEELERS LANE, TN22 4HR – Demolition of 3 wooden stables and erection of 4 replacement stables; plus foaling stable/tack room and rest room; hay barn and provision of new internal track – PC made a visit to the site.

Standing orders suspended at 7:50

The applicant Liz Ockenfold was attending the meeting. Ms Ockenfold was asked about the use of the site which she said was to be used for her own horses. She also explained about the reasoning behind the change from the existing driveway. *The Council feel that the planning application is over development of the site under policy EN27. We also have concerns regarding the cutting of the new driveway through a medieval boundary and ancient woodland which is contrary to policies EN12 and EN6. We feel we could support an application of a reduced development utilizing the existing access. Should WDC grant planning permission the Council want a condition to be added to say that no business use to take place from the buildings.*

Standing orders re-introduced at 8:15, Ms Ockenfold left the meeting.

WD/2008/2940/LB and WD/2008/2938/F – LITTLE ENGLAND FARM, TN22 4EP – Proposed extension and refurbishment to main house. Proposed refurbishment and minor alterations to Oast House.

Proposed change of use of existing dairy building into pool building and addition of biomass plant to existing car port – PC made a visit to the site. *The Council support this application, we feel it fulfils the criteria for national policy PPS1 and local policies EN1 and EN3. The Council would welcome some guarantee relating to the eco performance of the buildings as a planning condition.*

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISTRIBUTION (brought forward from 6th Jan. meeting)

- i. Wealden District Commanders' message and community contact
- ii. Eco Towns – forwarded to Michael
- iii. WDC – Draft Corporate Plan – councillors all been copied in prior to meeting
- iv. Economic Downturn WDC's response
- v. SALC bulletin
- vi. Wealden Business Focus
- vii. Grey Matters
- viii. St Mark's School Admissions Policy
- ix. Wealden Food and Safety Bulletin
- x. Wealden CAB Stats. and Facts
- xi. NALC Media Release
- xii. LCR magazine
- xiii. WDC Benefits Newsletter

Also received since agenda written:

- a.. ESCC – Draft Cycling Strategy, *passed to Graham to respond* **GT**
- b. Bollards – ESCC unable to place further bollard as need to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through, work to commence in early February.
- c. Training – Graham requested the agenda for the Councillor's training in January. **HSW**
- d. Parish Councils Power to Promote Well-being came into force 31st Dec. 2008. *Clerk to copy to all Councillors.* **HSW**
- e. Website – Clerk gave a copy of the PC website pages and Eddie's notes regarding these. *Councillors to review and identify what should go on the website.* **Councillors**

12. CLERK'S REVIEW – It was felt that councillor's should have a separate meeting regarding Clerk's review prior to it being undertaken. Clerk's review now booked for Tuesday 3rd February at 6:40pm.

It was agreed that during the cold weather to hold meetings at St Marks School Hall. *Clerk to book with school.* **HSW**

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE
on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 at 7.00 P.M. Clerk's review 6:40pm
although this part will not be open to the public.**

Meeting closed at 9pm

Signed..... Date.....