



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in St Marks School Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Monday 16th November 2015.

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

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR) (Chair), Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY), Iain Turner (IT), Graham Terry (GT) and Roy Galley (RG)(ESCC). The Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells was in attendance.

232. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – no questions raised.

233. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies received from Steve Godfrey and Damon Wellman (DW).

234. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none declared.

235. WEALDEN LOCAL PLAN ISSUES, OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – SR updated RG on the meeting with WDC regarding a Neighbourhood Area and the Right to Build and confirmed that the PC would be producing a survey for residents to complete. A discussion was held on the local plan documents and it was reiterated that the Parish Council (PC) would like to see historical growth of 1-2 houses per year. If the survey shows that residents aren't travelling through the Ashdown Forest the PC will request that Hadlow Down isn't included in the Ashdown Forest exclusion zone and that they have a similar sized small growth to Five Ashes. The Clerk highlighted that removing the exclusion zone may allow development that wasn't wanted. The PC felt that there was a shortage of small properties in the village. A draft response was agreed that the *Clerk will produce and distribute to Councillors for agreement at the next PC meeting.*

Clerk

236. UCKFIELD TCR PROJECT SURVEY – a discussion was held on the plans and a response was agreed which the *Clerk will submit.*

Clerk

237. NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA – Councillors were given a copy of the survey discussed at item 235. Councillors were encouraged to give copies to residents and the Clerk will take copies to the Christmas market, completed surveys to be given to GT, SR or the Clerk by 30th Nov.

The Chair confirmed that once responses had been received to the article in the December edition of the Parish Magazine regarding Neighbourhood Areas and Community Right to Build, that the PC would consider applying to WDC for a Neighbourhood Area. Concern was raised as to whether tenants of affordable housing would then have a right to buy, thereby removing the affordable housing stock from the village.

238. PAYMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF SCHOOL HALL – payment was agreed, cheque to be raised for signing at the next meeting.

239. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA – Consultation on statement of licensing policy, the *Clerk will contact DW to see if he can present this item at the next meeting.*

Clerk/DW

The meeting closed at 9:05pm