

EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council on 29th November, 2021 at 7.00pm.

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Cllrs. Bradley (until 8.47pm), Cole (from 7.10pm), Freezer, Magness, Partridge and Pope (chairman).

Also participating: Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), Verne Heath (rfo) (via Zoom), County Cllr. Nick Bennett, District Cllr. Geoffrey Draper and one member of the public.

AGENDA

Following thanks by the chairman and a presentation to Derek Keeley, Sports Field Manager, following his retirement.

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

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr. Bennett reported that there not been a Council meeting since our last meeting and referred members to his previously circulated report highlighting that more work was being done at government level around environmental issues.

7.10pm Cllr. Cole arrives.

In response to Cllr. Magness' request regarding paving the grass verge from Knowle Lane to Crockstead, County Cllr. Bennett would investigate. Regarding concern at the poor quality of some of the county grass cutting County Cllr. Bennett recommended that the first point of contact in such cases should be the 'man on the ground in the area' – the Highways Steward. Agreement was reached regarding the raising of a concern relating to access rights along part of Buttsfield Lane and would be investigated by County Cllr. Bennett and District Cllr. Draper.

District Cllr. Draper urged that work on the Neighbourhood Plan leading up to prompt submission be encouraged.

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. and agenda item 5.4. Cllr. Bradley declared her interest in matters relating to the Community Gardens and Garden Plots. Cllrs. Freezer and Pope declared their interests in matters concerning the Garden Plots.

4. APOLOGIES – to receive apologies for absence

Apology received and reason accepted from Cllr. Vaughan.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Neighbourhood Plan

Members unanimously agreed with chairman's request that grateful thanks be recorded regarding the most impressive amount of work on the Plan carried out by Mr. Walker and Cllr. Magness.

7.1.1 To adopt latest draft (version 12)

The content of the previously circulated Plan was discussed and particular reference made regarding the absence of photographs until the final presentation to residents, 'typo' corrections and details around the process timetable.

0420 *Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Partridge*
RESOLVED to adopt and submit version 12 of the Plan to Wealden District Council.
7.1.2 To approve Basic Conditions Statement

0421 *Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Freezer*
RESOLVED to approve and submit the Basic Conditions Statement to Wealden District Council.

7.2 To consider next steps following Redrow public meeting
Following discussions amongst members relating to the possibility of pre-determination chairman summed up the outcome of the meeting itself as not being likely to produce much in the way of change but that providing Redrow with the link to the recently submitted Neighbourhood Plan and Basic Conditions Statement and try to constructively engage with them relating to any support for our s106 changes that might be possible.
Chairman reported that the s106 cap figure of £100 per parish dwelling (657) p.a. that Wealden use should be index-linked and now stands at £138.69.

5. FINANCE

5.1 To approve/note payments payable/paid October, 2021
Members noted payments in respect of topographical survey, tree removal, insurance premium and grass cutting
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Magness

0422 **RESOLVED** to approve/note payments payable/paid October, 2021 totalling £10,129.01 (See appendix A).

5.2 To note income/expenditure-vs-budget and approve, if necessary, over/underspends
Noted.

5.3 To approve budget and precept requirements for 2022/23
Members discussed the previously circulated budget and precept requirement for 2022/23 which had the recommendation of the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

0423 *Following a proposal by Cllr. Cole and seconding by Cllr. Magness*
RESOLVED to approve the budget as circulated and precept for the sum of £61,654 with the caveat that should the tax base figure have changed from last year that the amount be amended such that residents would not see an increase or decrease in the amount paid by them in respect of the Parish Council element of their Council Tax.

5.4 To consider grant applications
Members learnt of an application from East Hoathly and District Age Concern for grant funding of £200 towards equipment for their monthly lunch club. Clerk confirmed that the application met the conditions of Council's Grant Policy.
Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Cole

0424 **RESOLVED** to approve the award of a grant of £200 to the East Hoathly and District Age Concern.

5.5 To consider renewal of CPRE membership
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Freezer

0425 **RESOLVED** to approve an increase to £50 p.a. in respect of continuing membership of CPRE.

5.6 To note completion of member audit
Noted. (Carried forward from Finance & General Purpose meeting).

6. MINUTES

6.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25th October, 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Freezer

0426 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25th October, 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

6.2 Matters arising from minutes not otherwise covered by agenda items

6.2.1 To approve content of Gove/Ghani letter regarding planning
Cllr. Freezer reported that the previously circulated letter had already received the support of a number of local Parish Councils
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Freezer

0427 **RESOLVED** to add Councils name to the signatories of the Gove/Ghani letter.

7. PLANNING (continued)

7.3 To note District Council decisions to date
Noted with disappointment expressed regarding the land at Pipers Farm approval.

7.4 To note footpath diversion order
Noted.

8.47pm Members approve suspension of meeting

Cllr. Bradley retires

8.51pm Members approve re-convening meeting

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 Project update
No report available.

