



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Monday July 18th 2011.

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

Present: Councillors David Walker (DW) (Chairman), Rona Hellewell (RH), Michael Lunn (ML), Sandra Richards (SR) and Graham Terry (GT). Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells. Apologies were received from Cllr. Tony Reid (ESCC) and Cllr. Norman Buck (WDC).

- 115. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – A member of the public raised about the lack of communication with St Mark’s Church over the current consultation regarding maintenance of the closed burial ground. He also expressed concern as to whether the Parish Council (PC) were aware of the costs and responsibilities involved. The Church have received no communication from the Archdeacon so it is unknown whether WDC have written to him. He also advised that part of the church wall was knocked down by a tree, Highways have confirmed that the tree was their responsibility. *Clerk to copy member of public in on correspondence between WDC and the PC over the consultation.* **Clerk**
- 116. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – apologies received from Damon Wellman (DWe).
- 117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
- 118. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE** – GT declared a prejudicial interest on this item. Janet Tourell (JT) had been invited by the PC to attend the meeting. She confirmed that the committee will largely decide where the Centre would be, following their consultation with WDC planners. The door to door survey will be to establish what is needed in the community. The young people in the village will also be canvassed. The committee are requesting a grant from the PC for £300 to pay for the consultation with WDC planners. The PC decided against giving the grant at this stage. With the survey the PC would like villagers to be asked where they would like the centre to be. JT asked the PC if they had any objection to the committee paying the fee themselves, which they did not have.
- 119. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**
WD/2011/1179/F and WD/2011/1449/LB – LOUDWELL FARM, TINKERS LANE TN22 4ET – Removal of existing outbuilding and construction of a 3 bay garage, studio and garden equipment store with storage over and porch to farmhouse. – The Parish Council supports the application.
WD/2011/1448/F and WD/2011/1184/LB – LOUDWELL FARM, TINKERS LANE TN22 4ET – Proposed porch. – The Parish Council supports the application.
GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION:
WD/2011/0848/F – HUGGETTS FURNACE FARM, HASTINGFORD LANE, TN22 4DY – Proposed retention of outbuilding approved under ref. WD/2008/1834 for use as a home office.
REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION:
WD/2011/0534/O – LAND ADJOINING HALL AND HUT LANE TN22 4HJ – Erection of 8 houses and parking for village hall.
- 120. REVIEW OF 2011-12 PRECEPT SPENDING** – Councillors asked the Clerk questions about the expenditure and income for the first quarter of 2011-12.
- 121. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** The following were agreed by all and cheques signed:
- Complete Landscapes £121.00 this comprises £85.00 for burial ground maintenance and £36.00 for play area maintenance.
 - Sussex Associations of Local Councils £2.10 post and package for Quality Council booklets
 - Graffiti Design £74.40 sign for play area
 - Wealden District Council £234.36 litter bin emptying
 - Hadlow Down Village Hall £100.00 hire of hall from April to June 2011

- 122. STANDING ORDERS** – the changes to Standing Orders were discussed by the PC and amendments agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk did not require delegated authority other than what has already been given in Standing Orders and in the Financial Regulations.
Clerk to update the Standing Orders so that they can be ratified at the next meeting. Clerk to print copy for SR. **Clerk**
- 123. UPDATE ON CLERKS WORKLOAD AND HOLIDAY** – the Clerk updated the PC on her current workload and outstanding holiday entitlement. Roles were allocated for when the Clerk is on holiday.
- 124. EMERGENCY PLANNING** – RH updated the PC on correspondence that had been received from WDC regarding the Parish Emergency Radio Network. *She will be meeting with Eddie Westfield to discuss the future of the network.* **RH**
- 125. COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES** – a discussion was held regarding the payment of the allowances, *Clerk to investigate further and report back at the next meeting.* **Clerk**
- 126. CLOSED BURIAL GROUNDS** – the Clerk handed out updated figures for the actual expenditure and forecasted expenditure for the closed burial ground and advised that WDC aren't forecasting expenditure for this beyond 2011/12. She also advised that the figures being quoted are now a lot lower than those previously forecasted, she has questioned this with WDC. To be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 127. TRAINING AND CONFERENCES:**
- i. SLCC Sussex branch meeting – Clerk to attend.
- 128. CORRESPONDENCE NEEDING A RESPONSE:**
- i. Forum to discuss potential merger between East Sussex Fire Authority and West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service – GT to review and respond.
 - ii. Promoting Hadlow Down on enjoysussex website – SR to respond.
 - iii. Consultation on the proposal that Hookstead in Crowborough should close – it was not felt necessary to respond.
- 129. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:**
- i. WARR Partnership News
 - ii. ESCC Economy, Transport and Environment update
- DW confirmed that he had spoken to the owner of the New Inn who hopes that it will be open before the weekend of the 30th and 31st July.
- The PC were advised that since the agenda had been issued, details of a WDC Community and Environmental Scrutiny meeting had been received, this is being held next week. The Core Strategy has been called in for scrutiny. *Clerk to send a copy of the PC's response to the core strategy to Cllr. Ken Ogden (WDC) and to email Parish Councillors with details of the portfolio holder's response to the scrutiny committee.* **Clerk**
- 130. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA**
- i. Accidents near The Toll/Howbourne Lane area
 - ii. Landing of emergency helicopters

Meeting closed 9:30pm

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be on
MONDAY 1st August at 7pm**