



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

## **PCH1306/2009/050.09 to PCH1306/2009/058.09**

**Present:** Councillors: David White, (Chairman) Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Bryan Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Brian Payne and Mrs E M M West.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. Rev R Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin, Steve Davis, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Ms. Frances Woolston, County Councillor Nick Bennett and District Councillor John Blake.

**In attendance:** Philip Moon, Clerk, and Tracy Harper, Assistant to the Clerk.

[Mrs Frankie Lulham was present in connection with her candidacy as a co-opted Parish Councillor].

**050.09** The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May** were amended, **approved** and signed.

### **051.09 Matters arising**

**036.09: Allotments: removal of asbestos.** The asbestos had now been removed.

**038.09: Lower Horsebridge playground:** The work had been completed and a date for the official opening would shortly be decided.

**039.09: The Annual Parish Meeting** had been arranged in the more informal style as agreed. Those responsible for serving the refreshments were thanked.

**043.09:** The Clerk had written to **Cllr Garvican** expressing the Council's gratitude for his work.

**049.09** The Clerk had written to **Marjorie Veal** thanking her for her contribution.

**Closure of New Road Nursery:** The Clerk had written to the Chair of the Primary Care Trust expressing the opposition of the Council to the proposed closure on the grounds of a diminution of care for those employed and the loss of a local business.

### **052.09 Co-option as a parish Councillor**

The Council considered the candidacy of Mrs F Lulham and **agreed** to co-opt her as a Parish Councillor. Mrs Lulham signed the declaration of acceptance of Office.

**053.09 County Councillor's Report.** The Clerk had spoken to the newly-elected County Councillor, Nick Bennett, who had offered his apologies for absence since he was still undergoing induction training. Cllr Bennett noted the dates of future meetings and intended to be present in order to give a report.

**054.09 District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake was unable, because of ill health, to attend the meeting but had sent a written report which was read by the Clerk. The proposals for the **LDF core strategy consultation** had been agreed by Wealden District Council. The dates of the public consultation would shortly be announced.

- 055.09**      **Financial matters.** The Council:
- Amended and **approved** the annual risk Assessment.
  - **Approved** the payments for April and May.
  - **Approved** the Annual Return and final accounts for 2008-09. The Clerk was asked to send copies of the draft Asset register to Cllrs Hughes and Payne. The Council was advised of a publication entitled “21<sup>st</sup> Century villages” which was available from AiRS. In the current climate of low interest rates for loans it was suggested that thought should be given to future capital projects in the parish. This should be mentioned in the forthcoming Newsletter and be discussed as a substantive agenda item at the next Council meeting.
  - **Noted** the Internal Auditor’s report.
- 056.09**      The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 18<sup>th</sup> May. Attention was drawn to the need for the grass on the verges of the A22 to be mown. The Clerk was asked to write to those responsible.
- 057.09**      **Clerk’s report.** The Clerk reported that Cllr Booth had attended a meeting of WDALC concerning affordable housing. Cllr Booth summarised the presentations. The Clerk distributed copies of the Hailsham/Hellingly Master plan to Councillors.
- 058.09**      **Chairman’s report.** The Chairman reported that there had been a further **fire at the former Hellingly hospital** and he was continuing to raise the possible dangers of the site with Wealden District Council. The **Annual Parish Meeting**, while overlong, had been successful, including the more informal ‘cabaret style’ layout of the room. In view of the low attendance thought should be given to increasing the publicity for the event in future years. Consultation was imminent on the **options for the Local Development Framework**. Parish Councils were to be encouraged to comment and the timing was such that it might be necessary either to call an additional meeting or change the August meeting of the Planning and Environment meeting to a full Council meeting. Consultants had been appointed for the **Housing Needs Survey** and comments were required by 17<sup>th</sup> July. The **music festival** proposed for Blackstock Farm had been transferred to the Pestalozzi Village at Sedlescombe.

[The Meeting was closed at 8.25pm].

**Philip Moon**  
Clerk

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2009**