

EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the full council held on Monday 24th of June, 2019 at 7 pm at Buffalo Bill's (formerly The Forge), Halland.

Present: Cllr. Tony Pope (chairman), Cllr. Susan Cole, Cllr. Quinta Deane and Cllr. Chris Magness.

In attendance: Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), Verne Heath (rfo), County Cllr. Nick Bennett and four members of the public.

AGENDA

In the absence of the chairman and following a proposal by Cllr. Magness and seconding by Cllr. Deane

0180 **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Pope chair the meeting

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda. The public and members of the press are also welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting

Following on from a written representation by the Halland speedwatch group members reiterated the outcome of conversations held with representatives of the County Council Highways department that, in their view, positioning of rumble strips at the road leading into Halland from Heathfield would not be the most effective method for reducing traffic speeds. In addition to the building of 'gateways' at the entrance to the village, erecting a speed indicator device would appear to be more effective as the psychological advantage of the action of the driver creating the response from the device has been shown to be more likely to cause a positive response. Indeed, the benefit of such a device being mobile as opposed to being fixed in one position could be that a number of sites could be identified around the parish to increase its effectiveness. Members learnt that of more concern than the traffic speeds on the Heathfield Road was the speed of vehicles leaving the village towards Ringmer and that in an accident on that stretch within the last two months a number of vehicles had been involved. (See also agenda item No. 6.2.3).

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members learnt from County Cllr. Bennett that he has been elected to the post of deputy leader of East Sussex County Council but that he would still report back to this meeting as he has done in the past. This month's report covered the survey surrounding the possible closure of Fletching and Broad Oak schools and the continuing core budget shortfall of £26m which would result in approaching central government for further funding again this year. The next cabinet meeting of County Council would cover adult social care (with the county having the highest per capita figure in the country of "elderly and over 80's") which placed a significant demand on resources. Members congratulated County Cllr. Bennett on his appointment and thanked him for his offer to provide lobbying information details upon request.

No report or apologies received from Dist. Cllr. Draper.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to make any declaration of personal or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at

any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is to be considered

Cllr. Deane declared her interest in item 9.2.2.

4. **APOLOGIES** – to receive apologies for absence

Apologies received, and reasons accepted, from Cllrs. Ritchie, Robins and Vaughan.

5. **FINANCE**

5.1 To approve/note payments and receipts paid/payable May, 2019

Following a proposal by Cllr. Deane and seconding by Cllr. Magness

0181 **RESOLVED** that members approve/note payments/paid May/June, 2019
(Appendix A) totalling £11,400.31.

5.2 Annual Audit: To approve annual governance statement as proposed by F&GP Committee

Following a proposal by Cllr. Deane and seconding by Cllr. Cole

0182 **RESOLVED** that members approve the annual governance statement.

5.3 Annual Audit: To approve annual accounting statement as proposed by F&GP Committee

Following a proposal by Cllr. Cole and seconding by Cllr. Deane

0183 **RESOLVED** that members approve the annual accounting statement.

8pm - Meeting suspended to receive comments from members of the public relating to agenda items numbered 6.2.3 concerning which roads should be prioritized regarding speed monitoring and 9.2.1 relating to the process being adopted following Wealden District Council's non-determination of 'Hop Garden' application.

8.20pm – Meeting re-convened.

5.4 To consider recommendation of F&GP Committee to delegate powers to their Committee

Following a proposal by Cllr. Magness and seconding by Cllr. Pope

0184 **RESOLVED** that members approve the proposal of the F&GP Committee to delegate restricted powers regarding authorization of payment approval for budgeted items.

5.5 To approve recommendation of F&GP Committee to increase amount approved from £2,300 to £2,505.62 for improvements to pavilion ladies toilets and changing room showers

Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Cole

0185 **RESOLVED** that members approve the increased payment proposed of £2,505.62.

5.6 To approve recommendation of F&GP Committee to commit up to £1,000 in order to commission a commercial surveyor to value and report on condition of Pavilion and Village Hall

Members were unclear as to the purpose of the proposed commitment and, in the absence of the proposal author, agreed to carry forward the item to the next meeting

6. **MINUTES**

6.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 20th May, 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Magness

0186 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20th of June, 2019 be confirmed as a correct record. Duly signed by the chairman.

6.2 Matters outstanding from minutes (not listed as separate agenda items)

6.2.1 Telephone kiosk

Members learnt that the necessary licence from County Council had been applied for. Remark was made that perhaps the work should be approved with planning application being made on a retrospective basis.

6.2.2 Website improvements

Response to be chased.

6.2.3 Vehicle speed reduction

Members noted the written representation and comments made earlier in the meeting and

Following a proposal by Cllr. Cole and seconding by Cllr. Deane

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RESOLVED that an amount in the region of £400 be used to carry out the collection of traffic speed/volume data at Halland Chapel

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and further **RESOLVED** that additional investigation of mobile speed devices and 'village gateways' be approved.