8.1.2 Pavilion

8.1.2.1 Installation of telephone and broadband
EE and Star link options being investigated.

8.1.2.2 Generator power-over switch
3-phase generator requirement being considered. Carried forward.

8.1.2.3 Administration update
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Magness

0428 **RESOLVED** to delegate decisions regarding pavilion bookings/cleaning to Cllrs. Pope, Vaughan and Freezer.

8.1.2.4 Floodlight switching
Awaiting response from Tennis Club regarding external cabinet selection.

8.2 Rectory Close access to sports field

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

0429 **RESOLVED** to commit funds up to £500 to obtain legal advice.

9. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR APPROVAL, DISCUSSION OR NOTING

9.1 Correspondence

Noted. (See appendix B).

9.2 Garden Plots Terms of Reference (TOR)

Awaiting proposed changes to TOR and 'leases' from plot holders and Community Gardeners. Carried forward.

9.3 Sussex Lund project

Members learnt that Cllrs. Bradley and Magness has cleared a 20m² patch of brambles in the Parish Woodland. Clerk reported that the findings of the recent ecological survey had highlighted the possible presence of Great Crested Newts and that work would have to be delayed until an eDNA report, which would provide proof of their existence or otherwise, could be obtained in the Spring.

9.4 Young Persons Council

Carried forward.

9.5 Wildflower verges

Cllr. Freezer awaiting response/s from interested residents. Carried forward.

9.6 Queen's Jubilee celebrations

Cllr. Freezer updated members on a number of potential projects under consideration including beacon lighting (2nd/3rd June), lunch (5th June) (with Cllr. Pope suggesting the involvement of the local Age Concern branch), various tree planting sites, wildflower meadow area to be defined 'Jubilee' and possible fencing of existing patches.

9.7 Website pages audit

Cllr. Freezer and clerk to review and audit Council webpages.

9.8 Newsletter progress

9.9 *Carried forward.*
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 31st January, 2022
at 7 pm at the Village Hall, East Hoathly.

Noted.

Meeting closed at 9:40pm with chair wishing all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Appendix A

Date	Payee Name	Amount
31/10/2021	Chaser pest control ltd	£70.00
31/10/2021	Peter Crawford	£420.00
31/10/2021	Wealden Dist Assoc Local Council	£22.00
31/10/2021	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	£930.00
31/10/2021	Groundwater dynamics ltd	£600.00
31/10/2021	Wealden Citizens Advice	£250.00
31/10/2021	Tony Pope	£37.17
31/10/2021	HMRC	£326.29
31/10/2021	Robbie (Bruce) Innes	£180.00
31/10/2021	ESALC Ltd	£48.00
31/10/2021	Robbie (Bruce)Innes	£199.02
31/10/2021	AJGIBL (Came ins.)	£3,419.80
31/10/2021	Anthony Read	£160.00
31/10/2021	Regency Tree Specialists	£930.00
31/10/2021	Verne Heath	£0.00
31/10/2021	Verne Heath	£279.70
31/10/2021	Derek Keeley	£260.00
31/10/2021	Malcolm Ramsden	£1,842.04
31/10/2021	Castle Water	£154.99
Total		£10,129.01

Appendix B

Correspondence: 14th October, 2021 to 16th November, 2021

1. WDALC: Ashdown Forest (already circulated to all members)
2. ESALC: Rural Crime Team Monthly Update – October (already forwarded to members)
3. WDC: 071 Wealden wins high court battle with developer (already forwarded to members)
4. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 14th October, 2021
5. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 18th October
6. ESCC: Invitation to all Tree Wardens- 'The Importance of Hedgerows and Hedgerow Trees' , Tuesday 26th October 2021 1-2pm
7. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 7th October, 2021
8. Dist. Cllr. Geoffrey Draper: Response to our enquiring as to his health (already forwarded to members)
9. Halland resident: Bramblebank appeal (already forwarded to members)
10. Healthwatch East Sussex October Newsletter
11. WDC: MyAlerts week commencing 25th October
12. Rape of Pevensey Society
13. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 4th November, 2021
14. Gatwick In Touch Newsletter Edition 5
15. ESALC: Policy Coadminnsultation Briefing - Environmental Permitting Regulations
16. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 1st November
17. Speak out People: Treasury Select Committee Chairman/ East Sussex Parish Councils
18. WDC: Waste and Recycling Christmas Collections
19. WDC: Supplement: Presentation Slides for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 4th November, 2021
20. WDC: Supplement: Statements from Interested Parties on Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 4th November, 2021
21. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 11th November, 2021
22. WDC: Supplement: Officer Updates to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 4th November, 2021
23. ESALC: November Rural Crime Team update
24. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 8th November
25. NALC Chief exec bulletin
26. WDC: Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 15th November, 2021
27. WDC: Supplement: Statements from Interested Parties for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 11th November, 2021
28. WDC: Supplement: Presentation Slides for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 11th November, 2021
29. WDC: Supplement: LAND EAST OF OLD STATION ROAD, WADHURST, TN5 6TZ - Simon Cocks, on behalf of Greymoor Homes to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 11th November, 2021
30. WDC: Supplement: Officer Updates to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 11th November, 2021
31. WDC: Newly published decision: Household Support Fund
32. WDC Statement following personal data breach (already forwarded to members)