



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 9th December 2009

PCH1306/2009/104.09 to PCH1306/2009/112.09

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, Halma Hughes, Brian Payne, Mrs E M M West and Ms. Frances Woolston.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Frankie Lulham and District Cllr John Blake.

In attendance: Philip Moon, Clerk, Tracy Harper, Assistant to the Clerk and County Cllr Nick Bennett.

[The Council **noted** that Cllr Mrs Hesselgrave was recovering well from her recent hospital operation, A card and flowers had been sent from the Council].

104.09 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th November** were **approved** and signed.

105.09 Matters arising

082.09: The Clerk had received costings of **road signage to the cemetery**. The estimated cost was £238.55 and a proposed design had been submitted. The Council **agreed** that the sign should be ordered, that it should be located on the south-east corner of the junction of North Street and Church Road with white lettering on a green background.

The Assistant to the Clerk had received an estimate of £1250 for refurbishing and erecting the second-hand **bus shelter on the verge of the A22** if the owners of the property adjacent to the existing site paid for the refurbishment, erection and any planning application costs. If they did not accept that proposal the wooden bus shelter which had already been purchased should be erected on the original site without further delay.

106.09 County Councillor's Report. County Councillor Bennett reported on the East Sussex County Council **Waste & Mineral Core Strategy Consultation**. Following 2 meetings of affected Parish Councils and 2 public meetings he had managed to persuade East Sussex County Council to delay the deadline for replies to the Consultation to 15th January 2010. Cllr Bennett was thanked for obtaining the deferment. There had also been discussion in full Council of proposed changes to Secondary schools, none of which affected schools in Hailsham or Hellingly (including primary schools).

107.09 District Councillor's Report. District Cllr Blake was absent but had submitted a written report. In January 2010 coppicing and other work would be carried out in **Park Wood**. The proposal for change of use at **Danehill Nursery** was to be recommended for refusal. The proposal for a **gypsy/traveller site near Coggers Cross** was also likely to be recommended for refusal. The Section 106 agreement relating to the **Affordable houses in North Street** had been agreed.

- 108.09** **Financial matters.** The Council **approved** the payments for November.
- 109.09** **East Sussex County Council Waste & Mineral Core Strategy Consultation**
The Chairman presented a draft response which would be submitted shortly on behalf of the Council. It was **agreed** that the draft should be circulated and that Cllrs should submit proposed amendments to the Clerk by 12th December. Cllr Dashwood-Hall reported on recent developments. There had been 2 joint meetings for Councils directly affected by the proposals and a joint Committee was to be set up to co-ordinate the responses. A full public meeting was to be held on 9th January, probably in Hailsham. It was felt that the proposals should be opposed on the basis that land-raise and land-fill together with associated transport and other problems were not acceptable on any of the proposed sites. It would also be appropriate to draw attention to the inadequacies of the research which had been carried out. The Council also **agreed**:
- To permit the Chairman to expend a maximum of £250 in obtaining support and publicity
 - That a public meeting should be held in Hellingly on 19th December at 10am and
 - That an article should be written for the forthcoming edition of *Hellingly Highlights* detailing actions taken.
- 110.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 15th November.
- 111.09** **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that he had received details of 'Walk Wealden'. If the Council organised a walk there would need to be insurance cover, risk assessments and safeguarding policies. The Chairman undertook to enquire what exactly was required. The Clerk had received a request for financial support of £15 from Sussex Playing Fields Association. The Council **agreed** that they should be invited to apply for a grant as part of the normal grant applications procedure.
- 112.09** **Chairman's report.** The Chairman reported that details of the planned timescale for the **development at the former Hellingly Hospital** were still awaited before the Council confirmed in principle its decision to accept ownership of the parkland and Community facilities once the development was complete. The Clerk was asked to chase this up with the developers. The Chairman had been asked about the provision and maintenance of street lighting in and around the development. Wealden District Council Planning had advised that this item was covered under the planning approval conditions. He had been advised by Cllr Hughes that he wished to resign from the Planning and Environment Committee because of pressure of his work. Any Councillor wishing to join the Committee should advise the Clerk.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.10pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

10th December 2009