

EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council held via. 'Zoom' on 22nd February, 2021 at 7.00pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Linked: Cllrs. Bradley, Cole, Magness, Partridge, Pope (chair) and Vaughan.

Also participating: County Cllr. Nick Bennett, Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), Verne Heath (rfo), PCSO Farrance, PCSO Chopping and six members of the public

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

Would members of the public wishing to participate 'virtually' please contact the clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting – 07948 496760 or easthoathlywithhallandpc@gmail.com

The chair of the Parish Woodland Working Group highlighted issues of concern regarding access to the woodland that had earlier already been circulated to members

PCSOs Chopping and Farrance introduced themselves and in response to a question from a Councillor advised members that issues already discussed regarding the woodland would not be a matter for the police.

In response to a concerned resident's comments regarding the poor state of the footpath along Waldron Road, County Cllr. Bennett agreed to ask the Highways Steward to look into it.

In noting parishioners' disappointment at Council's 'no objection' response to the Hesmonds requested discharge of the s106 agreement, Cllr. Magness explained the technical nature of the application and that whilst Council had no objection to the applicant lodging the submission it would be for the District Council to defend their decision.

In responding to questions regarding the amounts and conditions of s106 and CIL agreements, clerk asked that members noted that Stacey Robins had, only two days earlier, advised that no date had yet been set for discussions regarding 'Reserved Matters' at which District Council had notified would be Council's opportunity to become involved.

Concern was expressed by a resident at the lack of venues for what the government considered to be a most important requirement for suitably qualified groups to offer help, guidance and provide support to those in need; particularly during the pandemic. Clerk asked that he be made aware of any groups seeking suitable venues.

Chair took the opportunity to ask that thanks, following her recent resignation from Council, be recorded for Carolyn Robins' support and work throughout the parish.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr. Bennett referred members to his previously circulated report highlighting the setting of the budget and cycle lane progress which would affect the parish later in the year.

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.

4. APOLOGIES – to receive apologies for absence

None.

5. FINANCE

5.1 To approve/note payments payable/paid January, 2021

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

0329 RESOLVED to approve/note payments payable/paid during January, 2021 totalling £3,358.72 (see appendix A).

5.2 To note income/expenditure-vs-budget

Noted.

5.3 To approve reduction in precept request from £61,958 to £61,654

A requirement in view of the reduction in tax base if residents' Parish Council element of the Council Tax bills was to remain unchanged. Any budget shortfall would need to be met from General Reserves.

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

0330 RESOLVED to reduce the precepted amount from £61,958 to £61,654.

6. MINUTES

6.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25th January, 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

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

0331 RESOLVED to approve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 25th January, 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and to be duly signed by the Chairman when possible.

6.2 Matters arising from minutes not otherwise covered by agenda items

Members learnt from the clerk that further details had been added to the record of CIL and s.106 receipts on the website.

7. PLANNING

7.1 To consider next steps regarding 'Hesmonds' s.106 monies

See also above. No date yet set for 'Reserved Matters' discussions.

7.2 To agree next actions regarding Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Magness highlighted from his previously circulated report that the Plan could be completed within six weeks but that with key members otherwise busy this would be most unlikely. Any work already completed and work going forward would need revision to take account of the District Council Local Plan currently being worked on. Possible changes to the steering group model were touched on and members are to respond to points made in Cllr. Magness's report with the item being carried forward.

7.3 To note District Council decisions to date

None.

7.4 To note update from District Councillor Draper regarding Broomy Lodge Field

Noted. It no longer appears that the Community Land Trust are involved.

7.5 To note proposed application for Little Horsted electricity sub station

Noted. Application not yet lodged..

7.6 To note minutes of Wealden Central – East cluster meeting: 26th January, 2021

Noted. Chair thanked Cllr. Magness for his representation. Consolidated minutes being prepared.

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

8.1 To approve change of electricity supplier to provider of 'green' energy

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

0332 RESOLVED to approve the transfer of energy supplier to Bulb

8.2 To approve purchase of play bark for recreation ground play area

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

0333 RESOLVED to approve the purchase of play bark as directed following the recent ROSPA inspection at a cost of £1,500.

8.3 To discuss progress regarding drainage/landraise, including enhancements to playing field equipment and installations

Cllr. Magness highlighted from his previously circulated report, which had been sent to other members of the working group for comment, that the original landraise contractor was still happy to work with Council. The addition of a running track was yet to be included but as the plan could extend for up to twenty years there would continue to be opportunities for additional considerations. Chairman suggested that a

workshop to elaborate on the proposed plan would be appropriate before putting to residents.

