



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**PCH1306/2009/030.09 to PCH1306/2009/039.09**

**Present:** Councillors: David White, (Chairman), Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Rev R Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Bryan Hesselgrave, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Brian Payne, Marjorie Veal, Mrs E M M West and Ms. Frances Woolston.

**Apologies for absence:** Steve Davis and Halma Hughes.

**In attendance:** Philip Moon, Clerk and District Councillor John Blake.

[No members of the public were present. It was agreed to limit overall public participation in future Council Meetings to 15 minutes].

**030.09** The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March** were **approved** and signed.

**031.09** **Matters arising**

**019.09:** Cllrs Booth and Woolston had attended the **Parish Planning Conference** on 30th March, which they had found useful.

**022.09:** Cllr Booth reported that he had attended a meeting of **WDALC** which had included discussion of the power of well-being and of Standards Committee procedures.

**024.09:** The Clerk had written to Wealden District Council expressing concern about the sale of the **Kings Head Public House** and asking for the property to be spot listed. One of the Council's Conservation Officers had visited the site. He did not feel the building would meet current listing criteria but had replied in detail to District Councillor Blake and suggested that the Council should ask for a copy of that letter. [See also **Minute 033.09**].

**032.09** **County Councillor's Report.** Cllr Garvican was not present and no written report had been submitted.

**033.09** **District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake reported that the recent appeal on the application to build **stables etc near Hackhurst Lane** had been dismissed. The application to extend **28-29 New Road** had been approved but with 13 conditions. He drew Council's attention to a planning application by **Danecroft Nurseries** to which he had already responded. He agreed to make his comments available to the Planning and Environment Committee. He had received the letter from Wealden District Council concerning the **Kings Head public house** [see **Minute 031.09** above] and would forward it to the Parish Council. He also intended to enquire as to whether Hailsham Historical Society had any evidence concerning the property. He was continuing to ask questions concerning the management of the **the Cuckoo Trail**.

**034.09** **Financial matters.** The Council

- **approved** the payments for February.
- **Noted** the quarterly accounts to end of March and
- **Approved** the Clerk's expenses claim

- 035.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March**. A proposal to record the names of those who did not offer apologies for absence at all meetings of the Council was not supported. The Committee was invited to continue to monitor **vehicles for sale** both at Woods Corner and at Union Corner. It had been suggested that building on the **Hellingly hospital site** would start in the autumn.
- 036.09** **Allotments: concreting entrance area etc.**  
The Clerk reported that the uncultivated plots had been reallocated, freeing the proposed composting area; that a site meeting had been held at which it was agreed to make minor adjustments to the siting of the concreted bin area; that the concreting and associated works had been completed. The resulting bill reflected a lower labour charge, but increased material costs. A request to put a beehive on a plot had been refused on safety grounds. During the clearance of the heavily overgrown composting area the remains of a shed built mainly of asbestos sheeting had been recovered. An estimate for removal of the asbestos (£752.50) had been obtained. A plot holder had offered to remove all of the waste including asbestos for £250, but the Council was concerned that the legal requirements should be met. The Council **agreed** that the Clerk should seek advice from Wealden District Council and proceed with the lower estimate only if all legal requirements were met.
- 037.09** **Bus shelter at Lower Dicker**  
The Council **agreed** to defer consideration of this item pending a meeting with the complainants.
- 038.09** **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that work had started on the **Lower Horsebridge play area** and that work on the fence would follow. He also reported that Viridor had agreed to provide £5000 grant-aiding for the playground project. The Council **agreed** to maintenance being undertaken in the play area to equipment which was not being replaced, subject to a maximum of £5000. The Clerk reported that local Councils who had achieved **Quality status** before 31<sup>st</sup> March were to share in a regional grant. He had received an invitation from Wealden District Council to the launch of the **Wealden Ancient Tree Survey report** on 21<sup>st</sup> April at Crowborough starting at 10am. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Bryan Hesselgrave should attend. The Council also agreed that the Clerk should make further enquiries concerning the proposals received from **Applause Rural Touring** which puts on small scale, highly subsidised entertainment in village halls etc. The Clerk reported that he had been briefed on the '**power of wellbeing**' which was now available to Parish Councils. Since it was not certain what projects might require the use of the power and in what timescale, the Council **agreed** that the Clerk should complete the additional CiLCA section required, but that the Councillors would not embark on training courses until the need to use the power was proven.
- 039.09** **Chairman's report.** The Chairman reported that a 3-day reggae festival was planned at Blackstock Farm from 21-23 August; that the appeal by Aldi to build a supermarket on the Hailsham market site had been dismissed; that he had attended a meeting concerning the reconstruction of the Hellingly churchyard wall. Road closure would be necessary and the work was expected to last from August to February 2010. He informed the Council that it was unlikely that a Wealden District Council official would be able to attend the **Annual Parish Meeting**. The Council **agreed** that Hailsham Councillors Geoff Rowe, Nigel Coltman and Ian Haffenden should be invited to attend since they had drafted sections of the Hailsham/Hellingly masterplan.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.15pm].

**Philip Moon**  
Clerk

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2009**