

EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council on 27th June, 2022 at 7.00pm.

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Cllrs. Bradley, Freezer, Magness, and Pope (chairman).

Also participating: Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), County Cllr. Nick Bennett and thirteen 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

A number of Buttsfield Lane residents raised concerns regarding issues relating to the District Council recent planning application approval for development in Buttsfield Lane:-

Lack of a traffic management plan

Development access route

Apparent construction traffic already seen

Erection of fencing and blocking footpath

'Ownership' of the un-adopted portion of the Lane

Concerned residents were asked to consider making an approach to their insurers under the legal cover element for advice and recommendations regarding ownership and rights of way together with ensuring that Wealden District Council were made aware of any issues of concern and challenge until the access issue is resolved, taking photographs and recording dates/times of incidents.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr. Bennett stated that the 'State of the County' report would be presented at the next meeting and offered to respond to any concerns.

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. Bradley declared her interest in matters relating to the Community Gardens and Garden Plots with Cllr. Freezer declaring her interest also in matters concerning the Garden Plots.

4. APOLOGIES – to receive apologies for absence

Cllrs. Cole, Partridge and Vaughan together with R.F.O. Verne Heath.

7. PLANNING

7.3 Assets of Community Value (ACV) update

Chairman reminded meeting that the nominated Assets of Community Value relating to The Kings Head, East Hoathly and The Blacksmiths Arms, Halland would no longer be current from September, 2022.

Meeting suspended.

Council heard from a member of the public that support, if needed, in re-applying for the ACV relating to The Kings Head, East Hoathly would be available.

Meeting re-convened.

Chairman expressed his thanks, and

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

0475 **RESOLVED** to re-apply for ACVs relating to The Kings Head, East Hoathly and The Blacksmiths Arms, Halland in view of their continued use furthering the social wellbeing and cultural interests of the local community.

9. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR APPROVAL, DISCUSSION OR NOTING

9.6 Wildflower verges

Meeting suspended.

Thanks were expressed by a member of the public for the arranging of two new litter bins in the parish which had already resulted in a reduction of litter needing to be 'picked' before referring to an earlier email submitted to members with a proposal regarding designations of verges as roadside meadow verges.

Meeting re-convened.

Chairman directed that the item be carried forward to the next meeting as the clerk had still to ensure members had received copies.

5. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

5.1 To approve/note payments payable/paid April/May, 2022

Chairman referred members to the payments for salaries, Netwise and DFL Trucking.

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

0476 **RESOLVED** to approve/note payments payable/paid April, 2022 totalling £3,839.88 (See appendix A).

5.2 To note income/expenditure-vs-budget and approve, if necessary, overspends/under-receipts

Noted.

5.3 To approve payment of playing field feasibility study

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

0477 **RESOLVED** to approve payment of £1,900 for playing field feasibility study from the charity account.

5.4 To consider electricity contract options

Members learnt that Utility Aid had yet to recommend a new supplier and had been chased for progress.

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

0478 **RESOLVED** to approve payment of £402.95 for electricity and carry forward decision relating to supplier appointment to the next meeting noting the preference for appointing a 'green' supplier.

6. MINUTES

6.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd May, 2022 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

0479 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 28th March, 2022 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

Clerk to chase progress regarding Carnival Society placement of bonfire electricity cabling.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Neighbourhood Plan

7.1.1 Update

Members learnt from Cllr. Magness that District Council had made further comments following the receipt of v.14 of the Plan and that a meeting of the steering group was being scheduled for the 28th of June to consider responses.

7.2 To note District Council and Planning Inspector decisions to date

Noted.

7.3 See above.

7.4 Cluster Group meeting update

Cllr. Magness reported that he had still not heard from District Council Planning regarding the process that determined whether, or not, applications be put before Committee. Cllr. Freezer reminded members that regarding the s.106 Hesmonds issue that changes involving Long Pond and Garden Plots had both been put to Committee in the past.

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

0480 **RESOLVED** that the leader of the District Council be made aware.

7.5 Buttsfield Lane development

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

Members noted that payment was to be made in respect of the recently completed feasibility study.

8.1.1.2 Grant funding

Chairman remarked that the amount of between £386,000 and £475,000 for the first phase of the project would not be easy to raise and that the uncertainty regarding any s106 and C.I.L. funding should not delay approaching grantmakers. Clerk to provide details of community involvement and figures regarding PWLB funding to Cllrs. Bradley and Freezer who have agreed to explore potential sources of funding.

8.1.2 Pavilion

8.1.2.1 Proposed layout alterations

Members agreed that the costs of building modifications or separate facilities were too much to pay for the problem to be resolved and other options were discussed.

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

0481 **RESOLVED** that the option to change the locks previously discussed be adopted after a clear booking hierarchy had been established.