- 8.4 To note findings of asbestos roof sheets survey
Noted.

9. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION OR NOTING

- 9.1 Correspondence
Noted. (See appendix B).

Cllr. Pope stood down as chair with Vice-chair Cllr. Vaughan chairing the meeting for items 9.2.1 and 9.2.2

- 9.2 Parish Woodland

- 9.2.1 To agree policy statement regarding management of the Parish Woodland

Chair referred members to the previously circulated motion and discussions earlier in the meeting.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Partridge and seconding by Cllr. Vaughan

- 0334 RESOLVED** *to agree that Council does not believe it is obliged to enforce protective measures for the Parish Woodland in order to maintain it as a Nature Reserve. However, considerate behaviour will be encouraged so that users respect the wildlife, flora and fauna. The ecological value of the woodland will be enhanced by following the Management Plan (latest version dated August, 2020).*

- 9.2.2 To consider imposing restrictions on access to members of the public

Chair referred members to the previously circulated motion and discussions earlier in the meeting and following further discussion Council agreed to an amended motion.

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

- 0335 RESOLVED** *as the Deed of Transfer identifies the land as public woodland to regard it as an amenity for public use and will not impose restrictions on access by the public but will support and encourage good behaviour and encourage users to keep to the pathways.*

Cllr. Pope re-instated as chair for the remainder of the meeting

- 9.3 To consider launching a Facebook page

Chair expressed concerns as to who would manage and administer any Facebook page with discussion concerning limiting content to information and news. Members noted the difference between such a page and the existing website being method of access and ease of use and remarked how similar discussions might be had around the many other social media channels that were currently available. As the ability for residents to question and comment on Council actions already existed it was suggested that, unless demand grew, the idea be rejected.

- 9.4 To consider proposal from Finance & General Purpose Committee regarding Garden Plot rents for 2022/23

Members learnt from the chair that rats continued to be seen at the garden plots and that if Council were to continue to meet the costs of rat treatments the Finance & General Purpose Committee had suggested an increase in rent payments to £50 might be considered when setting the 2022/23 payments to part cover the costs. Views of the Garden Plots Committee to be sought.

- 9.5 To note minutes of Garden Plot committee meeting: 28th January, 2021
Noted.

- 9.6 To note newsletter progress
No progress, but with feedback going to be requested from residents regarding the playing field this item to be carried forward.

- 9.7 To note clerk's progress report
Noted.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday 29th March, 2021 at 7 pm

Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Appendix A

Date	Cheque/Ref	Amount	Payee Name or Description
31/01/2021	BACS	£465.96	HMRC
31/01/2021	DD	£16.82	Castle Water
31/01/2021	BACS	£29.99	Tony Pope
31/01/2021	BACS	£294.00	Pure Cleaning
31/01/2021	BACS	£360.00	Harling Foundries
31/01/2021	BACS	£66.00	Natl Allotment Society
31/01/2021	BACS	£193.84	Verne Heath
31/01/2021	BACS	£304.60	Derek Keeley
31/01/2021	BACS	£1,627.51	Malcolm Ramsden
	Total	<u>£3,358.72</u>	

