



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7.00 pm on Tuesday June 2nd 2009

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

Present: Councillors Paul James (Chairman), Graham Terry, David Walker, Michael Lunn, Ken Ogden and Tony Reid. Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells and Lisa Scott.

PJ offered his congratulations to ML on his CPRE award for Coopers Farm.

Clerk to write to Tinkers Park congratulating them on an excellent rally and offering their support in the future. Clerk

ML arrived 7:05

16. NEW COUNCILLOR – Lisa Scott has agreed to be co-opted as a parish councillor, PJ proposed that she be accepted, GT seconded. Clerk to arrange for new councillor pack to be given to Lisa. No response was received to the advertisement for a councillor. Clerk

24. SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN STONEHURST LANE – Trudi from Kit Wilson advised that there are problems with vehicles speeding and that recently a van hit a dog which was being walked by a family. The dog lost a tooth and had bruising to his head and had to visit the vets. The family were distraught. Has been reported to the police and Traffic and Safety Team at ESCC. Previously Kit Wilson had warning signs however these were knocked down or damaged and were too expensive to keep on replacing. Clerk has also written to ESCC, will be treated as a priority to respond to her. It was suggested that staff park their cars in the lane to help slow down the traffic. Clerk

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – nothing raised

2. PCSO KATIE BREEDS – Report for last months meeting received too late – children’s play centre was stolen from the garden of a property in Wilderness Lane.

3. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies received from Cllrs. Colin James, Lucy McConachie and Norman Buck.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None received

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 09 were amended to show that GT proposed DW, also NB had contacted clerk to advise that he recalled offering his apologies either directly or indirectly, minutes signed as a true copy apart from the 2 items aforementioned. Minutes of planning meeting on 19th May agreed and signed as a true copy.

6. MATTERS ARISING (from prev. mtg):

i. Ditch filling by cycle track – Clerk to arrange for work to be done Clerk

ii. Profiles for website – c/f, also for LS to send a profile to Graham DW/PJ/LS

iii. Rural Services Network – c/f PJ

iv. Scull Wood – horses have now been removed, has been suggested to ESCC that a fence be put up in order that the public can’t access it.

v. Draft Private Housing Renewal Strategy & Empty Homes Strategy 2009 consultation –survey going out to properties week beginning 8th June. KO advised that the empty homes numbers have been taken from where rates haven’t been paid, however he does not feel that this is a true figure. Figures need to be more accurate and kept up to date.

vi. Oakwood House – hedge is due to be cut.

vii. Notice board outside Village Hall – needs renewing, clerk to get quotes Clerk

viii. Local Councils Update – nothing to add.

ix. Clerks Report: update passed to councillors with agenda

a. Waste Wood – response received from WDC re TPOs, copy passed to councillors prior to meeting.

b. Bollards – Clerk has written to ESCC to advise extra bollard not required. Also damaged bollard will be replaced

c. Criers Lane – raised with Highways at SLR meeting

d. Scocus Farm – Work due to start on entrance way. Clerk will continue to liaise with Highways dept. Clerk

e. Domain – c/f Clerk

f. Recycling – Cllr. Tidy to attend 4th Aug. meeting

g. Dog Kennel Lane, Green Lane – gates now open.

h. Internal Auditor – John Roberts has agreed to continue as the Internal Auditor.

i. WWYC update – examiner has agreed that Clerk won’t need to update her pack

j. Huggetts Furnace Footpaths – letter has been sent to WDC and copied to the Ramblers and birketts llp.

Clerk has written to Highways regarding the signs for Hut Lane and Hall Lane, they will ensure one put at beginning of Hut Lane.

