



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 13th January 2010

PCH1306/2010/001.10 to PCH1306/2010/009.10

Present: Councillors: David White, (Chairman), Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Frankie Lulham and Mrs E M M West.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Mrs Y Chatwin, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, 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 Council **noted** that Cllr Fran Woolston was absent because of the recent death of her mother and asked for a letter of condolence to be sent on their behalf].

001.10 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 9th December 2009** were **approved** and signed.

002.10 **Matters arising**

105.09 (082.09): The Clerk had ordered the **road signage to the cemetery**. The replacement **bus shelter on the verge of the A22** was shortly to be erected since the owners of the neighbouring property were unwilling to pay for the erection and refurbishment of the second-hand shelter offered by Agrifactors.

112.09 The Chairman had received a request to confirm the Council's acceptance of a draft transfer plan for the Public Open Spaces in the **development at the former Hellingly Hospital**. The Council **agreed** that, provided no Cllr disagreed with the proposals, the boundaries could be agreed but that the transfer of the land should not take place until the completion of the development as required by the s106 agreement.

003.10 **County Councillor's Report.** County Councillor Bennett had sent his apologies that the inclement, snowy weather and dangerous road conditions had prevented his attendance but he had nothing to report.

004.10 **District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake was absent but had submitted a written report. Planning applications for Leyhurst Granary extension and 9 New Road extension had been submitted to him recommending delegated approval. He had accepted the Leyhurst recommendation but had referred the 9 New Road application for Committee consideration

- 005.10 Financial matters.** The Council:
- **approved** the payments for December
 - **noted** the quarterly report
 - **noted** the Internal Auditor's report and
 - **approved** the Clerk's expenses claim for the quarter ended 31st December

006.10 East Sussex County Council Waste & Mineral Core Strategy Consultation
Cllr Barby Dashwood-Hall reported that the scheduled public meeting on 9 January had been postponed because of the unavailability of three of the speakers because of inclement weather and dangerous road conditions. The meeting had been rescheduled for 23rd January when most of the speakers were available. The deadline for responses had again been extended, to 25th January. Flyers had been produced and would be circulated with the current edition of *Hellingly Highlights*. The Chairman drew attention to other web sites providing evidence on the provision of landraise and land fill sites and noted that Chalvington had allegedly previously received a guarantee from the County Council that land raise would not be used. The Council **agreed** to the use of car stickers, posters and large posters on relevant roadside properties. It was also **agreed** to lobby County Councillors and to join the CPRE at a cost of £29 per annum.

007.10 The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 21st December. It was **agreed** to authorise windows to be inserted in the two North St **bus shelters** at a cost of £90+VAT and that the remaining bus shelter should be considered for similar adaptation. It was **agreed** to ask for the **gullies at the junction of Mill Lane and Station Road** to be reconstructed to avoid the regular blockages.

008.10 Clerk's report. The Clerk reported that he had received the consultation on Wealden's Corporate Plan offering an 'extended' deadline of 18th January. Complaints from various Parish Council clerks concerning inadequate notice had encouraged Wealden to look again at its procedure for future years. Any Councillor wishing to comment on the proposals should contact the Clerk urgently. The Clerk had received several thank you letters from grant recipients. He reported that his computer printer was likely to need replacement in the near future. The Council **agreed** to expenditure up to £350. It was agreed that the groundsman should be asked to deliver Brian Payne's newsletters in view of the current urgency and relevance to the landraise issue in return for a gratuity of £15. If he was unable to undertake the work Cllrs Dashwood-Hall and West would deliver the newsletters. The Clerk reported that he had been unable to find a suitable slide for the Lower Horsebridge recreation ground within the budget of £2500. It was suggested that grant-aiding should be sought.

009.10 Chairman's report. The Chairman reported that the details of the proposals for the **expansion of the Hellingly mental hospital** were included in the current newsletter and that Wealden was proposing the consideration and transmission of **planning applications electronically**. The Council **agreed** that preliminary costings of such a change should be sought including the cost of a projector and receiving broadband at the Village Hall.

[The Meeting was closed at 8.40pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

14th January 2010