6.2.4 Parish mile markers

The Eastbourne Historical Vehicle Club have found a source of mile markers that will cost in the region of £500 and ask that Council fund the cost of the 46 and 49 mile markers. Clerk learns that Laughton members are not convinced that the 49 mile marker site is situated in their parish and as the site is on the boundary feel unable to commit to financial assistance at present.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Cole and seconding by Cllr. Deane

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RESOLVED that an amount in the region of £500 be spent on replacing the 46 mile marker and further

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RESOLVED that an amount up to £250 be £for£ matched to any sum approved by Laughton Parish Council for the 49 mile marker.

6.2.5 To approve actions and costs re. Halland woodland play area

No progress as waiting for third party solicitor to contact our solicitor.

6.2.6 Clearance of overgrown area along north-eastern boundary wall of playing field

Members noted that clearance work can't commence until the end of the bird nesting season.

6.2.7 Work identified in ROSPA play area report

Playdale scheduled to complete work before the end of June.

7. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Election of officers

Deferred to next meeting.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

8.1 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) progress update

8.1.1 To note progress report

Members expressed thanks to Jonathan Walker for his excellent work with the NP website and noted that links will exist between the Council and NP pages. Cllr. Magness updated members regarding the ongoing discussions with FERIA and the continuing close dependency with the District Council (draft) Local Plan. NP group to carry out a public event in July which could reduce amount of FERIA invoice.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Deane and seconding by Cllr. Magness

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RESOLVED that Council approve the content and publication of the NP website with regular monitoring of content to be carried out by all members.

8.1.2 Steering Group meeting minutes

Not yet available.

9. PLANNING

9.1 To note decisions made by Wealden District Council

Approved:-

WD/2018/2414/F – Chesham House, Eastbourne Road, Halland, BN8 6PT
Proposed Garage

Refused:-

WD/2019/0502/F – Broadgate, Eastbourne Road, Halland, BN8 6PS
Construction of three metre wide vehicle crossover at Broadgate

Noted.

9.2 Current applications under consideration

9.2.1

The Hop Garden (WD/2017/0331/MAJ - THE HOP GARDEN, EASTBOURNE ROAD, HALLAND, BN8 6PS) appeal

Members noted the reason for the appeal being District Council non-determination.

9.2.2

WD/2016/2796/MAO – Hesmonds Stud, Waldron Road, East Hoathly, BN8 6QH and land off Allies Lane, East Hoathly, BN8 6QP

OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF EQUESTRIAN WORKER'S DWELLING, STABLES AND HORSE WALKER, CHANGE OF USE OF EQUESTRIAN LAND TO PROVIDE UP TO 205 NO. C3 DWELLINGS (INCLUDING 35% AFFORDABLE PROVISION), ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE. Please

see comments dated 28th May 2019 in regards to Air Quality Analysis and Ashdown Forest Impact Assessment and London Road Traffic Calming. Details Dated 13th February 2017. Please see documents dated 28th May 2019 in regards to Air Quality Analysis and Ashdown Forest Impact Assessment

Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Magness

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RESOLVED that Council's original position remains unchanged.

10. WAR MEMORIAL SPORTS GROUND TRUST (COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE)

10.1 Recreation ground: Play equipment (including for adults), fencing and safety surface

10.1.1 Zip wire, other play equipment (including for adults) and safety surface (on hold pending landraise project)

Cllr. Pope advised members that problems continued with damage to the bark containment barrier and that he would make the latest damaged area safe.

10.2 Recreation ground: Drainage and Landraise

Members learnt from Cllr. Magness that he, Cllr. Ritchie and our planning consultant were to meet with District Council to discuss options on the 3rd of July. Cllr. Pope continuous working on the business case and agreement reached that a working party was needed to complete a usage survey.

10.3 To discuss and agree pavilion management, bookings, exclusivity and other relevant items

Cllr. Pope advised members that comments had been made, although no formal complaint had been received, by tennis club members relating to duplicate bookings. Concern also expressed at the amount of the field and pavilion having been taken up with the recent dog training event and that it had been scheduled for the whole of the school half term break. Cllr. Pope called for a review of the booking procedure, terms and conditions. Clerk to obtain a copy of the booking records.

10.4 To discuss and agree way forward relating to tennis club proposal

Clerk to investigate Charity Commission query.

10.5 To discuss and agree way forward relating to rifle club proposal

Clerk to investigate Charity Commission query.

11. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION OR NOTING

11.1 Correspondence

Noted. (See appendix B).

