



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 17th October 2017.

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Helen Bonnick (HB), Damon Wellman (DW) and Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY).

For the public meeting Janet Tourell, Barbara Ball and Rachel Lewis from the Village Hall Committee were present. The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

The first part of the meeting was a public meeting regarding proposals for the future of the Village Hall site.

The Chair gave a presentation on the background for having the meeting and gave details of the Parish Council's and Village Hall committee's proposals for the technical stage of the process regarding the Village Hall site. She then opened the session to questions from the public.

Members of the public asked questions which were answered by Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that it wouldn't be worth the current Parish Council giving commitments that a future Parish Council may not commit to, as the second stage might be in quite a few years' time. The Parish Council (PC) did however agree that they would look into the length of time for consultation. The Chair thanked members of the public for attending the meeting.

- 201. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – a member of the public raised concerns over vehicles parked at the top of Wilderness Lane. DW confirmed that he was meeting on site with Cllr Standley (ESCC) and ESCC Highways. It is proposed that double yellow lines be installed although it can take a long time for this to happen. *DW will contact the local Police Inspector to discuss enforcement.* **DW**
Members of the public raised about missing footpath signs, the *Clerk will raise with ESCC Rights of Way team.* **Clerk**
Janet Tourell (JT), chair of the Village Hall committee explained why they had applied for their grant.
- 202. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Turner had sent his apologies and Cllr Lunn had apologized that he would be late for the meeting, these apologies were noted.
- 203. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - SR and HB declared a personal interest in agenda item 206 regarding the CAB.
- 204. VILLAGE HALL SITE** – the PC agreed that consultation regarding the future of the Village Hall site was important. To be discussed further at the November meeting, in the meantime the *Clerk will contact SSALC regarding consultation periods.* **Clerk**
The PC agreed to apply for outline planning permission for the Village Hall site for 3 x 2 bedroom houses. The *Chair will contact WDC planning department to discuss and will complete the application with the Clerk.* **SR/Clerk**
- 205. REVIEW OF 2017-18 PRECEPT SPENDING** – report on the spending to date for 2017/18 had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that part of the Celebrate grant was no longer required for tear flags and that the Playing Field committee had suggested that the funds instead be used for new seating or picnic tables. Alternatively the funds could go towards the shortfall for the tractor play equipment. The Chair allowed Fiona Shafer (FS), Chair of the Playing Field committee to comment. FS advised that she was disappointed that seating wasn't being purchased, however she agreed for the funds to go towards the tractor deficit.
- 206. PRECEPT** – the Clerk confirmed that as the PC no longer qualified for the General Power of Competence she will need to ensure that they had the power to pay for everything required. Grant applications had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. A Councillor raised about the employment status of the Village Hall bookings secretary, the Clerk advised that this was a similar scenario to the role of monthly inspections of the play area, *HB and SR to look into.* *JT to raise with the Village Hall committee.*

Cllr. Michael Lunn joined the meeting at 7:30pm

A discussion was held on the budgets for 2018/19. The Chair allowed Denise Leary from ENGAGE to comment on their application.

A discussion was held on putting away funds for a possible future pensions deficit. The Clerk will contact the provider for further information. **Clerk**

It was agreed that the next arboriculture survey would be undertaken in 2019/20. The PC considered the items raised in the questionnaires at the Parish Assembly. They agreed to the increase in the burial ground contractor's costs for 2018.

The Clerk will collate the budget figures and present at the November meeting. **Clerk**

207. ASSETS REGISTER – was approved and signed.

208. BANK ACCOUNTS – the Clerk had sent a report to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to keep to the current banking arrangements.

209. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD/2017/2171/F – LAND AT GREENWAYS, FIVE CHIMNEYS LANE, TN22 4DX – Construction of a 20m x 30m equestrian arena, works to include a small amount of cut and fill, new land drains, membrane, stone base, silica sand and fibre surface – The Parish Council support the application however they request that a condition be added for no flood-lighting on site. (5/0)

210. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: the following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:

i. C. Waterhouse and Sons £80.00 burial ground markers

A further payment for SGSS Design for £192 for Parish Council logo was signed and will be ratified at the next meeting.

211. TRAINING:

i. SSALC Planning Updates – the Clerk will send details to DW to decide whether he will attend.

ii. Sussex Community Housing Hub launch event – no-one attending.

iii. Wealden Parish Conference – it was agreed for the Chair to attend

212. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY – the Clerk confirmed that she had checked the defibrillator prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm