

EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council on 26th July, 2021 at 7.00pm.

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Cllrs. Bradley, Cole, Freezer, Magness, Partridge (from 7.11pm), Pope (chair) and Vaughan.
Also participating: County Cllr. Nick Bennett, Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), Verne Heath (rfo) and four 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 were reminded by the Parish Woodland Working Group of the background relating to the Parish Woodland and their continued objection to the use of SBK as a suppressant and the introduction of an all-weather path. Extensive discussion ensued and touched on the use an SBK trial on a small area and root pulling, particularly of the brambles in danger of engulfing the bluebells.

All present agreed that the issues of bramble control, path and ditch condition were complex, involving constraints around Ancient Woodland, control of regulated substances, root protection zones, ecological constraints and concluded that a further meeting should be arranged.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members were referred to County Cllr. Bennett's previously circulated report which he updated regarding three issues covered at the recent meeting of the Full Council; future meetings of the scrutiny committee were to be webcast, a motion to limit vehicle speeds in towns and villages to 20mph was not carried and changing the date for achieving 'carbon neutral' from 2050 to 'as soon as possible and, in any event, by 2030' was rejected as many of the county contractor's freight carriers could not reduce to before 2040.

No report 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. 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 June, 2021

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

0384 RESOLVED to approve/note payments payable/paid June, 2021 with Staverton's costs to be met from reserves. (See appendix A).

5.2 To note income/expenditure-vs-budget and approve, if necessary, changes

Noted. No changes.

5.3 To approve defibrillator maintenance procedure

Members noted the existence of regular checks by the rfo and suggested the clerk explore costs of installing an additional defibrillator, and associated grants, at the pavilion.

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

0385 RESOLVED to approve the spend of up to £40 pa for the servicing of each defibrillator.

- 5.4 To agree and approve next steps regarding Halland village sign
Chairman reminded members that four proposals had been offered following the County review but that the backing of local residents would be required before proceeding with any changes. In the absence of resident's agreement to any of the four schemes residents were putting forward their own proposal for circulation/agreement/comment.

6. MINUTES

- 6.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 28th June, 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
*Members noted the comment from Cllr. Cole, who had not been present at the June meeting, that new plants had indeed been introduced to the planter.
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Bradley*

0386 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 28th June, 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
- 6.2.1 Decision required regarding planter planting
With Cllr. Cole currently incapacitated a number of suggestions regarding ongoing maintenance of the planter were made and agreement reached to discuss the matter further at item 8.1.2.1
- 6.2.2 Basketball backboard fascia
Chairman reported that the replacement fascia had been delivered but that the earliest it could be installed was the 13th of September.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1 To note update regarding Neighbourhood Plan
No update.
- 7.2 To note District Council decisions to date
Decisions previously circulated were noted.
- 7.3 To consider response to District Council's Sustainable Settlement Strategy consultation
Clerk reported that District Council had, that day, replied to his request and responded that the next phase of the consultation was due to be progressed "shortly".
- 7.4 To consider response to proposed diversion of footpaths 22e and 25b
*Maps showing the proposed diversions previously circulated and
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Magness*

0387 RESOLVED that comment be made that the alteration was only minor.

- 7.5 Redrow Homes' public relations team meeting
Chairman reported that the Redrow public relations contact seemed to be completing the 'contact the local council' developer requirement and that no plans were available and that Redrow were still awaiting the outcome of the judicial review. A new office is shortly to be opened at Gatwick.
- 7.6 To note minutes of 16th June Parish Panel meeting
Noted, with thanks recorded to Cllr. Magness for his continuing involvement and contribution.

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

- 8.1 To discuss progress regarding drainage/landscaping, including enhancements to playing field equipment, and installations
- 8.1.1 Landscaping/Drainage
- 8.1.1.1 Proposal to appoint contractor to carry out topographical survey of, as yet, un-surveyed areas
Awaiting outcome of meeting with potential project manager.
- 8.1.1.2 Proposal to appoint contractor to provide survey/report of whole field
*Site meeting being arranged with Cllrs. Pope, Vaughan, Bradley, Freezer and Partridge.
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Freezer*

0388 RESOLVED that the appointment of a contractor to take the project to the next phase be delegated to Cllrs. Pope, Vaughan, Bradley, Freezer and Partridge.

8.1.2 Equipment/Facilities/Amenities

8.1.2.1 Groundsman/Linesman/Village Caretaker progress

Clerk reported that RVWC Services used and recommended by Ringmer PC had visited the site and walked the grounds and agreed that similar work was undertaken at Ringmer and would be able to start shortly. Two other potential contractors had been approached but declined to quote.

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

0389 RESOLVED that the appointment of the contractor subject to provision of public liability insurance proof be delegated to the chairman and vice-chairman.

