

Minutes of the Meeting of East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council held in the Village Hall, East Hoathly, on Monday, 29 March 2010 at 7.15 pm

Present

Cllr David Vaughan (Chair)	Cllr Roger More (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs Susan Cole	Cllr Mrs Jenny Vaughan
Cllr Peter French	Cllr Mrs Susan Whitehead
Cllr Bryan Kidd	Cllr Mrs Marian Wilson

Councillor Ms Barby Dashwood-Hall (WDC) [part].
Councillor Nick Bennett (ESCC) [part].

In attendance

Ann Newton - Clerk

Members of the Public – one [part].
Members of the Press – none.

Councillor Nick Bennett (ESCC) commented on the following items:-

- Operation Crackdown has been put in force by the Police to try and combat anti-social driving. It was thought that the driving speeds had reduced in the Church Marks Lane area although someone had taken exception to one of the signs and removed it!
- Road Safety Week – Marian Wilson thought that Lindsay Wiggins and the School were involved in the arrangements with ESCC on this project scheduled for sometime in May – ongoing.
- ESCC are repairing all the potholes and can be contacted regarding specific areas where there are any particular concerns.
- Waste & Minerals Core Strategy – officers are now looking at the evidence for a further 6-8 weeks. Councillor Lock and his Committee will hear the petitions once this period is over. Comment was made on the recent letter from Charles Hendry and Nick emphasised that ESCC have to put together a sound waste plan otherwise anyone could potentially set up a commercial waste dumping ground in their backyard!

Councillor Barby Dashwood-Hall (WDC) reported on the following items:-

- SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment). Two sites have been identified in East Hoathly that are available for development. This does not mean that they will necessarily be implemented. The next stage is to agree the Core Strategy for the District – ie where, strategically across the District the emphasis on development will be. It is assumed that most villages prefer infilling to large-scale developments.
- South East Plan. If there is a change of Government this year, considerable doubt has been placed on the future of the Plan. Decisions on development might be passed down to Districts and WDC believe that if this is the case, the original figure of 8,000 with the appropriate infrastructure would be preferable to the current unmanageable one of 11,000 particularly as permission for some 4,500 houses has already been given. Wealden District would then have a chance of retaining its character as the residents want it.
- LDS (Local Development Scheme). The dates have been adjusted with the previously detailed bullet point in mind.
- Housing Needs Survey. Barby has addressed the query regarding the slight discrepancy in the number of households which were in need of affordable housing, compared to 12 households currently on the housing list with the local connection criteria and it has been put down to residents not replying to the questionnaire and it seemed as though a median figure would be used.
- Section 106 Agreements. Following on from a query at the recent WDC Regulatory and Audit Committee regarding outstanding 106 monies, Barby had queried the two funds due to the PC from the two development sites. Clarification was still needed on when and how this money would be passed over to the PC. Following on from a question from David Vaughan regarding similar funds going to ESCC for road improvements, it was thought that these would have been agreed prior to the developments' commencement and contributed towards the 'traffic-calming' etc in South Street.
- Barby stated that she had received representation from a resident of Sandhill Lane, Halland, asking if the new 30mph limit could be extended out beyond Sandhill Lane. She had forwarded the correspondence to Nick Bennett.

The PC extended their congratulations to Barby on the news of her forthcoming marriage.

Mrs Helen Harrison asked for an update on the Long Pond site. The Clerk reported that the planning application was still live and the PC was waiting to hear. Secondly, Helen commented on the recent work completed within the woodlands, behind Church Marks Lane. The Clerk explained that the PC had been recommended a resident, who could provide the expertise needed to manage the woodlands. Currently, the land was in the process of being transferred to the PC from Hillreed.

(The minutes are detailed in the order in which they appeared on the agenda. Copies of reports will be attached to the minutes in the minute book).

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor John Graham. Mrs Lindsay Wiggins (School Governor Representative).

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda. There were none.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 1 March 2010 for Approval

It was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2010 having been circulated, adopted and signed as a correct record. (Proposed/seconded by JV/SC).

