



MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Tuesday October 18th 2011.

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

Present: Councillors David Walker (DW) (Chairman), Rona Hellewell (RH), Michael Lunn (ML), Sandra Richards (SR), Damon Wellman (DWe) and Graham Terry (GT). Also in attendance was the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells. Apologies were received from Cllr. Norman Buck (WDC).

221. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – the following requests for grants were received for 2012/13:

Ken Brewster, chair and treasurer of the Heathfield Area Pool Initiative updated the Parish Council (PC) on their work in trying to raise money for a new swimming pool and why they feel this is needed for Hadlow Down. They are asking for support from the PC to raise the final funds for the project to reach the planning application stage.

Anne Yarrow, representing St Mark's Church gave details of the work being undertaken on the church spire. The church is used by a large number of people in the village throughout the year and the Church Council are keen for it to be used as a community resource. They are suggesting that a donation of £1000 be made by the PC for the work on the spire.

Janet Tourell was representing the old Village Hall Committee and the new Community Centre Committee. She requested £500 for the old hall for maintenance. With the new centre, they will over the next 12 months, be concentrating on legal paperwork, a new lease, costing everything out etc. They expect to need £10,000 over the next 12 months and asked that the PC contribute £2,500 towards this for legal costs and also pay for them to be on the 2nd tier of the AirS support service.

222. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – All Parish Councillor's were in attendance.

223. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – SR declared a prejudicial interest in point 224 relating to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

224. PRECEPT – HSW gave an explanation to Councillors of the precept and what is taken into account when calculating for the next financial year. She also explained that for any spending she will need to ensure that the PC have the power to make it. A discussion was held over how much the PC would like to give to each budget heading, the Clerk will produce a draft precept for the meeting on 15th November.

Adjustments may then need to be made depending on the draft total for 2012/13. SR abstained from a discussion relating to the CAB. Requests for donations had also been received from the Hadlow Down Bowls Club, CAB, Crimestoppers and the Anglican Church in Southern Africa. It was highlighted that the Sussex Air Ambulance had been used in the village at least 4 times in the last year.

It was decided that nothing would be allocated for youth, however should a decision be made later that financial support is required for a youth project, this could be taken from reserves.

It was agreed that the £500 approximately required for the PC's new lease at the playing field will be spent in 2011-12 from funds precepted for that year under Parish Projects Plan. £500 allocated to the new Community Centre in 2011-12 will be spent in that financial year towards the legal costs. The remaining £1500 requested would be considered at the PC meeting on 15th November. The Clerk confirmed that any money precepted for a grant could not be carried forward to the following year.

It was decided that no figure would at present be included in the calculations for the Heathfield Area Pool Initiative.

All agreed that £1000 would be taken from reserves for the church spire appeal, *Clerk to organize.* **Clerk** It was agreed that donations would not be made to Crimestoppers or the Anglican Church in Southern Africa.

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the fee for the AirS tier 2 support to be taken from the 2011-12 old Village Hall amount.

Clerk to arrange for Village Hall land to be valued and registered, funds to be taken from Parish Projects Plan 2011-12.

Clerk

Clerk to allow £400 for Councillors training although some Councillors felt this figure may need to go down if the total needs reducing.

ML to research the possibility of installing a bus shelter.

ML

Clerk to contact ESCC to confirm ownership of the bus stop site.

Clerk

It was agreed that the previously proposed work at the entrance to the playing field wouldn't take place at this stage.

225. REVIEW OF 2011-12 PRECEPT SPENDING – covered in the discussion at point 224.

226. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD/2011/2045/F and WD/2011/2046/LB – LOUDWELL FARM, TINKERS LANE TN22 4ET –

Replacement garage building with storage over on approximate position of the existing fire damaged garage building, including proposed access drive – We do not support the application as due to the inappropriate location of the windows on the roof facing onto the road, we don't feel it is in keeping with the character of the surrounding buildings.

227. ITEMS FOR SALC MEETING WITH SUSSEX CHIEF CONSTABLE – *the Clerk will write to SALC requesting that speeding in the village and the increased number of deer on the roads thereby causing more accidents, be raised with the Sussex Chief Constable. She will also write to Sussex Ambulance Service and the local PCSO regarding ambulances parking on the double yellow lines in School Lane when dropping off/picking up passengers.*

Clerk

228. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following payment was agreed and the cheque signed:

i. Wealden District Council £306.90, of which £72.54 for dog bin emptying and £234.36 for litter bin emptying.

229. CORRESPONDENCE NEEDING A RESPONSE:

i. NHS patient choice questionnaire- passed to SR.

Meeting closed 9:05pm

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be on
TUESDAY 1st November at 7pm**