

EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Members of East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council are summoned to attend an ordinary meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** to be held at the Village Hall, East Hoathly on **24th June, 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Signed *Malcolm Ramsden* (19th June, 2024)

AGENDA

Please note that meetings are recorded.

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 (subject to any items considered as confidential within the terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960).

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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5. MINUTES

5.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 20th May, 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5.1.1 Matters arising from minutes not otherwise covered by agenda items

5.1.1.1 Church Marks Lane pavement

5.1.1.2 80th D-Day anniversary events

5.1.1.3 Community orchard

5.1.1.4 Councillor laptops

5.1.1.5 Climate change

6. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

6.1 To approve/note payments payable/paid April/May, 2024

6.2 To note income/expenditure-vs-budget and approve, if necessary, overspends/under-receipts not previously approved

6.3 Account signatory update

6.4 To consider Planning meeting policy amendment

6.5 To approve Developer pre-application meeting policy

6.6 To consider banking arrangements/policy re. FSCS limit

6.7 To approve Community Orchard funding

6.8 To approve purchase of three fire baskets

7. PLANNING

7.1 Neighbourhood Plan

7.1.1 Update

7.2 Discharge of conditions 18 and 19 at Paddock Green

7.3 To note District Council and Planning Inspector decisions to date

8. PROPOSALS/REPORTS FOR APPROVAL, DISCUSSION OR NOTING

- 8.1 Correspondence
- 8.2 Woodland footpath remedial action update
- 8.3 K6 'phone box
- 8.4 Garden Plots/Community Garden visit
- 8.5 Halland village sign
- 8.6 Halland street furniture
- 8.7 To note Village Hall report
- 8.8 Clerk's progress report

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday 29th July, 2024 at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, East Hoathly

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<https://easthoathlywithhalland.org.uk/>*

Report to Parish Councils June 24
Cllr Nick Bennett

Adult Social Care

New police programme for welfare rolled out in Sussex

'Right Care, Right Person' (RCRP) is national police programme being rolled out across the UK. In Sussex, there has been preparatory work between Sussex Police, the NHS, local authorities and third sector organisations in preparation for the programme's launch.

RCRP is designed to ensure that when there are concerns for a person's welfare linked to mental health, medical, or social care issues, a person with the right skills, training and experience will respond. The programme will help the police decide when they should be involved in responding to incidents or when health or social care services may be better placed to respond instead.

Colleagues within East Sussex County Council's Adult Social Care and Health and Children's Services departments are monitoring the impact RCRP may have on social care services, clients, and carers.

Communities, Economy and Transport

Apprenticeship Roadshows return for 2024

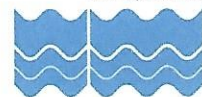
The benefits of apprenticeships in helping people of all ages launch a successful career will be highlighted at two events this summer. Young people, job seekers and those looking to change or progress their careers will be able to find out more about apprenticeships pathways at the roadshows. The events are being held at the White Rock Theatre, Hastings on Tuesday 25 June, and at the Welcome Building, Eastbourne on Thursday 11 July. Both events run from 4.30pm until 6.30pm.

Registration for the events is free but spaces are limited. For further information and to register for either event visit the [Careers East Sussex website](#). Employers who would like the opportunity to advertise their vacancies at the roadshows are asked to contact ESRoadshow@sctp.org.uk.

Putting local businesses in the driving seat of East Sussex economy

TEAM East Sussex (TES), the county's business-led strategic advisory economic growth board, is calling on small businesses to help drive forward economic growth in the region by supporting a network of local business-led groups.

Following the recent closure of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) and the integration of its functions and services into East Sussex County Council, the



county now has more control over its economic future, meaning plans can be put in place that directly benefit local businesses.

TES provides the overall strategic direction for economic growth and is supported by sector specific subgroups, who themselves are networks of public/private bodies, organisations and individuals. For more information on TES and the subgroups, or to potentially get involved, visit the [ESCC website](#) or contact Economic.Development@eastsussex.gov.uk.

Demolition makes way for state-of-the-art youth hub

A new purpose-built, accessible and energy-efficient youth centre has moved a step closer to becoming a reality with the demolition of the original Heathfield facility. The demolition will make way for a spacious two-storey youth centre on the High Street. The scheme is part of a £7 million upgrade of two East Sussex youth centres, made possible by the Government's Youth Investment Fund.

