



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Tuesday November 20th 2012.

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

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR) (Chair), Graham Terry (GT), Nathan James (NJ), Clare Emsden (CE) and Damon Wellman (DW). Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells (HSW).
Apologies received from Cllrs. Tony Reid (ESCC) and Ken Ogden (WDC)

- 207. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – a member of the public highlighted her objections to planning application WD/2012/2180/LDE, details of which had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting and that as the application was an LDE she hadn't been consulted by WDC.
A representative from Tinkers Park advised that they had put in a planning application for a minor amendment to their 2009 application. They have obtained a couple more exhibits which require a slightly larger building than what was previously approved.
- 208. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – apologies received from Cllr. Michael Lunn (ML), these were approved.
- 209. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** – NJ declared a personal interest in point 213v and SR in point 213iv, CE declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in point 213iv. All Cllrs. apart from ML had written to the Clerk to request a dispensation for point 217, this was agreed by all.
- 210. CRIME REPORT** – the meeting was attended by PCSO Mark Carter (MC), PCSO David Davies (Mark's replacement), PC Hastings-Strike (temporarily the PC for the area) and PCSO Eno. MC updated on crime in the area from 1st Oct. – 20th Nov. this included issues with parking near the school and a dog fouling on school land, accidents involving deer, a green Land Rover with men acting in a suspicious manner the police have since spoken to them, a field broken into and car set on fire, battery stolen from temporary traffic lights on A272, ongoing problems with dog mess on Main Road and ornament stolen. SR highlighted a car being chased by a motorbike, PCSO Davies confirmed that he had spoken to the car driver. GT highlighted that there had been more sheep worrying in the Stonehurst Lane area. The Clerk highlighted that the Parish Council (PC) would like to receive the indepth report that MC normally provides, she had been directed to the police.uk website however this was not up to date and did not give sufficient information. MC confirmed that officially they advise Clerks to access the website for their update however it would be up to PCSO Davies how he reported in future.
- 211. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS** held on 2nd and 16th October 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 212. MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):**
- i. Bus Shelter – lawful development forms – c/f ML
 - ii. Emergency planning – NJ confirmed that he was waiting to hear from ML regarding the contact details for the previous co-ordinator. ML
 - iii. Bus timetable – SR confirmed that she had put a copy of the timetables in the newsletter together with an article, however she had received no response from residents.
 - iv. Car sharing – c/f NJ confirmed he will discuss with Eddie Westfield. NJ
 - v. Councillors suggested speakers for the Parish Assembly, it was decided that the *Clerk would write to the representative from Rotherfield St Martin to see if they can do a presentation, SR to provide her with contact details.* The Clerk also confirmed that a representative from ESCC highways will also be at the meeting Clerk/NJ
 - vi. It was confirmed that all the gullies had now been cleared.
 - vii. GT confirmed that all those with a Village Hall key also had a key for the kitchen. He *will arrange for*

the Clerk to have a copy of the kitchen key.

GT

viii. CE advised that bridleway 36b has now deteriorated further, she confirmed that she had sent her report on the bridleways to the Clerk *who will respond to the Rights of Way Team Manager Clerk*

ix. Clerks Report: was sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on her action points and included:

- a. Highways have resolved any category 1.2 potholes, they have re-classified School Lane and Hastingford Lane. The following areas will be patched in 2013/14: Hastingford Lane from Stocklands Lane to Fordbrook Hill and School Lane from Main Road to Stocklands Lane.
- b. The Village Maintenance Team will be repainting the fingerposts and cleaning the signs.

213. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i. **WD/2012/2180/LDE – UNITS 1 & 2 COLES HALL FARM, FIVE ASHES, TN20 6JH** – Use of buildings for B8 storage – application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for Existing Use.

Standing orders suspended

A member of the public was asked questions about the application.

Standing orders were reinstated

The Parish Council oppose this application for the following reasons:

- We understand that there has not been 10 years of the existing use of the building.
 - We believe that it is misleading quoting this address as Coles Hall Farm as we understand it should be Coles Hall Barns.
 - We have concerns that unit 1b is currently being used for more industrial activity than that indicated in the application (5/0)
- v. **WD/2012/2151/FA – TINKERS PARK, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4HS** – minor material amendment to WD/2009/1686/MAJ (proposed renovation and improvement of existing buildings plus additional landscaping and additional ancillary buildings to form steam heritage site) – The Parish Council fully support the application (5/0).
 - ii. **WD/2012/2132/F – LITTLE MANOR, TN22 4HH** – single storey kitchen extension – The Parish Council fully support the application (5/0)
 - iii. **WD/2012/2092/LB & 2091/F – THE OASTS, BROADREED FARM, CRIERS LANE, TN20 6LG** – single storey rear addition to utility – The Parish Council fully support the application (5/0)

CE left the meeting.