- 11.2 To agree approach regarding Garden Plots
Cllr. Pope advised that no further problems had been reported. Members agreed to keep under review.
- 11.3 To clarify position relating to East Hoathly/Halland footpath
Cllr. Pope expressed concern at the impression that may have been gained by members of the public at the recent Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Assembly) concerning the path/track/footpath/pavement between East Hoathly and Halland. Members agreed that a fully formed and viable plan would be required before any further discussions be held.
- 11.4 To discuss request regarding benches on the square, East Hoathly
Cllr Deane referred members to her previously circulated report highlighting the King's Head offer to hold a quiz night with the proceeds to be put towards the cost of a facelift for the three benches in the centre of East Hoathly. Verne to be asked to obtain a quote for repainting/maintenance and Following a proposal by Cllr. Deane and seconding by Cllr. Pope
- 0192** **RESOLVED** that Council would match £for£ the sum raised subject to a maximum of £150.
- 11.5 To discuss ideas for improving 'teamwork'
Deferred to next meeting.
- 11.6 To approve recommendation of F&GP Committee that Reserves Policy and Grant Application form be incorporated within Financial Regulations
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Magness
- 0193** **RESOLVED** that the Reserves Policy and Grant Application form be incorporated within Financial Regulations.
- 11.7 To approve recommendation of F&GP Committee that outline details of project proposals be featured on Council website
Members agreed to include single paragraph summaries of projects and progress on the website. Project 'leads' to provide clerk with summaries.
- 11.8 To note Village Hall report
Noted. Clerk confirmed that Village Hall insurers had formally 'noted the Parish Council's interest in the policy as Freeholder'.
- 11.9 To note Parish Woodland report
Noted.
- 11.10 To note Garden Plots report
Members noted the report and also that the AGM had recently been held.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held at the Village Hall, East Hoathly on Monday, 29th July, 2019
Noted.
- 12.2 To note that the date of the next meeting of the Finance & General Purpose Committee has been moved from the 16th to the 23rd of September, 2019. Venue and time still Buffalo Bill's (formerly The Forge), Halland and 7pm.
Noted.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Appendix A

Appendix B

Correspondence: 15th May to 18th June, 2019

1. WDC: Wealden Local Plan - Reminder for those submitting further statements (already forwarded to members)
2. WDC: Re. Meeting cancelled - 23/05/2019, 10:30, Planning Committee South
3. WDC: Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16
4. WDC: Hellingly Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16
5. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 29th April
6. VCSG: Examination of WDCLP (already forwarded to all members)
7. Wealden DC - Finance Staffing Change
8. Rural Services Network: The Rural Bulletin - 30 April 2019
9. Active Places: Newsletter May 2019
10. Sussex ALC Bulletin 18-2019
11. SSALC: Welcome Letter for New Councillors
12. RSN Rural Funding Digest - May 2019 Edition
13. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 5th May
14. Invitation to Discover Gatwick 2018/19
15. Rural Services Network: The Rural Bulletin - 08 May 2019
16. WDC: Re. Meeting cancelled - 13/06/2019, 10:00, Licensing Committee
17. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 12th May
18. Water main replacement at Palehouse Common, Framfield (already forwarded to members)
19. Sussex ALC Weekly Bulletin - 20-2019
20. WDC: Agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019
21. WDC: Wealden Crematorium Open Day - Saturday 15th June 2019 11am to 3pm (already forwarded to members)
22. WDC: Supplement: Political Balance on Committees - Appendices to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019
23. ESCC: Temporary Road Closures - C39 North Street / Waterloo Square / High Street / Whiteway, Alfriston - 27/6/2019 to 5/7/2019
24. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 20th May
25. The Rita Project: Raising awareness in rural communities
26. Sussex ALC Bulletin 21-2019
27. Rural Services Network: The Rural Bulletin - 21 May 2019
28. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 30th May, 2019
29. WDC: Supplement: Revised Appendix A - Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019
30. CPRE Sussex - the Spring/Summer Review 2019, Annual Report 2018 and invitation to the AGM on 5th July
31. WDC: Supplement: Officer Update to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 30th May, 2019
32. WDC: Wealden Local Plan - Rescheduled Days
33. Lewes Speakers Festival 2019
34. WDC: Supplement: Members Questions - Open Spaces to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019
35. WDC: Supplement: Members Question - Written Response - Fly Tipping to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019
36. WDC: Supplement: Members Question - Garden Waste to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019
37. Active Places Sport England: Newsletter June 2019
38. WDC: Newly published decision: Transitional Rent Arrangements, Grants Hill Court
39. Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner: Funding available for community safety projects

40. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 27th May
41. Sussex ALC Weekly Bulletin 21-2019
42. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee South, Wednesday, 5th June, 2019
43. MyAlerts - Week Commencing 3rd June
44. Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 12th June, 2019
45. Rural Services Network: The Rural Bulletin - 04 June 2019
46. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 30th May, 2019
47. WDC: Supplement: Officer Updates to the minutes for Planning Committee South, Wednesday, 5th June, 2019
48. Rural Services Network: RSN Rural Funding Digest - June 2019 Edition
49. WDC: Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 17th June, 2019
50. East Sussex County Council - Rights of Way Improvement Plan Review
51. WDC: MyAlerts – Week Commencing - 10th June
52. Sussex ALC weekly Bulletin 23-2019
53. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee South, Wednesday, 5th June, 2019
54. WDC: Wealden Local Plan Examination - July 30th and 31st
55. WDC: Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 12th June, 2019
56. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 20th June, 2019
57. WDC: Minutes for Full Council, Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019
58. Francis Carne Associates: Dog fouling in Sussex
59. WDC: Consultation on Building for the High Weald, A Design Guide for new housing development in the AONB (already forwarded to members)
60. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 17th June
61. SSALC: Sussex Weekly Bulletin 24-2019
62. WDC: Supplement: Officer Updates to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 20th June, 2019
63. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 27th June, 2019