

MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council held in the Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 7pm on Tuesday 20th October 2015.

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

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR) (Chair), Damon Wellman (DW), Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY), Nathan James (NJ) and Graham Terry (GT). The Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells was in attendance.

- **193. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** nothing raised.
- **194. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** Councillor Michael Lunn (ML) had apologized that he would be late for the meeting.
- **199. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** SR declared a personal interest in agenda item 200 and a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 201 regarding the CAB grant.
- **200. CO-OPTION** Councillors had been sent lain Turner's (IT) application to be a Councillor. All agreed for him to be co-opted. IT signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
- 201. PRECEPT Councillors had been sent details of the grant requests prior to the meeting and a discussion was held on the costs for 2016/17. It was agreed that the *Clerk would produce a draft budget for the December meeting.*Clerk
- **202. REVIEW OF 2015-16 PRECEPT SPENDING** the quarterly financial figures had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting and a discussion was held on these. It was confirmed that Gwyn Carwardine had kindly agreed to waive the website costs which was appreciated by the Parish Council (PC). Quarterly figures to be reviewed again at the January meeting.
- **203. ASSETS REGISTER** the Assets Register had been updated by the Clerk, she advised that following the Legal and Finance Day she had attended, that further changes may need to be made. A discussion was held on the way the figures were quoted. The Asset Register was approved and the Chair signed the document.
- 204. PLANNING:
 - a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
 - i. WD/2015/2017/F STONEHURST COTTAGE, STONEHURST LANE, TN20 6LL demolish existing lean to extension to rear replace with new 2 storey extension to rear with single storey lean to extension beyond. Extend hardstanding to front of house. The Parish Council support the application (6/0).
 - b. PLANNING MATTERS:
 - WD/2015/1207/MAJ Wilderness Wood, WDC Planning Committee North meeting and officer's recommendations – Councillors had been sent a copy of the proposed PC's speech for the WDC Planning Commmittee North meeting and a discussion was held on this.
- Cllr Michael Lunn joined the meeting at 8:10pm
 - Changes were agreed to the speech. The speech will be in line with the decision previously made by the PC on the planning application.
 - ML (WDC) confirmed that he has, as a District Councillor, been contacted by a number of residents, he will be presenting the application to the committee and will give a balanced view.
- 205. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS: the following payment was agreed and the cheque was signed:
 - i. The Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee £25.00 grant
 - ii. The PC agreed and signed the changes to the standing order made payable to the Clerk.
- **206. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY** NJ updated the meeting on the new defibrillator, Councillors to view after the meeting.