7. PLANNING MEETINGS: Planning applications were included in the meeting on 19th May. Minutes are circulated to

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GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION:

WD/2009/0693/F THE GRANGE, MAIN ROAD, HADLOW DOWN TN22 4HH – Single storey garden level side extension consisting of a kitchen and living area with an associated larder and cloakroom

WD/2009/0770/F THE NEW HOUSE, SCHOOL LANE, HADLOW DOWN TN22 4HY – Proposed single storey rear extension to create extended lounge and dining room and new utility room

WD/2009/0469/F & WD/2009/0470/LB BRICK KILN FARM, BRICK KILN LANE, TN22 4EJ – Alteration and extension to existing dwelling to form link to and convert disused barns

STONEHURST FARM – Clerk received a copy of a response to questions raised by WDC regarding this planning application.

OLD BOLTON BUILDINGS – Members of the public have advised that the site has changed hands. There was a strict condition of planning that the building should be removed when it is vacated. Owner was reminded of this prior to him moving. Clerk to send letter to WDC requesting that they look into the breach of planning. Clerk

8. REPORTS FROM CLLR. TONY REID ESCC & CLLR. KEN OGDEN WDC – TR advised that he enjoyed the SLR meeting at Ringmer. He feels that a 1/4ly meeting would be appropriate and that it would be good to have Rights of Way there as well. He has read an article on David McKay's book 'Sustainable energy without the hot air', which TR recommended for reading, the book can be downloaded for free from the internet. PJ thanked TR for all his work on behalf of the council.

KO advised that the permitted development rights seem to be increasing planning applications. The housing survey is coming out shortly and takes Wealden through to 2026.

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

i. Neighbourhood Watch, Emergency Planning, New Village Hall Working Party and Playing Field Committee – Cllr.

Graham Terry – GT questioned why the PFC should come to the council with their plans for the play area, PJ advised that as the Parish Council is solely responsible for the piece of land it is going on and also as they will need to do the risk assessment and the insurance. The Parish Council believe that it should just need to be a formality that they see the plans. Other councillors agreed that they should see the plans.

ii. Community Strategies, Sustainable Development and Environment Matters – Cllr. Michael Lunn – ML gave councillors a copy of notes from the community planning process meetings and explained what happened at the 2nd meeting. It is an ongoing process. PJ expressed concern that there were not many people at the 2nd meeting however it was felt that attendance was affected by it being half-term, the power cut and a big football match. The people attending were also working on ideas that had been raised by all the people at the 1st session. Agreed that ML is doing a brilliant job and councillors will encourage people to attend the next session where there will be representatives from the police, WDC, ESCC and local councillors.

iii. Burial Ground – Cllr. Paul James – nothing to report

iv. Rights of Way, Highways and Footpaths – Cllr. David Walker - DW advised that the SLR meeting was highly beneficial and that improvements were seen in the village within a few days. Parish Council need to utilise the workgangs. A lot of work is being done in the village by Highways department. The gates of the School Lane – Stockland Lane green lane are now open.

v. Easylink – Cllr. Lucy McConachie – nothing to report in LM's absence.

vi. Village Hall Management Committee, Wealden Association of Local Councils and Safer Wealden Partnership – Cllr. Colin James – nothing to report in CJ's absence

vii. Tree Warden - Jo Dummer (former Councillor) – nothing to report.

20. POWER CUTS – power went off at 14:30 on Tuesday 26th May, on Wednesday a.m. the chair initiated the emergency plan. Parish Council discussed the issues over the lack of communication from EDF. The Red Cross were at Five Ashes, however no-one in Hadlow Down was informed of this. It was identified that vulnerable people do not necessarily want to identify themselves as such and that cordless phones won't work when they've run out of power. Requested that KO and TR highlight the issues to those in charge at WDC and ESCC to ensure that the utility companies know who to contact with information, should a similar issue occur in the future. Some, but not all, villagers have received letters of compensation. Clerk to write to EDF, copying in emergency planning officers at WDC and ESCC and Charles Hendry MP expressing the Parish Councils concerns. Clerk

10. BANK RECONCILIATION: – Bank reconciliation for 24th April 09 and 26th May 09 agreed and signed as correct.

11. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS:

i. Insurance - agreed at meeting on 5th May, cheque has been raised for £450.00, councillors ratified the decision at this meeting.