- iv. **WD/2012/2271/O – FIVE CHIMNEY EGGS, CURTAINS HILL, TN22 4DU** – erection of an agricultural workers dwelling to replace existing mobile home – The Parish Council object to the application on the following grounds:

- Unnecessary development in an area of outstanding natural beauty
- At point 6.9 of the Agricultural Appraisal and Planning Statement it advises that a worker needs to be resident to be able to be alerted in case of an emergency with the birds, we therefore cannot see why the proposed development is planned to be further away from the birds than the present temporary unit.
- A four bedroom house is considered to be too large for the site (4/0)

CE rejoined the meeting.

REFUSED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i. **WD/2012/1844/F & 1845/LB – WOODREED FARMHOUSE, STONEHURST LANE** – 2 storey extension to rear, addition of glazed lean-to and redesign of flat roof link arrangement. Addition of new outdoor swimming pool and conversion of garage block into a pool room.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- i. The Clerk advised that she has been informed by Wilderness Wood that they are in the process of submitting a planning application for their pergola.

214. REPORT FROM CLLR. KEN OGDEN WDC – in his absence SR reported that WDC have now received the inspector's report on the 7km Ashdown Forest zone, Wealden Councillors have requested that a caveat be added to the plan, that the 7km zone be subject to a consultancy, this will allow certain exceptions to the 7km rule.

215. BANK RECONCILIATION: –for October 2012 agreed and signed.

216. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS –

- i. Hut Lane Drainage – CE advised that she had a meeting with an ESCC maintenance engineer in Hut Lane who felt that the drainage was Southern Water's responsibility. Water from Standen Mews and from the A272 is fed into the drain. *It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Southern Water to request a meeting with them, Highways and also involve Cllr. Tony Reid (ESCC).* No decision to be

- made at this stage on the quotes received for the work. **Clerk**
- ii. Bike track – it was highlighted that the PC need to write to the Playing Field committee regarding the bike track and the youth shelter. NJ will try and attend the next committee meeting to discuss the shelter with them. *Clerk to write to the secretary of the committee.* Quotes to be discussed at the December meeting. **Clerk**
 - iii. Electrical quotes for VH – c/f to the December meeting as the remaining quote has not yet been received just the report.
- 217. PRECEPT FOR 2013/14** – a discussion was held on the draft precept, it was agreed (4/1) that the precept should stay the same for the 3rd year running. This means that the PC can't afford to support the Heathfield Partnership and that the figure for Councillors' allowances will be greatly reduced.
- 218. ACCESS ONTO THE PLAYING FIELD** – the Clerk went through the NALC legal topic note regarding private access to council land. *It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the solicitor regarding this matter and report back to the PC.* Councillors raised that some private access to the playing field has been there for a number of years. **Clerk**
- 219. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE** – GT updated the PC on a planning meeting he had attended with Cllr Roy Galley (WDC) speaking, he explained the reasoning behind the 7km Ashdown Forest exclusion zone and the need for WDC to have a local plan. He felt that the Community Centre committee should press ahead with the new building, this was backed up by attendees of the recent Councillor training. A meeting is being organized with WDC and GT and SR will attend on behalf of the PC. The Clerk confirmed that trustees of the Village Hall had been written to by the Land Registry regarding the registration of the Village Hall land, however concern has been expressed regarding the map sent by the Land Registry. *NJ agreed to measure the land to the south of the hall.* **NJ**
- 220. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID** – c/f to December meeting.
- 221. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES):** c/f to December meeting.
- 222. CLERK'S MATTERS:**
- i. Hours were agreed and signed
 - ii. The Clerk confirmed that the litter bin speed signage has now been allowed and the police have given the stickers to some residents for their bins. *GT to add item in the next PC newsletter.* **GT**
 - iii. It was questioned whether the items that are in storage for the youth club are still in a fit state, *Clerk to investigate.* **Clerk**
 - iv. The Clerk has emailed Councillors and villagers about the 'Go e-sussex' broadband campaign and encouraged people to respond to it. An article has also been added to the website.
 - v. The Clerk advised that 1 objection was received to the extension of the double yellow lines in School Lane, ESCC will write to the objector and if the objection still stands it will be referred at the next available ESCC Planning Committee meeting, the PC will be invited to comment.
- 223. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** The following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
- i. Helen Simpson-Wells. Salary £939.54 includes £9 for mileage and £189.32 expenses, £620 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £319.54.
 - ii. Wilderness Wood £1000.00 construction of bus shelter
 - iii. Wealden District Council £311.04 dog and litter bin emptying
 - iv. Sussex Associations of Local Councils £315.00 Councillor and Chair training
 - v. St Mark's School House Trust £15.00 lease of land adjacent to Playing Fields
 - vi. J.L. Roberts £132.10 internal audit
 - vii. Phill Signs £340.00 fingerpost maintenance
 - viii. Simon Fitt £200.00 burial ground maintenance
- 224. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE:**
- i. SALC meeting with the Chief Constable – no response made
 - ii. Consultation on a Main Modification to the Waste and Minerals Plan – no response made.
 - iii. East Sussex Fire Authority's Medium Term Plan 2013/14 – no response to be made.
- 225. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA**
- i. Permitted Development Consultation.
 - ii. Church village directory
 - iii. Newsletter topics

The meeting closed at 9:13pm

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be
on 4th DECEMBER 2012 at 7pm.