



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 14th October 2009

PCH1306/2009/081.09 to PCH1306/2009/091.09

Present: Councillors: David White, (Chairman), Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Rev R Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Frankie Lulham and Mrs E M M West.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Brian Payne, Ms. Frances Woolston, County Cllr Nick Bennett and District Cllr John Blake.

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

[The meeting was adjourned to allow input from a member of the public].

[Mr John Proctor, Chairman of the Union Corner Allotment Society raised various matters concerning allotments including uncultivated plots and the Society's decision to appoint stewards. The long-term aim was to take over the management of the allotments].

[The meeting was resumed].

081.09 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 9th September** were **approved** and signed.

082.09 Matters arising

078.09: Future capital projects: The Clerk had discussed the offer to purchase the **allotment garden land** with the representative of the freeholders. They were not interested in modifying their offer. Cllr Bryan Hesselgrave had checked the acreage of the field which is 3.46 acres. The Clerk had enquired of Hailsham Town Council about the cost of their **Town signs** and had been informed that the Council was disappointed with the quality of the signs and could not recommend the supplier. The Clerk would keep in touch with Hailsham if they decided to purchase replacements. The Council **agreed** to keep the matter under review. The Clerk had enquired the cost of arranging directional **road signs to the cemetery** and had received a detailed reply from East Sussex Highways, which had been circulated. The cost of a sign outside the cemetery would be in the region of £200. The Council **agreed** that the Clerk should seek costings of signage on the junction of North Street and Church Road, outside the Village Hall.

079.09: The Clerk had received advice from Wealden that the invitation to adopt and maintain the listed **public telephone box** was a consultation and that no action was required. The Council **agreed** to await a substantive offer from BT before deciding whether to go ahead.

080.09: County Highways had advised that the location of the bus shelter in Lower Dicker could not easily be changed. The supplier would shortly charge for storage if the shelter was not erected. The Council **agreed** that an estimate for a Perspex bus shelter should be obtained and

the owners of the adjoining property offered the chance to pay for the shelter. If they did not accept that offer the shelter which had already been purchased should be erected.

- 083.09 County Councillor's Report.** County Councillor Bennett had not submitted a report.
- 084.09 District Councillor's Report.** Cllr Blake had submitted a written report. The deferred decision on the s106 agreement on **2 & 3 Orchard Grange** had been decided on the basis of a 5m wide buffer zone around the properties. Wealden Council's cabinet had met and had considered proposals for the **electronic treatment of planning applications** and the **out-sourcing of specialist planning services**.
- 085.09 Financial matters.** The Council
- **approved** the payments for September
 - **noted** the quarterly report
 - **approved** the Clerk's expenses claim for the quarter ended 30th September.
- 086.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 21st September.
- 087.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Allotments Committee** of 15th September. It was proposed by Cllr Dashwood-Hall and seconded by Cllr Hughes that the Allotment Society should not be invited to appoint a **delegate to attend Allotment Committee meetings**. The motion was **carried** by 6 votes to 4.
- 088.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Cemetery Committee** of 15th September. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman of the Committee and the Clerk should be permitted to agree the fee to be charged for the various sizes of grave in the new Memorial Garden.
- 089.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee** of 28th September. It was proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Booth that the Recreation Grounds Committee should be permitted to purchase a **slide for the Lower Horsebridge Recreation Ground** play area at a maximum cost of £2500. The motion was **carried** by 6 votes to 2.
- 090.09 Clerk's report.** The Clerk had received details of a new mapping service for parishes using online maps. The cost was estimated at £20 per year and might well be useful for the Planning Committee. There was a possibility of **trees** being provided by Wealden Council in conjunction with a record attempt being featured by the BBC. It was **agreed** that the Scouts (at Peake Gardens) and the Playgroup (at the Village Hall) should be invited to accept trees and that the Clerk should seek further information from Wealden of the number and variety of trees available
- 091.09 Chairman's report.** Frankie Lulham was appointed to the **Recreation Grounds Committee**. The Council agreed that a wreath should be purchased for **Remembrance Sunday** and noted the invitation to attend the Remembrance Sunday service. A public enquiry was to be held on 20 October concerning the **Wealdway**. The recent Wealden cabinet meeting had agreed an increase, to 44%, of **recyclables**. The transformation (**cost-saving**) **programme** was now expected to achieve £2.5m of savings. The decision on the **LDF** had been delayed until after the forthcoming General Election but the process would take some time to reverse if the new Government decided so to do.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.20pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

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