4. Matters Arising/Action List

- **Waste and Minerals Consultation – Update.** As detailed above. However, Councillor Ms Barby Dashwood-Hall (WDC) commented on the issue of when the decisions are being made on the Waste Plan, what would happen if ESCC disagreed with Brighton & Hove? It seems as though they would have to reach a happy medium! The next meeting of the group of representatives is 11 May 2010. the meeting decided not to put aside funds to support the REAL campaign at the current time.
- **Bring Site for Recyclables in Halland.** Councillor Ms Barby Dashwood-Hall commented that she felt frustrated by the recent answer from WDC. All agreed that the matter should be pursued. The scheduled public meeting on the new recycling scheme has been arranged for Saturday, 8 May 2010 at 10 am in the Village Hall – David Vaughan thought it would be a good idea to have a ‘stall’ raising the profile of the landraise campaign – DV to arrange. **ACTION: 10/03/17 – DV.**

10/02/06&14	Provision of allotments. Update – Planning application has been submitted; JG/AN to work towards drafting a licence for the would-be tenants. Clerk to commission a further survey of both the Long and Deep and Dangerous Ponds. Other than is reported above, the meeting agreed that until the planning application has been determined, further progress should be put on hold. The Council would need to consider whom they would now ask to carry out a further survey – possibly taking advice from Natural England. <u>ACTION: 10/03/18 – ONGOING.</u>
10/02/07	Speeding issues in Church Marks Lane – Road Safety Week. Update following on from meeting between the School and ESCC. As detailed above. <u>ACTION: 10/03/19 – ONGOING.</u>
10/02/08	Woodlands. Transfer of land in the hands of solicitors. Consider starting tendering exercise for maintenance contractor. The Clerk reported that John Graham had put a new resident of East Hoathly in touch with her – Andrew Wright – who was amply qualified to act as an advisory body for the woodlands and possibly more. The meeting agreed that John Graham should be his first point of contact with the PC and that John should set up a meeting with Andrew to include Susans Cole and Whitehead and Marian Wilson. Clerk to pass on the management plan and Andrew’s initial report to Susan Whitehead and Marian Wilson; Susan Cole already holds the information. <u>ACTION: 10/03/20 – JG et al</u>
10/02/09	Problems with dog-fouling in East Hoathly. Clerk to contact WDC Dog Warden. SW to investigate possibility of placing a dog bin in the centre of the village. The Clerk stated that the WDC Dog Warden had been in the village and thought that the problem had improved. The only site deemed suitable for a bin is the car park area in front of the Hall.
10/02/15	ESCC Village Maintenance Teams – someone to complete form for East Hoathly. This had been done.
10/02/16	Clerk to report broken stile in Halland again. The Clerk still had this to do. <u>ACTION:</u>

5. Correspondence

Correspondence received relating to items contained in the agenda was discussed during the relevant points in the meeting.

WDC:

- SHLAA Reports – if available. As detailed earlier in the minutes.
- New Recycling Scheme – date for public meeting. Saturday, 8 May 2010 at 10 am in the Village Hall.

6. Finance (RM, JV, DV and SW)

- Schedule of Expenditure as at 28 February 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted as read (JV/DV).
- March 2010 Expenditure for approval and signing of cheques – as detailed below. (MW/SW).

£		
000506	£169.20	ESCC (annual street lighting maintenance)
000507	£42.00	East Hoathly Village Hall (Hall hire)
000508	£60.00	Framfield Parish Council (share of annual internet charge).
000509	£150.00	Mr Derek Keeley (Grounds Manager) – March salary (£150.00).
000510	£25.00	Mrs Trina Hunt (book keeper) – March.
000511	£441.52	Mrs Ann Newton – March (£528.67); mileage (£5.27); reimbursement of cost
		of fax cartridge (£19.31). (Cheque written net of tax/NI).
000512	tba	HMRC (end of year payment for income tax/employer's and employees NI).
000515	£50.00	Contractorumbrella Ltd (cost of rebooting computer, shared with Framfield).

Total: £937.72

Cheques to pay out after 1 April 2010

000513	£355.27	SALC (annual subscription and LCR)
000514	£252.52	WDC (non domestic rates, Pavilion)

Balances as at 28 February 2010

Deposit Account	£17,774.86
Current Account	£15,824.40
Saving Certificates	£2,069.58

- **Any other financial business at the discretion of the Chairman.**
There was none.

7. Planning Committee (SC, PF, JG and BK – RM/DV ex-officio)

- The minutes of the last meetings (1 and 15 March 2010) had already been circulated. The next Planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7 April 2010.