Building work is due to start this summer, with the development of the new centre expected to be completed by spring 2025. While development works take place, youth services in Heathfield have been relocated to community locations. Details can be found via the [East Sussex Community Information Service](#).

Read more about this story [here](#).

Volunteers wanted for Summer Reading Challenge

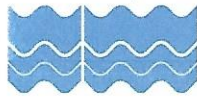
The East Sussex Library Service is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Volunteers are needed across the county's libraries to encourage children to take part in the Challenge which aims to keep them reading during the summer holidays.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is called Marvellous Makers. The theme centres around creativity and has been developed in partnership with leading arts charity, Create. Volunteers will be involved in motivating children to complete the challenge as well as handing out rewards for each book read and talking to parents and primary-school aged children about books and reading. They can also help with planned activities in the library if they wish.

Full training will be provided and volunteers must be aged 13 years and over. To find out more about being a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer, or to apply, visit the [East Sussex County Council website](#).

Read more about this story [here](#).

#FosteringMoments shared in awareness fortnight



The moments that mattered the most to foster families and children across East Sussex will be highlighted as part of Foster Care Fortnight. East Sussex County Council has launched a social media campaign to support the Fostering Network's annual awareness campaign, sharing the experiences of those involved in fostering.

It is hoped that telling the stories of foster carers will encourage more local people to consider becoming foster carers.

Those interested can join one of the council's informal online events to find out more about the different types of fostering and the support available. For information about these events and to find out more about fostering, visit the [East Sussex County Council website](#) or call 01323 464129. More information about Foster Care Fortnight can be found [here](#).

Read more about this story [here](#).

South Downs National Park in Sussex launches green investment scheme

The South Downs National Park has become the first in the country to allow businesses to invest in its land to boost biodiversity. The voluntary biodiversity credits scheme is set to include monitoring of the investments to avoid any double counting or greenwashing.

The scheme is the latest stage in the park authority's ReNature campaign to create 13,000 acres of new land for habitats to form. The park authority is working with tech company Earthly to help find investors and monitor the scheme.

DRAFT ONLY – NOT YET APPROVED**EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Annual General Meeting of the Full Council on 20th May, 2024 at 7.00pm.
(Draft) MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Cllrs. Butcher, Cole, Freezer (chair), Magness, Partridge, Pope, Thatcher and Whitlock.
 Also participating: Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), Dist. Cllr. Draper and County Cllr. Bennett (part).

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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None present.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND RECEIVE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

- 1.1 To elect chairman and receive acceptance of office
Following a proposal by Cllr. Butcher and seconding by Cllr. Cole
0688 RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Freezer as chairman. Acceptance of Office duly signed and witnessed.
- 1.2 To elect vice chairman
Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Pope
0689 RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Butcher as vice chairman.
- 1.3 Appointments to Planning Committee
Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Butcher
0690 RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs. Butcher, Cole, Freezer, Partridge, Pope, Thatcher and Whitlock as members of the Planning Committee.
- 1.4 Appointments to Finance and General Purpose Committee
Following a proposal by Cllr. Partridge and seconding by Cllr. Freezer
0691 RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs. Butcher, Freezer, Thatcher and Whitlock as members of the Finance and General Purpose Committee.
- 1.5 Appointment as Council representative/s to Village Hall Committee
Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Cole
0692 RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Thatcher as Council representative to the Village Hall Committee.
- 1.6 Appointment as Council representative/s to Garden Plots Committee
Following a proposal by Cllr. Cole and seconding by Cllr. Pope
0693 RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Magness as Council representative to the Garden Plots Committee.
- 1.7 Appointment as Council representative to District Council Planning Panel
Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Cole
0694 RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Magness as Council representative to the District Council Planning Panel.
- 1.8 Appointment as Council representative to District Association of Local Councils
Following a proposal by Cllr. Partridge and seconding by Cllr. Magness
0695 RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Cole as Council representative to the District Association of Local Councils.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members were referred to County Cllr. Bennett's report previously circulated. Clerk to re-circulate. Dist. Cllr. Draper stated that during the current District Council Local Plan consultation stage he had to be mindful as to what could be said at meetings due to the high level of scrutiny in place but went on to say that he continues to put forward Parish Council views at the District level. Dist. Cllr. Draper reminded members of personal, prejudicial interests and pre-determination. See also below following arrival of County Cllr. Bennett.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Cllr. Pope declared his continuing interest in matters relating to his association with Church Marks Green Management Co. Ltd. and Cllr. Freezer regarding her membership of the Carnival Society. Cllrs. Freezer, Partridge and Pope all declared their interests as directors of the Community Land Trust.

4. APOLOGIES – to receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from County Cllr. Bennett.

5. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

5.1 To approve/note payments payable/paid April, 2024

Carried forward.

5.2 To note income/expenditure-vs-budget and approve, if necessary, overspends/under-receipts not previously approved

Carried forward.

5.3 To approve cancellation of 10th June meeting of the Finance & General Purpose meeting
Clerk reminded members that the June date for a meeting of the Finance & General Purpose Committee had been set to discuss the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements. As these had already been discussed and are included as agenda items 5.6 and 5.7, there is no longer a need for the meeting.

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

0696 RESOLVED *to cancel the meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee scheduled for the 10th of June.*

5.4 Account signatory update

Carried forward.

5.5 To consider provision of laptops to Council members

All members agreed to using the org.uk email address if provided with laptops for dedicated Council business which would improve efficiency and security. Clerk to obtain quotes.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Clerk confirmed that the annual County update report provided by County Cllr. Bennett had been made available at the recent Parish Assembly. In response to a question from Cllr. Cole, County Council Bennett responded that he wasn't currently aware of how successful the county foster parent project had been.

5.6 To discuss and approve Annual Governance Statement

Clerk referred members to the previously circulated Statement and described, in detail, how each of the nine responsibilities detailed in the Annual Governance Statement had been met. Cllr. Pope asked that thanks be recorded to clerk and rfo for their work with both the Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounting Statement.

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

0697 RESOLVED *to approve the Annual Governance Statement and that it be signed by chair and clerk.*

5.7 To approve Annual Accounting Statement

Clerk referred members to the previously circulated Statement.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Butcher and seconding by Cllr. Whitlock

0698 RESOLVED *to approve the Annual Accounting Statement and that it be signed by rfo and chair.*

5.8 To note internal auditor's report

Noted, there being no outstanding issues or items.

6. MINUTES

- 6.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 29th April, 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Chair pointed out the misspelling of her name.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Thatcher and seconding by Cllr. Whitlock

0699 **RESOLVED** to approve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 29th of April, 2024, subject to the correction of the word 'Feezer', be taken as read and be signed by the Chair.

- 6.2 Matters arising from minutes not otherwise covered by agenda items

- 6.2.1.1 Church Marks Lane pavement

Members noted that the snagging list items had not yet been dealt with. Carried forward.

- 6.2.1.2 80th D-Day anniversary events

Clerk confirmed that the oak tree had been ordered and that a delivery date had still to be agreed. Members learnt from the chair that the Carnival Society would be meeting at the Kings Head at 8.45pm and processing to the 'firework field' for the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm.

- 6.2.1.3 Community orchard

Clerk asked that members note, because of a problem at WDC, the deadline for receipt of grant applications had been extended to 24th May, 2024.

- 6.2.1.4 King's portrait

Clerk confirmed that a copy of the portrait had been ordered. Cllr. Thatcher to discuss possible display with Village Hall Committee.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Neighbourhood Plan

- 7.1.1 Update

Members learnt from chair that Mr. Walker had made the required changes. Cllr. Thatcher asked that members note the summary of changes did not detail the changes made to the 'Green spaces' section. Clerk to ensure amended Plan be sent to District.

- 7.1.2 To approve continuation of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and appoint Council lead representative

Chair proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be continued as changes will be required going forward following any District Local Plan changes.

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

0700 **RESOLVED** that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be continued.

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

0701 **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr. Partridge as Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group lead.

- 7.2 To consider Redrow offer re. Paddock Green 'play area'

Members learnt from the clerk that a meeting with District was being arranged for w/c/ 9th June, 2024. Carried forward.

- 7.3 To note District Council and Planning Inspector decisions to date

Noted.

8. WRITTEN REPORTS FOR APPROVAL, DISCUSSION OR NOTING

- 8.1 Correspondence

Noted. (See Appendix A)

- 8.2 Woodland footpath remedial action update

Cllr. Pope suggested that a number of improvements be made to the decisions reached at the last meeting. Clerk to pass details on to Maydencroft.

- 8.3 To note draft minutes of the Garden Plots April, 2024 meeting

Noted.

- 8.4 To note clerk's progress report

Noted.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held at the Village Hall, East Hoathly at 7:00pm on Monday, 24th June, 2024

Noted.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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Appendix A

Correspondence: 25th April, 2024 to 19th May, 2024

1. ESALC: Met Police video aimed at keeping councillors safe. (already forwarded to members)
2. NALC: Chief Executive's bulletin 25Apr2024
3. ESCC: Updates to day/family ticket bus fares from 29th April. (already forwarded to members)
4. Wealden Weekly Commencing 29 April
5. WDC: Media release: Get active with new Cuckoo Trail outdoor gym equipment
6. Hello from Transport for the South East and our Your Voices survey now live!
7. Gatwick In Touch - April 2024
8. WDC: Newly published decision: Condensation and Mould Policy – Consultation Survey
9. Hallmaster Newsletter | April 2024
10. NALC events: 30Apr2024
11. Satswana Spring Council Update 2024
12. WDC: Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 8th May, 2024
13. VWA members walks
14. WDC Funding Programmes & News
15. ESALC: South Downs National Park By-Election Results
16. NALC Newsletter: 01May2024
17. NALC: Chief Executive's bulletin 02May2024
18. Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan
19. 14 cc'd emails asking Parker Dann to postpone their presentation
20. Wealden Weekly Commencing 6 May
21. CPRE: Ten years and counting for DRS...
22. NALC update
23. WDC: Media release: Events programme released for National Dementia Action Week 2024
24. WDC: Agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 15th May, 2024
25. NALC events: 07May2024
26. WDC: Supplement: Agenda supplement - Replacement item 10 and Late items 11 and 13 to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 15th May, 2024
27. NALC Newsletter: 08May2024
28. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th May, 2024
29. WDC: Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 8th May, 2024
30. WDC: Community Orchards Funding- Deadline extended until Friday 24th May
31. NALC: Chief Executive's bulletin 09May2024
32. The Rural Bulletin - 8 May 2024
33. WDC: Media release: Free health checks return to Wealden
34. RSN Rural Funding Digest - May 2024 Edition
35. WDC: Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 20th May, 2024
36. WDC: Supplement: Presentation Slides for Applications Listed on the Agenda to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th May, 2024
37. Wealden Weekly Commencing 13 May
38. WDC: Minutes for Full Council, Thursday, 8th February, 2024
39. WDC: Minutes for Full Council, Wednesday, 21st February, 2024
40. WDC: Supplement: Agenda supplement - Late items 5 and 6 to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 15th May, 2024
41. Wealden District Council Chair/Vice-Chair Bulletin, January to April 2024
42. Newly published decision: Tenants & Leaseholders Housing & Support Strategy
43. WDC: Supplement: URGENT BUSINESS to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th May, 2024
44. WDC: Information for residents on Flytipping and Garden Waste sign up
45. WDC: media release: Proposed cycleway linking Uckfield and Lewes to be explored
46. The Rural Bulletin - 14 May 2024

47. WDC: Media release: Cycle repair stations on Cuckoo Trail
48. NALC events: 14May2024
49. WDC: Newly published decision: Housing Ombudsman Best Practice Consultation
50. NALC Newsletter: 15May2024
51. WDC: Supplement: Officer Update to the agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 16th May, 2024
52. Ashdown Solutions: Top 5 Data Security Trends for 2024
53. NALC: Chief Executive's bulletin 16May2024
54. Cc'd copy of email from resident to County Cllr. Bennett and District Cllr. Draper re. proposed siting of new school
55. Wealden Weekly Commencing 20 May
56. WDC: Free Energy Champion Training-12th June

OUR REF:

ASK FOR: Chantal Lass on (Insert Number)

DATE: 14 June 2024

YOUR REF: Wealden Community Orchards Grant
Programme



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Dear Malcolm Ramsden,

Wealden Community Orchard Grants Programme Decision

Thank you, East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council, for your application to the Wealden Community Orchard Grants Programme, which is funded through the Nature for Climate Fund: Coronation Living Heritage Fund.