8.1.3 Playing field

8.1.3.1 Entrance modifications

Clerk reported on the one quote so far received for bollards and one gate and that there was a reluctance from two other fencing firms to quote. Members to let clerk know of local contractors that may wish to quote and clerk will search further afield.

8.1.3.2 Feasibility study

Noted.

8.1.3.3 Play area inspection report

Noted with no new items of concern. Regular monitoring and maintenance to continue with a further examination scheduled by ROSPA in six months.

9. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR APPROVAL, DISCUSSION OR NOTING

9.1 Correspondence

Noted. (See appendix B).

9.2 Community Gardens alternative proposal to Thunderbox composting toilet

Chairman referred members to the previously circulated proposal with Cllr. Bradley repeating her previously disclosed interest.

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

0482 **RESOLVED** that the Woowoo option replace the Thunderbox option with the appropriate risk assessments and public liability cover being in place.

9.3 Part of Moat Wood for sale at auction

Members were alerted to the forthcoming sale at auction of part of Moat Wood and discussed the possible continuing recreational benefits for the community if the plot were retained as woodlands as at present.

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

0483 **RESOLVED** *that the clerk investigate the possibility of purchase and transfer some funds from earmarked reserves to general reserves.*

9.4 Great Crested Newt survey

Clerk reported that the survey had concluded that there was no evidence of great crested newts in the parish woodland pond or ditch.

9.5 Schedule of works at Parish Woodland

With the great crested newt issue now resolved members agreed that Cllr. Bradley take forward the matter of a schedule of works with the Parish Woodland Working Group.

9.6 See above.

9.7 Village Hall

Clerk alerted members to a request for a meeting from a Village Hall committee member to discuss ownership of the Village Hall which this Parish Council firmly believes is the Parish Council's. Clerk to arrange meeting and obtain copies of any papers that the Village Hall committee believe points to their ownership claim.

9.8 To note Clerk's progress report

Noted with agreement that the Emergency Plan be discussed at the next meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday 18th July, 2022 at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, East Hoathly

Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Appendix A

Date	Payee Name	£ Total Amount
01/04/2022	Netwise UK	£480.00
01/04/2022	HMRC	£56.75
01/04/2022	Anthony Read	£205.64
01/04/2022	Netwise UK	£238.80
01/04/2022	DFL Trucking ltd	£180.00
01/04/2022	Verne Heath	£359.17
	Malcolm	
01/04/2022	Ramsden	£1,803.19
01/04/2022	Tony Pope	£46.33
	Mulberry and	
01/04/2022	Co	£180.00
01/04/2022	Castle Water	£5.00
01/04/2022	Shaun Kasperuk	£285.00
	Total Payments	£3,839.88

Appendix B

Correspondence: 23rd May, 2022 to 20th June, 2022

1. Forthcoming South East Water Scheme: Lewes Road, Uckfield
2. WDC: media release - 23.05.22 – Housing numbers (already forwarded to members)
3. Keep Britain Tidy: Help Us to Get Rid of This #PainInTheGlass
4. Sussex Police: Briefing document on speed indicator devices
5. WDC: The Rural Bulletin - 24 May 2022
6. WDC: media release - Energy rebate commence in Wealden this week
7. Action in rural Sussex Survey - Rethinking our Local Places and Communities
8. WDC: Minutes for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 16th May, 2022
9. WDC: Supplement: Members' Question - Written Response - Public Health Joint Working Arrangements to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 18th May, 2022
10. WDC: Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 8th June, 2022
11. WDC: Supplement: Members' Question - Written Response - Update on MRN Bid to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 18th May, 2022
12. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 30th May
13. WDC: media release - Wealden to improve road infrastructure in Hailsham
14. WDC: PRESS RELEASE: Local Carers charity celebrates and thanks unpaid carers during Carers Week
15. Update on ecological works at National Grid's Little Horsted site (already forwarded to members)
16. WDC: Minutes for Full Council, Wednesday, 18th May, 2022
17. WDEC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 6th June
18. WDC: Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 8th June, 2022
19. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th June, 2022
20. WDC: HVO vehicle trial across Wealden
21. WDC: MyAlerts - Week Commencing 13th June
22. Halland resident: Slurry Pit (already forwarded to members)
23. The Rural Bulletin - 14 June 2022
24. WDC: 'Become a councillor' events
25. WDC: Supplement: LAND AT STATION FARM, STATION ROAD, BERWICK, BN26 6TA - Statement from Local Ward Member, Cllr Watts to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th June, 2022
26. WDC: Supplement: Presentation Slides for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th June, 2022
27. WDC: Supplement: Confidential Presentation Slides for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th June, 2022
28. WDC: Industrial action ends (already forwarded to members)