

Present

Cllr David vaughan (Chair)	Cllr Roger More (Vice Chair)
Cllr Pete French	Cllr Mrs Jenny Vaughan
Cllr John Graham	Cllr Mrs Susan Whitehead
Cllr Bryan Kidd	Cllr Mrs Marian Wilson

Councillor Ms Barby Dashwood-Hall (WDC).

In attendance

Ann Newton - Clerk

Members of the Public . 37.

Members of the Press . none.

Thirty-seven people were in attendance to voice their support for the provision of allotments on the land at the Long Pond. The Chairman explained that the maintenance work to the area had to be stopped whilst the investigation by the Police on the complaint from Natural England was ongoing. It appears that a resident had complained to Natural England that a licence to work on the site had not been obtained as Great Crested Newts had been in evidence. The PC was now liaising with the Police and Natural England. The Clerk explained that she had submitted the application in draft to amend the Section 106 Agreement for the use of the land as allotments to Wealden District Council. She was now in a position to redraft it and then submit it formally within a couple of weeks. It was thought the application should be determined once registered within eight weeks.

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

- Public meeting: Waste & Minerals Core Strategy. Barby thought that some 380 people attended the meeting at Hailsham the previous Saturday. A worthwhile but frustrating morning. Barby stated that she would be contacting all the Parish Representatives shortly to convene another meeting of that group to continue the fight against land raise in principle.
- LDF: No real answers are forthcoming as yet. Officers are currently working on finalising the options but no decisions have been made. Barby has been concentrating on making sure that written into policy is the condition that demolition waste from developments should be disposed of on those construction sites.
- Housing Needs Survey: Barby commented that the results of the survey had needed extra analysis this time as the calculations used seemed to generate some very strange results! It appeared that 862 new affordable houses are required in the District each year but there are many ways of providing this housing not just building new ones . utilisation of units in the private sector, mortgage rescue schemes etc.
- Transformation Programme: Barby reported that the programme was now entering implementation stage.
- Council Tax: WDC have set the Council Tax for the year 2010/11 at 2.74% WDC receives very little Government Grant and is indeed the fourteenth largest district authority in the UK but receives one of the lowest Government grants.
- Barby stated that she has been appointed to the South East Region Rural Community Council. The PC congratulated her on this new appointment.
- Everyone was encouraged to join the CPRE.

(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 Mrs Susan Cole. Councillor Nick Bennett (ESCC).

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 30 November 2009 for Approval

It was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2009 having been circulated, adopted and signed as a correct record. (Proposed/seconded by JV/SW).

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	would-be tenants to provide a copy of their insurance scheme; with regard to draft lease/licence and to submit application for WDC. This had all been done as stated above. The Clerk would prepare the formal document for submission to WDC. Consideration was to be given to issuing a licence and not a lease and whether this could be done in-house. The meeting agreed that the ongoing maintenance works to the site should cease until the matter with Natural England had been sorted out. ACTION: 10/01/01 – CLERK.
09/11/104	Speeding issues in Church Marks Lane. To be discussed further at January meeting. The Clerk had handed Marion Wilson some speed signs, which she would put up in Church Marks Lane. ESCC have invited the School to be involved in Road Safety Week. This mainly focuses around the School with relevant school activities but will also call for PC involvement and could help bring the area together as the Hillreed estate will be completed around that time (May). ACTION: 10/01/02 – Ongoing.
09/11/105	Clerk to make contact with company who will be managing the amenity areas on the Church Marks Lane site to discuss the woodlands. The Clerk reported that following on from a conversation with Hillreed, who were in the process of finalising the handover of the land etc, it was thought appropriate to wait until this has been got underway. ACTION: 10/01/03 – Ongoing.
09/11/106	Proposed bring site for recycles in Halland. Still ongoing with WDC/ESCC.
09/11/107	PAYE system . Ongoing; update. The Clerk reported that the final balance of the monies owed had been paid . ratification detailed later on the agenda. The PAYE system was in operation and would also include Derek Keeley.
09/11/108	Clerk to report damaged stiles to ESCC. This had been done.
09/11/109	Decoy Lake, East Hoathly. Clerk to reply to the Fishery Development Officer stating their responsibilities. This had been done.
09/11/110	Sussex County Playing Fields Association. Clerk to pay subscription. This had been done.
09/11/111	Burleys . FOI request. Clerk to report information. This had been done and Burleys realising that they might have caused extra work and offence to parish councils had sent a letter of apology.
09/11/112	Parking problems in the High Street. Clerk/SW to follow up with PCSO and Nick Bennett. Susan Whitehead reported that there seemed to be very little that the Police could do . they were ticketing and warning people, but as the road is a public highway, they are limited.