Wealden District Council is pleased to confirm that your organisation has been provisionally awarded the sum of £783.32 (Seven hundred and eighty-three pounds and thirty two pence) towards the cost of your community orchard project. Additionally, you'll receive an equal share of the remaining unallocated fund, which amounts to £205.24. This allocation is intended to cover ancillary costs such as community events, resulting in a total award of £988.56 (nine hundred and eighty-eight pounds and fifty-six pence). The award is subject to a Grant Funding Agreement being signed and returned on behalf of your organisation.

Please note works and delivery of the project cannot be undertaken until the Grant Funding Agreement has been signed and returned on behalf of your organisation. Please note this is your provisional offer letter and not your Grant Funding Agreement.

Subject to the terms of the Grant Funding Agreement, the Grant will be paid as follows:

- i) 75% of the Grant amount determined shall be paid upon receipt by the Council of the signed Grant Funding Agreement and within 10 working days of receiving an invoice; and
- ii) 25% of the Grant amount determined shall be paid upon completion of the project and receipt by the Council of satisfactory proof of completion (this shall include, without limitation, receipts, proof of purchase and photographic evidence of completion of project).

Projects must be completed and funds must be spent by no later than 1st March 2025.

In order to prepare the Grant Funding Agreement for signing, we require confirmation of your organisation's bank details, (this information will be included in the Grant Funding Agreement). Therefore, please can I ask you to complete Page 3 of this letter and return to us via sustainability@wealden.gov.uk at your earliest convenience.



Please note that any delay in providing this information will delay the issuing of the Grant Funding Agreement and may affect when you will receive the Grant.

The Grant Funding Agreement will include terms and conditions to ensure the Grant award and project delivery meets Wealden District Council's requirements and the Nature for Climate Fund: Coronation Living Heritage Fund terms and conditions.

If you have any queries or want to discuss further, please contact us by email on sustainability@wealden.gov.uk.

Yours Sincerely,
Chantal Lass
Climate Change Team,
Wealden District Council

7.1

Dear East Hoathly PC,

Firstly, thanks for all your hard work on the NDP so far and we can confirm that we are working through your submitted documents and will hope to get back to you this week with them.

As discussed previously, we have been awaiting legal advice internally in relation to the general election (GE), which was called on the 23rd May to take place on the 4th July and that we are currently in the pre-election period. We have sought legal advice around decision making during this period on Neighbourhood Plans and specifically in the case of the East Hoathly NDP, whether we would be able to issue a decision that would allow the NDP to go to referendum prior to the GE. We have now received that advice and apologies for its complexity.

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) have issued a statement named '[Planning Inspectorate's approach to casework during the pre-election period 2024](#)'. This confirms the approach of PINS in respect of their case work and decision making on Local Plans and confirms that:

'The Planning Inspectorate always aims to issue decisions and recommendations. However, in the run-up to the General Election we are concerned to ensure that decisions or recommendations relating to proposals which have raised sensitivities or interest in an area cannot be deemed to have influenced the election in any constituency or, more broadly, across the country, or have been used to electoral advantage by any interested body.'

It is considered by our legal team that WDC is in a similar position in its capacity as the Local Planning Authority (LPA), and there are often sensitivities associated with Neighbourhood Plans. Therefore, our legal advice suggests that it would be sensible for us to refrain from decision making on neighbourhood planning, including making a decision to proceed to a referendum for the East Hoathly NDP during the Pre-Election Period.

We have previously agreed a timetable with yourselves around timescales for the post examination plan leading towards the 'making' of the NDP and plainly, given the advice above on the GE, we cannot meet that timetable now. However, we would like to emphasise that we will work expediently once the Pre-Election Period has ended. That said, we still need to adhere to the statutory time frames, and will now seek to agree a new position in writing with yourselves around a new timetable for the 'making' of the NDP, with the decision being made on the referendum for the NDP shortly after the GE on the 4th July.

