



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down

Tuesday 18th January 2011 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, Michael Lunn and Lisa Scott. Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells.

322. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – A member of the public updated the Parish Council (PC) on the problems with the drainage and the surface in Dog Kennel Lane. He will provide the PC with photographs of the problem areas in order that this can be raised at the next SLR meeting with Highways department.

323. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** - none received.

324. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none received

325. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

WD/2010/2824/F - LAND AT HASTINGFORD LANE, TN22 4DY – New storage/office building – The Parish Council object to the application for the following reasons:

We failed to identify the need for this business to be in an AONB.

There was a lack of information i.e. business plan, which therefore fails to prove the need for the business to be sited in a rural location.

In the planning history in 2001 the previous application was approved with the condition that it not be used for any trade or business.

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

i. Barcombe Landscapes £305.50 maintenance of burial ground

ii. Wealden District Council £219.61 litter bin emptying

iii. The Society of Local Council Clerks £118.00

327. **REVIEW OF 2010-11 PRECEPT SPENDING** – The Clerk provided the PC with details of the expenditure to date for the 2010-11 financial year, these figures were discussed.

It was suggested that when the PC insurance is due to be renewed that consideration be given to

combining it with the insurance for the Village Hall, Winterfest, Playing Field and Village Fair to see whether a cheaper quote can be obtained. *GT to provide the clerk with details of the insurance's for the 4 groups.* **GT**

328. **BURIAL GROUND CONTRACT** – the PC agreed the maintenance contract, *Clerk to send out for tender.*

Clerk

GT to check whether other maintenance work needs to be undertaken at the burial ground. **GT**

329. **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** – the Clerk confirmed that resignations had been received from Paul James and Lucy McConachie. LM has agreed to continue doing the play area inspections with LS. LS will be responsible for Neighbourhood Watch and GT will take on the burial ground. *Clerk to contact Maresfield PC's representative to Wealdlink to see if they can act on behalf of the PC at Wealdlink meetings and report back to the clerk. After the PC election it is hoped that a new Councillor will take on this responsibility.*

Clerk to arrange for ML to be added as a signatory for the bank account.

Clerk

330. **WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL BUDGET PLAN** – a discussion was held regarding WDC's budget plan and their proposal to add a special expense to villagers' council tax to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the closed burial ground. It was agreed that the *Clerk will contact the other affected local councils to see whether they would support the PC in objecting to the proposal, Clerk to then liaise with SALC* **Clerk**

The Clerk's proposed response to WDC was discussed and it was agreed for *it to be sent.* **Clerk**

331. **TO AGREE INTERNAL AUDITOR** – it was agreed to reappoint John Roberts as the internal auditor. *Clerk to write to him.* **Clerk**

332. **UPDATE ON CLERKS HOURS AND WORKLOAD** – the Clerk updated the PC on her holiday hours and her workload.

333. **ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA:**

i. Scull Wood – ESCC have confirmed that the work has been halted for the present time due to increased costs.

ii. Drainage from fields

iii. Royal Wedding

Clerk to contact Highways department regarding blocked drains in School Lane

Clerk

Meeting closed 8:50 pm - THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE

on Tuesday 1st February 2011 at 7pm.