

## **EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the full council held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 7 pm at The Village Hall, East Hoathly.

Present: Cllr. David Vaughan (chairman), Cllr. Susan Cole (from 7:15pm), Cllr. Quinta Deane, Cllr. Chris Magness, Cllr. Tony Pope and Cllr. Jonathan Ritchie.

Also in attendance: Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), District Cllr. Geoffrey Draper and two members of the public.

### **AGENDA**

#### **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

*Members learnt from Mrs. Richardson that she would be comfortable with helping Verne with contacting plotters regarding chasing rent payments and where plots weren't looked after Turning to future rent payments Mrs. Richardson suggested that an increase to £45 p.a. would be appropriate. Members also learnt that a quote was being obtained for rat advice and treatment at the plots and that the issue of caution being exercised when leaving the plots was to be discussed further.*

*Members were reminded of the huge strength of opinion relating to the outstanding planning applications.*

*Concern was expressed at the state of various lanes where the edge of the carriageway had badly eroded and caused at least one incident. Residents were again encouraged to use the County Highways 'Report a Problem' facility.*

7:15pm Cllr. Cole arrives

#### **2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

*Dist. Cllr. Draper re-iterated advocating the use of objections to planning applications being made on planning grounds and not 'from the heart' and suggested that neighbouring parishes might combine forces and support each other as there would be an increased likelihood of local roads and lanes being used as rat runs when new developments were completed.*

*Members learnt that District Council had sought advice regarding challenging the Inspector's decision relating to the Local Plan and decided to withdraw the Plan. There had been changes in the personnel involved with the Plan and an outline of the new approach to completing the next plan was noted.*

*Chair thanked Dist. Cllr, Draper for his report and looked forward to seeing him at future meetings.*

#### **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. Pope declared his continuing interest in matters relating to his association with Church Marks Green Management Co. Ltd.*

*Cllr. Deane declared her interest in matters relating to 'Hesmonds'.*

4. **APOLOGIES** – to receive apologies for absence  
*No apologies received. Cllr. Robins' apology subsequently received.*

5. **FINANCE**

- 5.1 To approve/note payments payable/paid January, 2020  
*Following a proposal by Cllr. Magness and seconding by Cllr. Deane*  
**0233** **RESOLVED** that members approve/note payments/paid January, 2020 (See appendix A) totalling (£2,280.79).
- 5.2 To approve transfer of £10,000 from Neighbourhood Plan Reserve to new Pavilion Build Reserve  
*Following a proposal by Cllr. Deane and seconding by Cllr. Pope*  
**0234** **RESOLVED** that members approve the transfer of £10,000 from Neighbourhood Plan Reserve to new Pavilion Build Reserve

6. **MINUTES**

- 6.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman  
*Following a proposal by Cllr. Magness and seconding by Cllr. Deane*  
**0235** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as the correct record. Duly signed by the Chairman
- 6.2 Matters outstanding from minutes (not listed as separate agenda items)
- 6.2.1 Vehicle speed reduction  
*Awaiting outcome of feasibility assessment.*
- 6.2.2 To approve actions and costs re. Halland woodland play area  
*Members discussed a number of relevant issues all dependant on land transfer:-*
- *Sufficient money would need to be put aside for regular maintenance.*
  - *Possibility of an overspend or negotiating cost.*
  - *Parking.*
  - *Continued use of the woodland by local schools.*
  - *Decisions regarding particular items including the inclusion of a fire pit could be made later.*
  - *Lack of District Council and Ancient Woodlands policies regarding woodland play areas.*
  - *Comparison with 'Bentley' woodland play area.*
  - *Damage caused by nearby woodland clearance.*
  - *Publication on website and Halland Voice.*
- Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Ritchie*  
**0236** **RESOLVED** that, if timed appropriately, progress could be made with regard to second and subsequent site visits, item inclusion consideration, pricing and discussion with relevant parties.
- 6.2.3 Telephone kiosk  
*Members learnt that the kiosk is being used and that although it is drier now that the vegetation has been cleared it was still too wet to be painted. The possibility of adding a kick plate was discussed before concluding that the matter of the kiosk now be treated as an ongoing maintenance item with clerk to diarize appropriately.*

7. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- 7.1 Project updates for inclusion on website

- Cllr. Magness' planning paper to be included.*
- 7.2 To consider proposal for Parish Woodland  
*Members agreed the need for an updated woodland management plan. Clerk to arrange.*

## **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- 8.1 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) progress update
- 8.1.1 To note progress report  
*Cllr. Magness reported details of recent developments regarding the WDC Local Plan into which our NP would need to integrate resulting in an increased requirement in housing numbers of 73%. Dist. Cllr. Draper's details of the Local Plan withdrawal were highlighted. The withdrawal effectively meant that our NP would doubtless need to be reviewed to conform to the new Local Plan as it developed. Comment was made that new houses should be built where there is need and where the work is. Members agreed that the outstanding work and effort of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group should be formally noted.*
- 8.1.2 Steering Group meeting minutes  
*None.*
- 8.1.3 To discuss next actions relating to WDC Local Plan  
*Not proceeding for the time being.*