We would aim to have a portfolio holder decision determined on Monday 8th July to confirm that the East Hoathly NDP can go to referendum. There is a five-day period for the 'call-in' of this decision. This will mean that the decision can be issued formally on the 16th July. Can you agree to the Council issuing the decision to hold the referendum on the 16th July?

This would then mean we would need to carry out a referendum on the NDP within 56 working days of this decision. As stated previously, we are looking at the end August to hold the referendum, which I note that you agreed too on the 29th May.

We are working with both the elections and democratic services team on their availability to deliver the referendum and decision-making and will come back to you with a more exact timetable to share with you shortly.

I would note that it is not in the Council's or NPC interests to run the risk of falling foul of the pre-election period rules and then having to deal with potential legal challenges to decision-making, which could serve to delay matters to a much greater extent.

If you do have any queries on the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

James

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Approvals

Application No. WD/2024/0526/FR PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF A TIMBER CLAD GARDEN BUILDING 6 OLD HARTFIELD MEWS, HALLAND, BN8 6EY You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to APPROVE the above application on 14 May 2024.

Application No. WD/2024/0497/FR RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE OF OLD MILL ROOM FROM FUNCTION SPACE INTO SMALL BATCH DISTILLERY. OLD MILL ROOM, CROCKSTEAD FARM, EASTBOURNE ROAD, HALLAND, BN8 6PT You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to APPROVE the above application on 28 May 2024.

Application No. WD/2024/0749/F PART FIRST-FLOOR AND PART TWO STOREY EXTENSION WITH PITCHED ROOF, AND INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS NOVA COTTAGE, EASTBOURNE ROAD, HALLAND, BN8 6PS You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to APPROVE the above application on 30 May 2024.

Application No. WD/2024/0942/FR RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE FROM SADDLERY (CLASS E) TO DOG GROOMING FACILITY UNDER SUI GENERIS CROCKSTEAD FARMHOUSE, THE OLD SADDLERY, EASTBOURNE ROAD, HALLAND, BN8 6PT You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to APPROVE the above application on 17 June 2024.

EAST HOATHLY AND HALLAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Annual Report May 2024

This year we have continued to make improvements to the hall, making small structural alterations to the kitchen, doing away with the hatch through to the Belmont Room and removing the large radiator. We sold the old range cooker and replaced it with a new one with a single large oven which is of more practical use when catering for larger numbers and bought a fridge freezer giving users more capacity for cold items and the ability to store ice and frozen foods. We hope that these small additions will be attractive for occasions such as parties and dinners in the future.

We have very reluctantly increased our hire charge to £15 ph this year but are hopeful that thanks to the measures we have taken over the past couple of years to mitigate our energy costs we shall be able to hold the hire charge at this level for the remainder of this year at least.

Our next project is to replace all the existing lighting with LED lights and to update the RCDs which are no longer compliant. We have been fortunate in obtaining a grant from the Parish Council to cover half the cost of this work and we are grateful to the Council for this. The work is scheduled to take place at the end of May during half-term week and we believe that this will further mitigate our energy costs as well as improving the lighting quality and being more environmentally friendly.

The hall is well used although we have space for more activities on some days and at weekends.

The Management Committee currently comprises 7 members representing four local organisations, including a representative of the Parish Council. We were sorry to say goodbye to Cllr David Vaughan who resigned this year but look forward to welcoming Cllr Danni Thatcher to our next meeting. When the Hall Management Committee was constituted about 100 years ago there were approximately a dozen societies and groups in the village, each of which sent a member to the Committee. Unfortunately there are fewer such organisations today and we are a much smaller group now but we would greatly welcome new members from some of the village societies and organisations not currently represented. It is likely that at least two members of the committee will be retiring in the next year or so and it is important for the continued running of the hall that they are replaced. If you would like to join us and contribute to managing and improving this precious local asset please contact me and you will be very welcome .

Thanks are due to all the members of the committee particularly to Karen Parris who keeps the hall gleaming, to Gill Kennedy, our Treasurer who ably manages our finances, issues invoices and chases up late payments and to John Tarry who acts as Facilities Manager, keeping things working, undertakes painting, orders oil, deals with contractors and is Trouble-shooter in Chief. So Thank You all and Thank You to all our customers for using our hall.

Jane Tarry

Chairman