



# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HELLINGLY

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Minutes of the Parish **Council Meeting** held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## PCH 64.11.18 to PCH ??.11.18

- Present:** Councillors: D White (in the Chair), J Blake, S Davis, G Hesselgrave, W Hesselgrave, G Ibbotson, C Jackets, P Milne, B Short, P Strudwick and I Woodman. County Cllr N Bennett, District Cllr Mark Pinkney
- Apologies for absence:** Councillors: Cllrs R Chatwin, M Harrington-James and F Lulham
- In attendance:** Jenny Hoodless, Clerk and Tracy Harper, Deputy Clerk
- Members of the Public:** There was three members of the Public present (Prospective District Councillor S Potts)
- Declarations of Interest:** C Jackets, G Ibbotson, P Milne and I Woodman declared an-interest in Roebuck Park.

## PCH 64.11.18 Adjournment for input from the public [maximum 15 minutes

Q: Would it be possible to have swings in the toddler play area as requested by many parents?

A: Cllr D White advised we could have swings but may need to move the play area to a more suitable open space as the current area is too shaded and wet and the ground not level. To be reviewed once Community Hall is built.

Prospective District Councillor S Potts – reported that he would be putting himself forward for the May elections for a Wealden District Councillor for the Hellingly Ward, taking over from Mark Pinkney as he is stepping down due to health reasons.

## PCH 65.11.18 Councillor Vacancies – Bill Short and Allan Jackets both gave a verbal summary and Jasmine Gayton gave a written summary as unable to attend. The Council then took a secret vote. The results were that Bill Short and Jasmine Gayton would become Councillors to replace Cllrs B Dashwood-Morris and E West.

**Cllr B Short signed relevant documents and then joined the rest of the Council meeting.**

Council agreed Bill Short would join Finance Committee and Cllr J Gayton would be asked to join Village Hall Committee.

## PCH 66.11.18 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were amended, approved and signed (**amended copy attached**).

## PCH 67.11.18 Matters arising

**PCH 40.07.18** Toddler's Play Area update – Agrifactors have removed the broken equipment and the exposed concrete and have ordered the steel to extend the legs on the walkway which should then be reinstalled early next week.

**PCH 22.06.18** Tree Survey – Cllr G Hesselgrave and Tracy Harper, Deputy Clerk would be meeting a tree inspector Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November to walk the boundaries  
 Council agreed to appoint Chaffins as the contractor to remove the Corsican Pine at the Cemetery.

**PCH 44.09.18** The replacement Whitebeam tree for Phyllis Peake had been ordered and would be placed in Peake Gardens. The Scouts have agreed to maintain the tree and would be planting other trees as part of a Scouts project. Councillors have agreed on email to contribute towards the cost of the planting. The Scouts would arrange an event once the trees are planted, to include the press. Deputy Clerk would write to Phyllis Peake's family notifying them of the replacement tree and the event once details are known. Council agreed to appoint AJ Catts as the contractor to remove the dead tree at the Village Hall.

**PCH 50.10.18** Hackhurst Lane – Cllr D White reported that the signs had been adjusted to represent Commercial (new) and Residential (old) entrances. Also, the developer had written to all residents, advising them of the work to be carried out. Cllr D White would request the developer pay for resurfacing of the old (now Residential) entrance roadway.

**PCH ?? .10.18** The Deputy Clerk reported that the incident in Green Lane had been dealt with by the Police, they had spoken to the driver and were assured it wouldn't happen again.

#### **PCH 68.11.18 County Councillor's Report.**

County Cllr N Bennett reported that there would be some funds available from the Community Max Scheme for road improvements, Cllr D White to advise of any road works that need to be done.

The core level of service to be provided was discussed at the Cabinet meeting, 129m had been saved, however, an additional 46m over next 3yrs. A figure of 12m had been found but the remainder would be impossible.

Local Enterprise partnership – Team ESX established environmental board for economic and environmental development policies.

Q: Cllr J Blake asked if the Shep Plastics site which had been blighted by the Local Plan, could be used for residential rather than the current designated commercial use.

A: County Cllr N Bennet advised that the owner could apply for the designation to be changed from Commercial/industrial to residential through the usual planning process.

#### **PCH 69.11.18 District Councillor's report.**

District Cllr M Pinkney gave his apologies for his recent absence due to illness. He reported that the Crematorium was behind schedule by 3 months due to gas pipes. WDC would receive 1% of the additional Government money to highways for potholes.

Cllr D White reported that Charlie Lant had formally retired and Trevor Scott would be taking over as Chief Executive of WDC.

Also reported that he is still waiting for a date for the examination by the Inspectorate of new WDC Local Plan and the representation closed on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **PCH 70.11.18 Financial Matters.** The Council approved:

- The payments and receipts for October
- Noted Bank Reconciliation for October
- The Clerk's & Deputy Clerk's Expenses for October

#### **PCH 71.11.18 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr J Blake reported that the Plan is ready to be submitted to WDC and the inspectorate but needs a sustainability appraisal (European court decision) to be carried out. This would be done in two stages – a scoping report which had now been done by Consultant David Phillips and would be sent tomorrow to the three consultees. Then there would be a 5 week period for any comments or representations to be made. David Phillips would also be drafting the sustainability appraisal with a view to be ready at the end of the 5 week period and then would adjust the Plan with any comments made from the consultees. Then it would be submitted to WDC, along with any comments/responses and supporting documents, for the representation process which would take six weeks. Cllr J Blake is expecting NP approval early summer.

Cllr D White advised that Hailsham and Herstmonceux also need to carry out a sustainability appraisal.

**PCH 72.11.18 Community Hall Update**

Cllr D White reported that three Builders had submitted quotes which Project Manager, Tim Bishop would be appraising and reporting back to the Project Team at the next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November. A decision as to which contractor to appointment, would be made by end of November. A likely start date would be around February/March. Cllr D White and the Quantity Surveyor, would attend a meeting with Persimmon to agree final figure for their contribution. All tenders were within 5-10% of each other.

**PCH 73.11.18** The draft minutes of the **Planning Committee Meetings** of 29<sup>th</sup> October were approved by the Planning Committee just prior to the Council meeting.

**PCH 74.11.18** The draft minutes of the **Village Hall Committee Meeting** of 26<sup>th</sup> October had not be Circulated prior to the Council meeting and would therefore be on the Agenda for the December Council meeting.

**PCH 75.11.18** The draft minutes of the **Grounds Committee Meeting** of 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Plumpton charges for groundsmen training would be per person per piece of equipment. Council agreed for the groundsmen to attend the training when next in area.

Cllr W Hesselgrave advised that the Country Park groundsman would not be increasing his hours now that the remaining land had been transferred. A 'handyman' would take on more of the adhoc tasks.

**PCH 76.11.18 Clerk & Deputy Clerk's report**

- Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase the latest (11<sup>th</sup>) edition of Charles Arnold Baker publication.
- Cemetery Hedges & Tree quotes – the Deputy Clerk would investigate to establish the boundaries between Broad Farm Cottages and the Cemetery.
- The Asset of Community Value for Union Corner allotments had expired, Council agreed to renew.
- Deputy Clerk had carried out all Play Area Inspections this week and the report would be circulated for the December meeting.

**PCH 77.11.18 Chairman's report**

Cllr D White thanked all those who had turned out for Remembrance Parade in the pouring rain.

Council agreed to hold Christmas drinks and nibbles prior to the December Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Jennifer Hoodless  
Parish Council Clerk

15<sup>th</sup> November 2018