



THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HELLINGLY

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p m. on
Wednesday 9th September 2009

PCH1306/2009/071.09 to PCH1306/2009/080.09

Present: Councillors: David White, (Chairman), Barby Dashwood-Hall, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Brian Payne, Frankie Lulham and Mrs E M M West.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Rev R Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Ms. Frances Woolston and District Cllr John Blake.

In attendance: Philip Moon, Clerk, Tracy Harper, Assistant to the Clerk, County Councillor Nick Bennett and Ann Hillman, Tree Warden.

[Mr John Proctor, Chairman of the Union Corner Allotment Society raised various matters concerning allotments including composting and uncultivated plots. The Clerk stated that several letters had recently been sent to those who were not adequately cultivating their plots].

071.09 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings on 8th and 20th July and 17th August** were **approved** and signed.

072.09 **Matters arising from 8th July:** 068.09: Sussex Crimestoppers had been invited to submit a grant application.

073.09 **County Councillor's Report.** County Councillor Bennett reported that he had obtained a postponement of proposed tree works on the Cuckoo Line for which there had been minimal notice.

[The meeting was adjourned]

Ann Hillman, Tree Warden, reported that she had examined the trees which were involved and was satisfied that the proposed work was acceptable. She added that other trees were dead or dying but had not been included in the proposed work.

[The meeting was resumed]

The Chairman said that the lack of notice was unacceptable and he found a recent press notice from East Sussex County Council announcing the delayed start as if it had been pre-planned annoying. County Cllr Bennett was thanked for his assistance. He also reported that the County Transport and Environment Committee had recently considered the LDF Spatial Options consultation. The Chairman of that Committee would shortly meet other Councils in the district to discuss the effects of the various options.

074.09 **District Councillor's Report.** In the absence of District Cllr Blake the Chairman reported that the **LDF core strategy consultation** had attracted about 1100 responses. Those from Parish and Town Councils and other public authorities were to be published separately. A meeting on 23rd October would consider the responses and a core strategy would be agreed around the end of the year. Consideration of the Transformation programme was continuing including the single site proposals.

- 075.09 Financial matters.** The Council **approved** the payments for July and August.
- 076.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 20th July and 17th August . Matters relating to the A22 at Coldharbour Lane (Minute P.057.09) and road markings in Church Lane (P.059.09) were referred to the Planning and Environment Committee.
- 077.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Grounds Maintenance Committee** of 1st September.
- 078.09 Future capital projects.** The Council **agreed**
- that the Clerk should discuss with the freeholders of the Allotment garden the offer to purchase the land and that Cllr Hesselgrave should calculate the acreage of the field
 - that the Clerk should enquire of Hailsham Town Council about the cost of their Town signs
 - that the possibility of purchasing new furniture for the Village Hall and improving facilities for young people (including a youth shelter) should be referred respectively to the Village Hall and Recreation Grounds Committees
 - that the Clerk should make enquiries on the cost of arranging directional road signs to the cemetery
- 079.09 Clerk's report.** The Clerk had received from BT an invitation to adopt (for £1) and take over the maintenance of, the listed public telephone box at the junction of Church Lane and Station Road. The Council **agreed** to seek further information on the implications of accepting the proposal. The Clerk had received notice of flood safety events including one at Uckfield Civic Centre on Friday 25th September. He had also received an e-mail from an organisation called unlockdemocracy.org.uk inviting the Council to lobby MPs to support the introduction of a Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. The Council had been invited to send two representatives to the District/Parish Conference at Uckfield Civic Centre on 4th November and **agreed** that Cllrs West and Lulham should attend together with a Clerk. The Council's Annual accounts for 2008-09 had been audited and approved by the external Auditor.
- 080.09 Chairman's report.** The location of the **bus shelter in Lower Dicker** was currently being considered by County Highways. The **Hellingly Hospital site** was still a target of intruders. There was a possibility that **Persimmon Homes** might start building before 31 March 2010 if they were successful in their bid for start-up funding.

[The Meeting was closed at 8.45pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

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