Appendix B

Correspondence: 15th January, 2021 to 15th February, 2021

1. NALC CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (14Jan2021)
2. County Cllr. Nick Bennett: Rampion 2 launches first consultation on initial proposals (already forwarded to members)
3. WDC: Be alert to Vaccine fraud (already forwarded to members)
4. WDC: Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 25th January, 2021
5. ESCC: Bus service developments in East Sussex (already forwarded to members)
6. WDC: District Leisure Provision Survey (already forwarded to members)
7. WDC: MyAlerts - Week commencing 18th January, 2021
8. WDC: Newly published decision: ARG Discretionary Scheme Phase 2
9. WDC: Newly published decision: Local Restrictions Support Grant (CLOSED) Addendum Scheme (Tier 4)
10. Little Horsted Parish: Wealdens' local plan - direction of travel response (already forwarded to members)
11. WDC: Supplement: Appendix A - Housing and Benefits to the agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 25th January, 2021
12. WDC: Supplement: Capital Strategy 2021-22 to the agenda for Audit, Finance and Governance Committee, Wednesday, 20th January, 2021
13. Gatwick In Touch Newsletter
14. WDC: Supplement: Report on Internal Audit Activity - September to December 2020 to the agenda for Audit, Finance and Governance Committee, Wednesday, 20th January, 2021
15. WDC: Potential Funds (already forwarded to members)
16. WDC: East Sussex Stakeholder briefing (19Jan2021)(already forwarded to members)
17. WDC: East Hoathly Draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal (already forwarded to members)
18. WDC: Newly published decision: Estimate of the Collection Fund Surplus for Distribution
19. SSALC Newsletter
20. WDC: Meeting cancelled - 28/01/2021, 10:30, Planning Committee South
21. East Sussex stakeholder briefing (20Jan2021)(already forwarded to all members)
22. National Grid - Little Horsted Planning Application Update
23. Papers for Heathfield CSAG
24. WDC: Meeting cancelled - 04/02/2021, 10:30, Planning Committee North
25. WDC Hub Update 22/01/21 (already sent to all members)
26. WDC: January RHSS Campaign Local Stakeholder Update
27. Communication from Trevor Leggo, CEO SSALC
28. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 25th January (already forwarded to members)
29. WDC: Agenda for Licensing Sub-Committee, Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021
30. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee South, Wednesday, 13th January, 2021
31. SSALC: Briefing Note from Sussex Police (already forwarded to all members)
32. ESCC: TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - C330 THUNDERS HILL, CHIDDINGLY - 24/3/2021 TO 26/3/2021
33. ESCC: East Sussex Vaccination update (27Jan)(already forwarded to members)
34. CSAG: Minutes from (January) CSAG meeting (already forwarded to members)
35. Healthwatch East Sussex Newsletter
36. WDC: Grey Matters Newsletter
37. Free Helpline For Help with Digital Skills to Reduce Isolation - Please Share (already forwarded to all members)
38. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 1st February
39. Cricket Club Invoice: 2020/21: Emailed thanks re invoice
40. SSALC: - Circulation from Trevor Leggo
41. Dist. Cllr. Geoffrey Draper: Email re. Broomy Lodge (already forwarded to all members)
42. WDC: Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 10th February, 2021
43. WDC: East Sussex Covid vaccination stakeholder briefing (03Feb)(already forwarded to members)
44. Active Places: Newsletter Winter 2021
45. WDC: Newly published decision: Approval of the NNDR1 Form 2020/21
46. SSALC: Snow & Ice Advice
47. Census 2021

48. WDC: Local Testing Site confirmed for part of South Road Carpark, Hailsham. BN27 2DQ(already forwarded to members)
49. NALC CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (05Feb2021)
50. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 8th February
51. WDC: Minutes for Licensing Sub-Committee, Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021
52. WDC: Newly published decision: Timetable of Meetings 2022
53. WDC Hub Update 08/02/21 (already forwarded to all members)
54. ESCC: TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES -C13 WALDRON ROAD / SCALLOWS LANE, EAST HOATHLY -6/4/2021 TO 26/4/202 (already sent to all members)
55. WDC: Community vaccination briefing (already sent to all members)
56. WDC: Change of time for meeting 04/03/2021, 10:30, Planning Committee North
57. WDC: Minutes for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 25th January, 2021
58. WDC: Agenda for Licensing Sub-Committee, Thursday, 18th February, 2021
59. Join the CPRE Sussex Festival of Spring
60. WDC: East Sussex Covid Stakeholder briefing (10Feb)(already forwarded to members)
61. WDC: Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 10th February, 2021
62. County Cllr. Nick Bennett: Parish report (Feb2021)(already circulated to all members)
63. Gatwick Airport - Press Release February 2021
64. SSALC: Public Realm Document from the Sussex Heritage Trust
65. ESCC: EMERGENCY TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - C114 STONEHILL, CHIDDINGLY -10/2/2021 TO 17/2/2021
66. Village Concerns email: Planning Application WD/2020/2660/PO (already forwarded to all members)
67. Village Concerns email: East Hoathly Conservation Area Character Appraisal (already forwarded to all members)
68. WDC: Newly published decision: Local Validation List - Planning Application Requirements 2020 (Recommendation to Full Council)
69. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 15th February
70. EH & District Preservation Society NEW YEAR Newsletter already forwarded to members)
71. WDALC: Connections | News and views from the region's voice for strategic transport