8. Committee of the War Memorial Sports Ground Trust (PC acting as Trustee).

Matters Arising/Action List

10/02/10	ESCC grounds maintenance contract. Update. The Clerk reported that ESCC had capitulated and agreed that they should complete their contract for the agreed price. David Vaughan would check the figures presented but it appeared that the PC would only have to pay approximately £600 for this season's grounds maintenance. The Clerk would then confirm the figures with ESCC. <u>ACTION: 10/03/22 – DV/CLERK.</u>
10/02/11	East Hoathly Eagles – Clerk to investigate non-payment of individual member fees. The Clerk reported that a cheque had since been received. However a further email from the Eagles has voiced their displeasure at the increase in rent for the 2010/11 season. The Clerk was asked to state that the PC has not previously realised that the entire playing field was used – multi-pitch use – and had assumed it was just a single pitch so that the increase was believed to be justified. Clerk to advise the Eagles

	accordingly. <u>ACTION: 10/03/23 – CLERK.</u>
10/02/12	Chiddingly Cricket Club – JG to continue liaison if necessary. No further action necessary at the present time.
10/02/13	New hardwood bench – Pavilion. SW and RM to assess the condition of the current bench. Following on from an inspection by SW and a recommendation from RM, a quotation had been received for the repairs for £209.00. The meeting agreed to accept this quotation and asked the Clerk to notify Derek Keeley. <u>ACTION: 10/03/24 – CLERK.</u>

Finance

- Schedule of Expenditure as at 28 February 2010 had been circulated at the meeting and was adopted as read (JV/MW).

Any Other Business

- Ratification of increased salary for Derek Keeley, Grounds Manager. David Vaughan asked that the meeting endorse a recommendation made by the Finance Committee to increase Derek's salary to £200 per month. Derek would be on the Council's payroll from 1 April and the appropriate deductions made at source. This was proposed by Roger More, seconded by Marian Wilson and agreed by all present. Clerk to advise Derek. **ACTION: 10/03/25 – CLERK.**
- Pavilion Dustbin. The Clerk reported that there had been a hiccup with the emptying of the bin – a replacement bin had also appeared. On contacting WDC they stated that the bin is not on their rounds and the appropriate paperwork had been received in order to get the bin emptied at a cost of approximately £5.00 per week! However, the bin now appears to have been emptied again so it was agreed to keep the paperwork pending!
- Stoolball. The Clerk reported that she had been contacted again regarding the stoolball. The team wanted to play from May to July and wanted to know what they would be charged. The Clerk was asked to contact them and ask for clarification on what nights they would play and where and if they would need the use of the Pavilion. A fee of £100.00 was thought to be reasonable but the final decision was delegated to David Vaughan once the full information was known. **ACTION: 10/03/26 – CLERK/DV.**

9. Reports from Representatives (where necessary)

- **Village Hall** – Bryan Kidd had missed the last meeting but he commented that the takings appeared to be down from the previous year. However, this was thought to be because of their new way of invoicing which appeared to be on a quarterly rather than an annual basis. Comment was made that there was nothing on the website to let residents know how to book the Hall. The Clerk would look into this. **ACTION: 10/03/27 – CLERK.**
- **Twinning** – Everyone was in receipt of a report from John Graham.
- **SALC/WDALC (SC)** – nothing to report.
- **Parish Planning Panel (c/o Clerk)** – nothing to report.

10. Parish Plan: Portfolio Reports – re-allocation of Portfolios

- **Housing and Commercial and Recreation (JG, RM and DV).** Nothing to report.
- **Roads and Transport, Utilities, Emergency Planning and Policing (JG, RM, JV and DV).** Nothing to report.
- **Footpaths, Trees and Ponds (SC, SW and MW).**
- **Environment and Ecosystem including Recycling (SC, JV and MW).** Nothing to report.

11. Urgent Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- David Vaughan commented that there never seems to be any input from either PCSO. The Clerk stated that she would contact them. **ACTION: 10/03/26 – CLERK.**
- Roger More gave his apologies for the next few meetings.
- David Vaughan mentioned the AGM in May and asked members to think if any revision was needed in the composition of Committees/Chairmen etc.

12. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, 26 April 2010, at 7.15 pm preceded by a Planning Committee meeting – time to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....