



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

**Held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7.00 pm on Tuesday May 18th 2010**

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

Present: Councillors Paul James (Chairman), Michael Lunn, David Walker, Lucy McConachie and Lisa Scott. Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells.

- 63. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – A member of the public requested a warning triangle outside the village to warn motorists about the presence of cyclists – she has received abuse from other road users and cars have pulled in close to the cyclists. Also whether it is possible to have a pavement from Tinkers Lane to the village. The Parish Council (PC) advised that this had been investigated before however there isn't sufficient land for a path and there is not the money available for Highways to supply one. ML advised that he spoke to Tinkers Park about putting in a pathway as part of their planning application. Tinkers Park spoke to Highways who advised that there was insufficient funds to provide a path. LM advised that a cyclist was recently knocked off on the A272. *Clerk will write to Highways to see what they can do.* **Clerk** Member of public also questioned why the lower speed limit wasn't extended further east out of the village, PC advised that they pushed for it to go as far out as possible.
ML to raise matter with Councillor Tony Reid (ESCC) **ML**
- 64. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – received from Cllr Graham Terry.
- 65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Prejudicial interest received from LS regarding point 67vi. and personal interest from ML and PJ regarding point 66 land at School Lane.
- 66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**
WD/2010/1007/F – LAND IN SCHOOL LANE TN22 4JD – Erection of greenhouses and sheds. Unused ex residents garden area to be restored as a community garden for members of the School Lane Community Association – The Parish Council actively supports this community based application.
WD/2010/1009/FE and WD/2010/1091/LBE – CROWPITS BARN, CROWPITS HOUSE, WILDERNESS LANE TN22 4HB – Extension of time for conversion of Crowpits Barn to provide a residential annexe to Crowpits House (Renewal of WD/2006/1942/F and WD/2006/1946/LB) – The Parish Council support this application.
- 67. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS** –
- Payment of £1581.55 ratified payable to Jupiter Play and Leisure from Pathfinder grant
 - Payment of £600.00 ratified payable to James Dell from Pathfinder grant
 - Payment of £323.48 ratified payable to Swan Timber from Pathfinder grant
 - Payment of £141.00 ratified payable to Allen Transport from Pathfinder grant
 - Payment of £960.00 ratified payable to J. Pooley from Pathfinder grant
 - LS explained about the expenses involved in the sale of the village print. The Chair proposed that the PC pay for the cost of the launch evening which would be approximately £150.00. The profits from the sales of the print will go to Hadlow Down. It was suggested that Christmas cards could also be produced. Agreed by all that £150.00 be donated to the Village Hall committee, cheque raised as expenses have already been incurred, to be ratified at the next meeting. Paid under powers given in Local Government Act 1972 s.137
- 68. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT** - The following were agreed by all and cheques raised:
- Wilderness Wood £341.93 from Pathfinder Grant
 - Wealden District Council £132.89 litter bin emptying
 - Sussex Associations of Local Councils £80.00 CiLCA Fast Track
 - Viking Direct £38.94 for stationery
 - Osmonds £211.50 from Pathfinder Grant
 - George Rose Tool Hire £140.95 from Pathfinder Grant
 - Technix £16.46 from Pathfinder Grant
- 69. TO APPROVE ANNUAL RETURN AND INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT** – The internal audit report has not yet been received. All approved the annual return.
- 70. PLAYLINK INVOICE** – Chair confirmed that ESCC have provided the money to pay the Playlink invoice, they have also agreed to pay the company's travel costs. Clerk has sought advise from SALC. GT has proposed that the PC pay the bill. Some Councillors disagreed with this and felt the fees were excessive, a discussion was held regarding how much should be paid. ML proposed that £1800 + VAT be paid as part payment and upon conclusion of the contract the rest will be paid. It was proposed that a cheque be raised for £2115.00, all agreed. *ML and Clerk to respond to Playlink's letter.* Cheque raised to be ratified at the next meeting **Clerk/ML**
- 71. CLERKS HOLIDAY HOURS, SALARY SCALE AND EXTRA HOURS FOR APRIL AND MAY** – Chair went through the discussion that was held at the Clerk's recent review with himself and GT over her extra hours in April. Chair proposed and ML seconded to pay Clerk for the extra 31.75 hours she worked due to the extra work that is received at this time of the year.

Following the Clerk's review GT and Chair also recommended that the Clerk be paid an extra 3 hours per month to ensure that she is able to take her full holiday entitlement. A long discussion was held regarding this. Concern was expressed that the Clerk had not been able to take holiday. Chair proposed that Clerk be paid for 3 more hours per month, agreed by all, Clerk to ensure that all future holiday entitlement is taken.

Chair proposed that Clerk move up 1 scale due to her increased knowledge and as she completed WWYC, Clerk to also be put on scale of 22-25, agreed by all. ML advised that Clerk is doing a very good job, agreed by all. Chair proposed that each Councillor spend time with the Clerk in her office to see how she works.

72. **SPEEDING MOTORCYCLES AND OPERATION CRACKDOWN** – Clerk has forwarded details to all Councillors of a speed monitoring operation the police undertook in the area. During the time of their checks no motorcyclist or driver was found to be travelling at sufficient speed to warrant enforcement action.
73. **FORMAT OF MEETINGS** – A discussion was held regarding the Clerks recent paper on the way forward for the PC. GT and the Chair have looked at the possibility of committees however this was not considered feasible due to the size of the PC. ML suggested that planning and finance be separated out. Chair suggested that *all Councillors read the Clerk's proposals and that each prepare a response in writing*. For a separate meeting to then be held to discuss the responses. **ALL**
74. **WORKING PARTY REVIEW OF CLEANING AND GREENING WEALDEN; WORKING WITH PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS** – passed to ML prior to mtg – c/f **ML**
75. **CLERKS UPDATE**
- i. Kerbing on Main Road east of Wheelers Lane – a letter has been received from ESCC advising that there is no funding available for new kerbing works. Councillors asked about the work by the New Inn, the Clerk has contacted Highways who have advised that the kerbing is being replaced. *ML to contact TR to find out why ESCC can't replace the kerbing east of Wheelers Lane but can do it outside the New Inn.* **ML**
 - ii. Response from Nevill Estate regarding deeds – The Nevill Estate Co. have advised that they do not have a copy of the deed for the land at the Village Hall.
 - iii. Oak tree next to School Lane Community Garden – WDC have confirmed that they are not responsible for the boundary by the School Lane Community Garden, they will however undertake an inspection as to the condition of the oak tree.
 - iv. Invite for official opening of Uckfield Children's Centre – LS is hoping to attend the opening
 - v. Temporary speed restriction on A267 during gripfibre works – on 2 days between 1st – 31st June there will be a temporary speed restriction on the A267 between the Mayfield Flat junction to near to Hunters Moon
76. **TRAINING AND CONFERENCES**
- i. Parish Planning Forum, Uckfield May 2010 – ML hoping to attend
77. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISTRIBUTION**
- i. AiRS newsletter

Meeting closed 8:50pm

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL be on Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 7pm.

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