## **9. PLANNING**

- 9.1 Decisions made by Wealden District Council
- Approved:
- Application No. WD/2019/1408/F CHANGE OF USE TO OFFICE AND REPLACEMENT OF ROOF COVERING, WINDOWS AND DOOR.  
THE CIDER HOUSE, CIDER HOUSE WALK, EAST HOATHLY, BN8 6DR  
*Noted.*
- Application No. WD/2020/0039/F SINGLE STOREY REAR BEDROOM EXTENSION  
KIOWA, EASTBOURNE ROAD, HALLAND, BN8 6PU  
*Noted.*
- Application No. WD/2019/2333/FA REMOVAL OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE (AGRICULTURAL OCCUPANCY CONDITION) FROM T/1954/11159 (DWELLING).  
PENLAN, KNOWLE LANE, HALLAND, BN8 6PR  
*Noted.*
- Application No. WD/2020/0092/F REMOVAL OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY, TO BE REPLACED WITH 2 STOREY REAR EXTENSION. NEW DORMER PROPOSED TO FRONT ELEVATION. INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO SUIT.  
FLETCHERS COTTAGE, KNOWLE LANE, HALLAND, BN8 6PR  
*Noted.*
- Refused:
- Application No. WD/2019/0760/F NEW DWELLING TO REPLACE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED STORAGE COMPOUND OAKTREE NURSERY,  
EASTBOURNE ROAD, HALLAND, BN8 6PG  
*Noted.*

Application No. WD/2018/1966/F DEMOLITION OF SOME OF THE EXISTING BUILDINGS. CONVERSION OF ONE ORIGINAL BUILDING AND EXTENSION TO IT TO CREATE A SINGLE DWELLING HOUSE WITH DETACHED GARAGE HIGH PASTURES BARN, GRAYWOOD ROAD, EAST HOATHLY, BN8 6QL  
*Noted.*

## 9.2 Recent applications

### 9.2.1

Location: PLOT 2, STAVERTON NURSERY, EASTBOURNE ROAD, HALLAND BN8 6PU

Description: ERECTION OF BUNGALOW TOGETHER WITH GARAGE

Amended drawings received date stamped 24/012020 showing accommodation within part of roof void of proposed dwelling.

*Following a proposal by Cllr. Magness and seconding by Cllr. Cole*

**0237**

**RESOLVED** that there be no objection.

### 9.2.2

Location: HESMONDS STUD, WALDRON ROAD, EAST HOATHLY, BN8 6QH, AND LAND OFF AILIES LANE, EAST HOATHLY, BN8 6QP

Description: Further reports received 13th Febuary 2020 - 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.

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

*Cllr. Pope considered that the new reports didn't make a meaningful difference to the application. Members noted that there had still been no response to the earlier Allies Lane and Waldron Road issues highlighted within the response to the last time this application had 'done the rounds'.*

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

**0238**

**RESOLVED** that Council's strong objection and earlier response again be recorded.

## 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 and other play equipment (including for adults) (on hold pending landraise project)

*Clerk reported that not all quotes from potential suppliers and repairers had been received. Cllr. Cole expressed concern that a figure in the region of £13,000 for a roundabout seemed expensive.*

10.1.2 Play area safety inspection update

*Clerk reported that replacement basket swing and toddler swing bolt covers were scheduled for delivery and installation within four to five weeks.*

10.2 Recreation ground: Drainage and Landraise

10.2.1 To agree costs and contractor for the playing field design/mapping

*Members learnt that Mr. Hill had not yet been contacted. Clerk reported that he was still waiting for responses to his chasers for potential contractor to provide suitable dates/times for a site meeting. Chairman suggested that the*

*members of the landraise/drainage group (Cllrs. Vaughan, Magness, Pope and Ritchie) meet to discuss next steps.*

- 10.3 To discuss and agree pavilion management, bookings, exclusivity and other relevant items  
*Members agreed to the replacement booking form as presented and noted a number of items to be discussed by the chairman, clerk and recreation ground manager.*
- 10.4 To discuss and approve cost of bramble clearance at playing fields  
*Clerk reported that a second contractor was to visit the next day and provide a further quotation.*
- 10.5 To discuss and agree way forward relating to tennis club proposal  
*(Cllr. Ritchie declared his interest as a member of the tennis club)*  
*Meeting with Dawson Hart being arranged.*
- 10.6 To discuss and agree way forward relating to rifle club proposal  
*Meeting with Dawson Hart being arranged.*