ii. Home Start – extra information received, Clerk to write to them and also ask that advert be placed in Parish Magazine and on the Website. Clerk

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following were agreed by all and cheques signed:

i. Helen Simpson-Wells. Salary £995.29 includes £44 for mileage, £ 10.47 for expenses, £155.91 training hours

and £436.55 extra hours. £460 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £535.29.

ii. St Mark's School House Trust £15 lease of land adjacent to playing fields

iii Madasafish £17.10 – already paid by direct debit

13. CLERK'S MATTERS:

i. Hours checked agreed and signed.

ii. Allotments – some villagers have applied to Crowborough Town Council for allotments, Clerk has confirmed to Crowborough Town Council that Parish Council are in agreement with this.

iii. Holiday – Annual leave agreed for Clerk

iv. Footpath maps – Clerk provided Councillors with a copy of a local footpaths map

v. Wealden LDF Core Strategy – publication of consultation document has been delayed, consultation on the draft spatial options document should start in early July and run to the end of August.

vi. Provision of rest centres in Wealden – Questionnaire completed by Eddie Westfield

vii. Housing Needs Survey and notes from event (passed to Councillors prior to meeting)

14. TRAINING:

i. Update from GT re Councillor Course – c/f GT

ii. Inspecting Children's Playgrounds – Clerk to email details to GT, if he is unable to attend PJ or a member of the PFC may be able to attend instead. Clerk

LS left 8:55

iii. Sustainable Rural Communities Seminar – No-one to attend

iv. Planning Summer School – No-one to attend

v. Voluntary & Community Sector & LSP event – No-one to attend

15. RISK ASSESSMENT – Silver Jubilee seat outside the school has been inspected, decision made to replace it, Clerk to get quotes, especially for recycled seats. Clerk

17. UPDATE ON SLR MEETING – covered in point 9iv. Regarding extending double yellow lines opposite the school, Highways department to instead look at cost of extending lay-by. This has been discussed before but too expensive.

18. TO RATIFY ANNUAL RETURN – Parish Council agreed to ratify the signing of the annual return.

19. STANDING ORDERS – Clerk has highlighted some items in the present standing orders, PJ to take away and review. Also nothing in standing orders that Vice-Chair can't be chair of planning committee. PJ

21. NATIONAL LAND AND STREET GAZETTEER – Parish Council highlighted 2 corrections to street names, Clerk to forward corrections to WDC. Clerk

22. MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME – PJ proposed that it should be adopted by the Parish Council, agreed by all.

23. NETWORKING EVENING for other councillors and stakeholders – Clerk gave details of those attending.

25 FOOTBALL PITCH AT PLAYING FIELDS - request has been received from Jarvis Brook Juniors FC to see if they can use Hadlow Down playing fields, the PFC are in touch with them and regularly arrange for the grass to be cut.

26. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED NEEDING A RESPONSE.

i. Consultation events on drafting a methodology for identifying traveller sites – No-one available to attend.

27. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISTRIBUTION

i. Uckfield FM Radio Station

ii. Minutes of Wealdlink Forum & North Wealden Community Transport Partnership Ltd

iii. Maidens of the Weald

iv. Buxted – Community Voice – passed to PJ prior to meeting

v. Public Rights of Way – Network Survey – clerk has responded

vi. Swine Influenza briefing note no.3

vii. Wealden Food and Safety bulletin

viii. AirS newsletter

ix. Recession event in Lewes and recession fund

x. Community Contact Wealden

xi. Enjoy Sussex photography competition – passed to DW

xii. NALC e-bulletin

xiii. EAVS e-bulletin and bulletin board

xiv. Licenses for events – copied to PJ & GT prior to meeting – Clerk to write to VHMC and PFC to ensure that they have the relevant details in their terms of letting. Clerk

xv. Charles Hendry's May e-bulletin

xvi SALC May e-bulletin

xvii. Rural Services Community Newsletter

28. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA

i. BBC Village SOS – passed to GT GT

Mtg closed 9:25

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE on Tuesday 7th July 2009 at 7pm.

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