



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 10th February 2010

PCH1306/2010/010.10 to PCH1306/2010/020.10

Present: Councillors: David White, (Chairman), Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Rev. Ronald Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Frankie Lulham, Mrs E M M West and Ms. Frances Woolston.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Barby Dashwood-Hall and Brian Payne,

In attendance: Philip Moon, Clerk, County Cllr Nick Bennett and District Cllr John Blake.

[The Council **noted** that Cllr Barby Dashwood-Hall was absent through illness and asked for best wishes for a swift recovery to be conveyed to her].

[The meeting was adjourned for input from the public. Mr Rodney Smith drew attention to the lack of a village identity for Lower Dicker, particularly the lack of Village ‘gateways’. The meeting was resumed].

010.10 The Council **agreed** to investigate with Wealden District Council the possibility of **Village gateways for Lower Dicker**. If funding was required external funding agencies such as Wealden and Rother Regeneration partnership should be investigated.

011.10 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13th January 2010** were **approved** and signed.

012.10 **Matters arising**
002.10 (105.09) (082.09): County Highways had ordered the **road signage to the cemetery**. Because of national regulations the wording would be black lettering on a white background. The replacement **bus shelter on the verge of the A22** had been erected slightly out of the original footprint. County Highways had been asked whether the current position was acceptable.

013.10 **County Councillor’s Report.** County Councillor Bennett reported that petitions concerning the **landraise proposals** had been received. The County Council’s **budgetary proposals** would leave a £61.5m shortfall although core services would be maintained. County Cllr Bennett also drew attention to proposals to expand **Lansdowne Secure Children’s Centre**.

014.10 **District Councillor’s Report.** District Cllr Blake reported that the planning application for **9 New Road** had been agreed on a vote 6-5. It was likely that a proposed bus shelter associated

with the **North Street development** would be included in the s106 agreement. Cllr Blake summarised the planning developments at **2&3 Orchard Grange** which would be considered at the Planning and Environment Committee's forthcoming meeting.

- 015.10** **Financial matters.** The Council **approved** the payments for January.
- 016.10** **East Sussex County Council Waste & Mineral Core Strategy Consultation**
The Chairman reported that the public meeting had been well-attended, formal consultation was now under way and drew attention to car stickers which could be used by Councillors and residents to maintain the profile of the campaign.
- 017.10** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 18th January. The windows to be inserted in the two North St **bus shelters** at a cost of £90+VAT had been ordered. The **gullies at the junction of Mill Lane and Station Road** were still flooding. The Council **agreed** that the Flood Forum should also be informed.
- 018.10** **Wealden District Association of Local Councils meeting.** Cllr Booth reported that the meeting had expressed disappointment with the treatment of roads during the recent snowfalls. It was considered that Electronic Planning was a *fait accompli* and that Parishes would need to purchase additional equipment to allow a large picture of planning applications to be projected. Everyone present had been opposed to the landraise strategy. All Quality Councils would shortly receive £700 from SALC.
- 019.10** **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that the Wealden/Parish conferences had been combined resulting in the forthcoming planning conference being cancelled.
- 020.10** **Chairman's report.** The Chairman reported that the details of the proposals for the **expansion of the Hellingly mental hospital** had resulted in objections from Persimmon Homes. The Housing Needs survey had been published including a recommendation for 9 houses in Hellingly, probably as social rented housing. Wealden District Council had agreed an increase of 2.74% including savings by moving to a single site and voluntary redundancies. The Council **agreed** that the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May should feature an update of the former Hellingly hospital site including input from Persimmon Homes and the NHS Trust.

[The Meeting was closed at 8.55pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

12th February 2010