## **11. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION OR NOTING**

- 11.1 Correspondence  
*(See appendix B). Noted, with Cllr. Deane commenting that item 33 had also been reported by her husband.*
- 11.2 To consider recommendation of F&GP Committee regarding adoption of changes to Code of Conduct  
*Members were referred to the previously circulated recommendation*  
*Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Cole*
- 0239** **RESOLVED** *to approve recommendation of F&GP Committee regarding adoption of changes to Code of Conduct.*
- 11.3 To consider and approve village information 'flyer'  
*Members learnt that Cllr. Pope had investigated and would again try and report the drainage problem that had caused this item to be considered. Agreed to leave the item until a response from County had been received.*
- 11.4 To consider proposal regarding insurance and maintenance of Village Hall  
*Members agreed that this item be deferred until after Cllr. Deane and/or clerk could find out when the flat roof had last been felted.*
- 11.5 To consider Woodland Group proposal and request to pre-authorize payments for work required on and to the Parish Woodland.  
*Following a proposal by Cllr. Deane and seconding by Cllr. Ritchie*
- 0240** **RESOLVED** *to approve the delegation of purchases of up to £100 in any given month to the Parish Woodland working Group.*
- 11.6 Garden Plots proposal  
*Following a proposal by Cllr. Deane and seconding by Cllr. Cole*
- 0241** **RESOLVED** *to approve an increase to £45 p.a. for rent of garden plots with pro rata increase on discounted rents provided at least twelve months notice is given.*
- 11.7 To note EH&DPS offer  
*Members noted the offer from EH&DPS who would be keen to assist in the reinstatement of replica mile posts.*
- 11.8 To note progress regarding 'Muffins' planter  
*Item deferred to next meeting.*
- 11.9 To note progress regarding drainage ditch between Nightingales and Parish Woodland  
*Only one quote received to date.*
- 11.10 To note progress relating to re-surfacing of London Road pavement and associated road layout changes  
*ESCC feasibility assessment awaited.*

- 11.11 To note draft minutes of the January, 2020 meeting of the Finance & General Purpose Committee  
*Noted.*

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 12.1 To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held at 7pm at Buffalo Bill's (formerly The Forge), Halland, on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.  
*Noted.*

Meeting closed at 9:45 pm

## Appendix A

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cheque/Ref</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Payee Name or Description</i>
24/01/2020	DD	£15.51	Castle Water
24/01/2020	1444	£66.00	Natl Allotment Society
24/01/2020	1445	£105.00	Kings Head / Inn House
31/01/2020	1446	£131.61	Pyrotec Fire Protection
31/01/2020	1447	£9.69	G&Z Trading Ltd
31/01/2020	BACS	£322.88	HMRC
31/01/2020	BACS	£310.00	Derek Keeley
31/01/2020	BACS	£176.13	Verne Heath
31/01/2020	BACS	£1,143.97	Malcolm Ramsden
Total		£2,280.79	

## Appendix B

### Correspondence: 25<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020

1. Sussex ALC Bulletin
2. Rural Services Network: The Rural Bulletin - 28 January 2020
3. Satswana: Winter update 2020
4. WDC: Supplement: Sound Management Plan - Mucky Weekender to the agenda for Licensing Sub-Committee, Friday, 31st January, 2020
5. WDC: Newly published decision: Participation in the PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee
6. WDC: New issue: Wealden Community Grants Programme 2020/21 - Grants up to £25,000
7. WDC: Supplement: OFFICER UPDATE and OAKLANDS UPDATE to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 30th January, 2020
8. Guy Haffenden: Dead ash tree at the top of Mill Lane
9. WDC: Newly published decision: Consultation for Wealden District Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2015 - Amendment 2
10. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 6th February, 2020
11. Sport England: Newsletter February 2020
12. WDC: Newly published decision: Approval of the NNDR1 Form 2020/21
13. WDC: Union Flag Flying – February
14. Garden Plots: Rat problem
15. Kathryn Richardson: Garden Plot rents
16. WDC: Newly published decision: Estimate of the Collection Fund Surplus for Distribution
17. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 3rd February
18. WDC: Supplement: UPDATED VERSION - Adult and Child Protection Policies to the agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 12th February, 2020
19. WDC: Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 12th February, 2020
20. WDC Climate Emergency Plan
21. WDC: Supplement: Officer Updates to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 6th February, 2020
22. WDCL Newly published decision: Community Infrastructure Levy Governance Allocations 2019 (Recommended for Full Council)
23. CPRE: Let's reclaim our starry skies
24. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 6th February, 2020
25. WDC: Newly published decision: Pay Policy 2020/21 (Recommendation to Full Council)
26. SSALC: Sussex ALC Bulletin
27. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 30th January, 2020
28. WDC: Agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 19th February, 2020
29. WDC: Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 12th February, 2020
30. WDC: Minutes for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 27th January, 2020
31. SSALC: Agriculture Bill Short Summary
32. WDC: Minutes for Licensing Sub-Committee, Friday, 31st January, 2020
33. Jacquie Haffenden: Fallen tree across Wealdway bridle path
34. County Cllr. Nick Bennett: Overview of ESCC budget setting (already forwarded to members)
35. ESCC: Important information on changes to East Sussex Highways fee structure
36. Jonathan Walker: Copy email re Wealden Local Plan/Planning Inspector
37. Invitation to Discover Gatwick March/April 2020
38. WDC: Invitation Climate Emergency Parish & Town Action Day 2 April 2020
39. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 17th February