8.1.3 Pavilion

8.1.3.1 'Hallmaster' trial

Members learnt that the trial had begun but required close co-operation between the clerk and caretaker. Cllrs. Bradley and Freezer to be added as administrators. Cllr. Vaughan pointed out a number of issues requiring attention and members agreed that Cllr. Partridge's suggestion that making a plan of the pavilion available to hirers would be appropriate.

8.2 To consider future of 'Susans Close' bank

Only one quotation received so far. To be chased. A suggestion that fruit trees might be incorporated was to be included in the next phase.

8.3 To approve use of internet banking

Relating to the Sports Ground charity bank account.

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

0390 RESOLVED that the use of internet banking be approved.

9. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION OR NOTING

9.1 Correspondence

Noted. (See appendix B).

9.2 To note South East Water consultation

Noted.

9.3 Young Persons Council

Members agreed to site posters at schools, bus stops and the village store.

9.4 Woodland bramble control

As discussed in public forum with a further meeting to be scheduled

9.5 To note receipt of Asset of Community Value status of Garden Plots.

Noted.

9.6 Kings Head Community Benefit Society

Chairman informed members that the group now has 14 members with a wide range of relevant skills and experience. Council's money had been used to retain the consultants Plunketts who had recommended that an independent valuation be obtained. Negotiations are ongoing.

9.7 Halland bus shelter

Cllr. Vaughan reminded members that the damaged shelter had been repaired using a very plain sheet of chipboard.

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

0391 RESOLVED that Annan school be encouraged to produce a fitting piece of artwork..

9.8 Community Hedge Fund

Members learnt that grants were available to provide new sections of hedges about the parish. Clerk to be notified of any possible sections of path, pavement or roadside where it might be appropriate.

9.9 Newsletter progress

Carried forward.

9.10 Clerk's progress report

Noted. Clerk to chase progress regarding The Mews bench and gate at northwest corner of sports field.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday 27th September, 2021 at 7 pm at the Village Hall, East Hoathly.

Noted.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Appendix A

Date	Amount	
30/06/2021	£372.48	HMRC
30/06/2021	£258.00	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd
30/06/2021	£60.00	Peter Gillies
30/06/2021	£4,020.00	Stavertons Nursery
30/06/2021	£624.00	Wealden District Council
30/06/2021	£95.00	Go Pest Ltd
30/06/2021	£260.00	Derek Keeley
30/06/2021	£271.04	Verne Heath
30/06/2021	£1,576.01	Malcolm Ramsden
30/06/2021	£154.99	Castle Water
30/06/2021	£35.00	Info Commissioners office
30/06/2021	£148.80	Rialtas Business Solutions
Total	£7,875.32	

Appendix B

Correspondence: 23rd June, 2021 to 15th July, 2021

1. Rural Services Network: The Rural Bulletin - 22 June 2021
2. Parish Online Newsletter - June Edition
3. WDC: East Sussex Covid Vaccine update (23Jne)
4. WDC: Supplement: BOARS HEAD GOLF CLUB, ERIDGE ROAD, BOARS HEAD, TN6 3HD - Statement by Local Ward Member, Cllr Obbard to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 24th June, 2021
5. WDC: Supplement: Presentation Slides for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 24th June, 2021
6. WDC: Supplement: Officer Updates to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 24th June, 2021
7. WDC: Supplement: Presentation Slides for Confidential Item Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 24th June, 2021
8. WDC: Newly published decision: Council Tax s13A(1)(C) Policy
9. WDC: Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 5th July, 2021
10. ESALC: Expression of Interest: New Training Courses
11. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 28th June
12. WDC: Wealden Parish Bulletin - June 2021 (already forwarded to members)
13. WDC: Supplement: Appendix B - Planning and Development to the agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 5th July, 2021
14. WDC: Supplement: Appendix C - Climate Change, Economic Development, Waste Management & HR to the agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 5th July, 2021
15. Email from resident: Planning application WD/2021/1003/F
16. WCA Impact Report 20-21
17. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 5th July
18. WDC: Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 14th July, 2021
19. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 17th June, 2021
20. Healthwatch East Sussex July Newsletter
21. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 24th June, 2021
22. ESALC: Rural Crime Team June Update (already forwarded to members)
23. NALC NEWSLETTER
24. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 15th July, 2021
25. Cllr Bennett Report (already forwarded to members)
26. WDC: MyAlerts - Week commencing 12th July (already forwarded to members)
27. CPRE: A birthday bottle for Boris
28. WDC: Agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 21st July, 2021
29. WDC: Supplement: Presentation Slides for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 15th July, 2021
30. WDC: Supplement: Statements from Interested Parties for Applications listed on the agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 15th July, 2021