

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF Hadlow Down Parish Council held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 7pm on Tuesday January 17th 2012. Note – this a draft copy to be agreed and amended, if necessary, at the next Council Meeting.

Present: Councillors David Walker (DW) (Chairman), Sandra Richards (SR), Rona Hellewell (RH), Graham Terry (GT) and Damon Wellman (DWe). Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells. Apologies were received from Cllr. Norman Buck (NB)(WDC).

- **313. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** no public questions.
- 314. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE ML was unable to attend the meeting.
- **315. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** no declarations of interest received for any items on the agenda.
- **316.** BANK RECONCILIATION: for 23rd December 2011 carried forward to the February meeting.
- **317. REVIEW OF 2011-12 PRECEPT SPENDING** documentation had been passed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council (PC) agreed for the clerk to purchase a new shredder, a keyboard, mouse and computer stand. It was proposed and the PC agreed, not to renew the AirS general subscription. Councillors were reminded that grants could not be carried over to the next financial year.
- **318. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**: The following payment was agreed by all and the cheque was signed: i. The Society of Local Council Clerks £123.00 - membership
- **319. BURIAL GROUND** the PC were informed that the hedges to the north and west side of the burial ground need a heavy cut back. The wooden edging below these hedges will need to then be considered for replacement. A quote has been received for cutting back the hedges, *RH* to forward details to the Clerk in order that she can obtain a further quote. Work on the wooden edging and tarmac path to be considered once the hedge work has been undertaken. **RH/Clerk**
- 320. CLERKS HOLIDAY HOURS AND WORKLOAD the Clerk updated the PC on the number of holiday hours she has remaining for 2011 and when she will take these. She also informed the PC of her workload. The Clerk will send GT the fingerpost list, he will arrange for them to be photographed in order that they can go on the List of Buildings and Structures of Local Importance. GT A discussion was held on the extra work that the Clerk has had to undertake regarding the Village Hall and Community Centre. It was felt that this could continue for approximately a year, it was agreed by the DC that the Clerk has had to the Clerk has had to the clerk has agreed by the DC that the Clerk has had to the clerk has agreed by the DC that the Clerk has had to the clerk has had to the clerk has agreed by the DC that the Clerk has had her clerk has had to the clerk had the clerk had the clerk has had to the clerk had the cle

PC that the Clerks hours be increased by 2 hours per week wef. 1st February 2012 to accommodate this extra work and to also ensure that all other work can still be completed. These hours will be reviewed on a regular basis.

321. UPDATE FROM WDC PLANNING MEETING

SR had forwarded details to Councillors from the meeting with WDC, the PC and the applicant for the outline planning application for affordable houses, on the land south of the village hall. A discussion was held on the meeting and on items that had been raised. The applicant will be putting more proposals to WDC.

322. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA

- i. Jubilee Oak.
- ii. Blocked gulleys

The meeting closed at 8:20pm

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be on 7th FEBRUARY at 7pm.