- Peter French commented that the dog bin in Halland was up and running!

5. Correspondence

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

ESCC:

- Parish Council Maintenance Agreements . Highway Lighting: costs for 2010/11.

Other:

- Burleys . as detailed above.

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

- Finance Committee Report for ratification . everyone was in receipt of a copy of the report, which was adopted as read (JG/MW).
- Formal resolution to set the Precept at £40,000 for the year 2010/11. Following brief discussion this was proposed for approval by John Graham, seconded by Susan Whitehead and agreed by all present.
- Schedule of Expenditure as at 31 December 2009 had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted as read (BK/JV).
- December 2009/January 2010 Expenditure for approval and signing of cheques . as detailed below. (JG/SW).

Cheques already paid

000488	£15.00	Sussex County Playing Fields Association (annual subscription).
000489	£150.00	Mr Derek Keeley (Grounds Manager) . December salary (£150.00).

Hunt (book keeper) . December
Newton . December (£528.67); mileage (£5.27). (Figure shown is
all).
Total balance of payment).

000493	£105.05	WDC (dog bin emptying Oct/Dec 2009).
000494	£96.89	Southern Water (Pavilion).
000495	£298.33	EDF Energy Customers plc (Pavilion)
000496	£385.25	Scantech (Wasteposters; cost to be shared between relevant parish councils . actual cost to EHwHPC £74.42 . corrected from expenditure sheet).
000497	£40.00	Mr John Graham (reimbursement for work carried out by APA Secretarial on Wasteproject).
000498	£153.01	Mr Derek Keeley (Grounds Manager) . January salary (£150.00); reimbursement of sundry items (£3.01).
000499	£25.00	Mrs Trina Hunt (book keeper) . January
000500	£427.93	Mrs Ann Newton . January (£528.67); mileage (£5.27); reimbursement of share of BVH hall hire (£5.72). (Cheque written net of tax/NI).
Total:		£2,997.62

Public Works Loan Board payment on 4 January 2010 - £2,502.25 . paid by direct debit . leaving
approximately £9,000 to pay.

Balances as at 31 December 2009

Deposit Account	£17,773.35
Current Account	£20,392.39
Saving Certificates	£2,069.58

- **Any other financial business at the discretion of the Chairman.**
 - Ratification of the agreement to pay the final balance to HMRC (£725.00). Agreed by all present (JV/PF).

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

- The minutes of the last meeting (7 December 2009) had already been circulated. The decision made under delegated authority had also been circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 1 February 2010.
- WDC: Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications. The Clerk reported that as mentioned at a recent Planning meeting by the end of 2010 all consultations would be done electronically. Framfield were to initially use a laptop of the Clerk and consideration is being given to purchasing a projector. It was thought both councils had a screen available. There were funds in the budget to allow for this expenditure.

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

Matters Arising/Action List

09/11/113	ESCC charging for grounds maintenance works. Ongoing . ESCC/Clerk. ACTION: 10/01/04 – Ongoing.
09/11/114	Clerk to ask that Derek Keeley reminds hirers of the licensing hours for the Pavilion. This had been done.

Finance

- **Schedule of Expenditure as at 31 December 2009** had been circulated at the meeting and was adopted as read (JV/MW).
- **Review of hire rates for the year 2010/11** – a recommendation had been circulated which following discussion was adopted (JV/PF).

Any Other Business

- Peter French commented that the East Hoathly and Halland stoolball team might look to play again. They were encouraged to email the Clerk with their requirements.



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(where necessary)

that there was just over £3,000 in the kitty. A quote had been reseal the floor and repaint the inside walls. The Hall was to ed that there were no special hire rates and Susan Whitehead system seemed to have changed?

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- **Twinning** – Jonn Granam reported that a trip to Juziers had been booked for 1 May. A Race Night was to be held on 30 January 2010 in the Village Hall and a Quiz Night on 4 March 2010 at the Forrestersq
- **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)**. Nothing to report.
- **Environment and Ecosystem including Recycling (SC, JV and MW)**. Nothing to report.

11. Urgent Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Change of date for next Parish Council meeting. The meeting agreed to change the scheduled date to 1 March 2010 as a booking had been taken for the main hall for a band practice. John Graham gave his apologies.
- The meeting also agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held after the Annual PC meeting on Monday, 24 May 2010 so the Clerk was asked to change the booking to the main hall.
ACTION: 10/01/05 – Clerk.

12. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, 1 March 2010, at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....