



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

## **PCH1306/2010/036.10 to PCH1306/2010/047.10**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs A P N Blake, Rev. Ronald Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Frankie Lulham, Brian Payne, Mrs E M M West, David White and Ms. Frances Woolston.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth and District Cllr John Blake.

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

[One member of the public was present]

### **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

**036.10** Cllr White was elected Chairman *nem con* for the current year. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was congratulated for his 20 years of service as Chairman of the Council. Cllr Gill Hesselgrave was elected Vice-Chairman *nem con*.

[The meeting was adjourned to allow a member of the public to address the Council. Mr John Proctor produced photographic evidence that certain allotment plots were uncultivated. The Clerk agreed to take up the matter with the allotment supervisor. The meeting resumed].

**037.10** The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010** were **approved** and signed.

### **038.10 Matters arising**

**029.10:** The Chairman had raised the movement of **construction traffic to and from the Roebuck Park site** and the lack of progress on **traffic calming measures** at the meeting with the representative of Persimmon Homes. More permanent signs had now been erected but the Chairman believed permanent signs were justified given the likely long-term nature of the construction programme. Persimmon Homes were attempting to obtain County Highways' approval for the traffic calming. County Cllr Bennett was asked to ascertain the current status of the traffic calming proposals.

**034.10:** The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and officials had met the Persimmon Homes representative informally and discussed the draft **plans for the Community Hall and Sports Pavilion**. It had been agreed that the design for the Hall should be extended in length by approximately one metre in order to allow for additional storage. It was also agreed that Council members who so wished would be allowed to visit the site by appointment.

**035.10:** The large posters advertising the Annual Parish Meeting had been purchased at a cost of £120 and would be erected shortly

**039.10** **County Councillor's Report.** County Councillor Bennett had nothing to report. He was asked to enquire about the poor state of the road surface of the A267 in the Parish

- 040.10** **District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake had given apologies for absence. The Chairman reported, as a District Councillor, that there had been conditional acceptance of the planning application for commercial vehicle sales at the former Willow Cafe
- 041.10** **Financial matters.** The Council
- **Approved** the annual risk Assessment. It was **agreed** that the Council's employee policies should be examined in due course by the Finance Committee. The purchase of The Employers' Handbook from SALC at a cost of approximately £150 was authorised if the Clerk considered it worthwhile.
  - **Approved** the payments for April.
  - **Approved** the Annual Return and final accounts for 2009-10. The Chairman signed the Annual Return as required.
  - **Noted** the Internal Auditor's report.
- 042.10** **Draft Annual report of the Council 2009/10.**  
The Council **agreed** the draft Annual Report which would be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting and in due course circulated to all parishioners.
- 043.10** The Council appointed the **Council's Committees and Council representatives on outside bodies.** **Chairmen of the Committees** were elected by Committee members present. (Full details are in the Annex to these Minutes).
- [Cllr Gill Hesselgrave declared a personal interest in the following item]
- 044.10** The Council considered and **agreed in principle** the proposed design of the Community facilities at Roebuck Park. The detailed design would feature in a forthcoming Planning application. The internal décor and finishes should be discussed with the Persimmon Homes representative.
- 045.10** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 19<sup>th</sup> April. Cllrs Gill Hesselgrave and Woolston reported on the state of the damaged bridge in Mill Lane. It was understood that the damage was under observation by County Highways and that it was believed that the damage to the parapets was repairable. Weight restrictions should be considered for Mill Lane.
- 046.10** **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that a grant of £766 had been received from SALC in recognition of **Quality Council status**. The Council had been asked to spend the money 'to further the Council's links with the Community in the spirit of the Quality Council scheme' and to report on the nature of the expenditure. The Council **agreed** to investigate the upgrading of the website design. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Gill Hesselgrave should attend the meeting of the **Parish Planning Forum** on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The Council agreed to delegate to Cllr Brian Hesselgrave and the Clerk power to spend up to £3000 on the purchase of a new **ride-on mower** provided the Financial regulations were observed. The Council **agreed** that the Village Hall Committee would make enquiries into the purchase of a **replacement piano** for the Hall. The Clerk was asked to confirm that such a purchase was lawful. A quotation of £7200 for **village signs for Lower Dicker** had been received. The Council agreed to consider the expenditure if a significant number of parishioners agreed.
- 047.10** **Chairman's report.** The Council discussed arrangements for the **Annual Parish Meeting**. The group of Parish Councils which opposed **landraise** had recently met and would need a replacement Chairman and Secretary because of the increasing workload. The Chairman drew attention to the fact that he had obtained signs and car stickers opposing the plans for landraise. Those who had made the arrangements for the pre-meeting **celebrations for the Chairman's 20 years** in office were thanked.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.30pm].

**Philip Moon**  
**Clerk to the Council**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HELLINGLY**  
Committees, Chairmen and Parish representatives 2010/11

CHAIRMAN; Mr D G White  
VICE CHAIRMAN; Mrs G F D Hesselgrave

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are members of all committees

**COMMITTEES**

**Planning and Environment.**

Chairman: Mrs G F D Hesselgrave.

Councillors: A P N Blake, A Booth, S M Davis, W B Hesselgrave, Brian Payne, Frances Woolston.

**Village Hall.**

Chairman: Mrs. E M M West.

Councillors: A P N Blake, A Booth, Mrs Y Chatwin, Rev R Chatwin, H Hughes, Frankie Lulham.  
[TBA] (representing Users) by invitation.

**Cemetery and Allotments.**

Chairman: Frances Woolston.

Councillors: Mrs. A P N Blake, Rev R Chatwin, W B Hesselgrave, Frankie Lulham.  
Mrs W Gabbitas (Allotment Supervisor) by invitation.

**Recreation Grounds**

Chairman: Mr. S M Davis.

Councillors: W B Hesselgrave, Frankie Lulham, Brian Payne, Mrs E M M West.  
Mr Paul Vidler, representing Hellingly Sports Club, by invitation.

**Finance (inc Cemetery Lodge)**

Chairman: Mr D G White.

Councillors: A Booth, Rev Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Mr H Hughes, Brian Payne, Frances Woolston.

**Grounds maintenance.**

Chairman: W.B. Hesselgrave.

Councillors: P Blake, S M Davis, Brian Payne, Frances Woolston.

**Footpaths Group (informal committee).**

Mrs Chatwin to lead the footpaths group and take issues to the Parish Council via the Planning Committee as required.

**PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Parish Tree Warden.** Ann Hillman

**Emergency Planning Group.** Keith Byatt to be the point of contact.

**Hellingly Hospital Liaison Committee.** Cllrs Bryan and Mrs. G. F. D. Hesselgrave.

**Wealden District Association of Local Councils:** Cllr. Booth.

*13<sup>th</sup> May 2010*