



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 12th October 2011

PCH1306/2011/078.11 to PCH1306/2011/090.11

Present: Councillors: David White (in the Chair), Alan Booth, Mrs A P N Blake, Rev. Ronald Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Morris, Bryan Hesselgrave, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Frankie Lulham, Brian Payne, Mrs E M M West and Ms. Frances Woolston.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs, Mrs Y Chatwin, Steve Davis, Halma Hughes and County Cllr Nick Bennett.

In attendance: District Cllr John Blake, Philip Moon, Clerk and Tracy Harper, Assistant to the Clerk.

[2 members of the public were present.]

[Cllrs Gill and Bryan Hesselgrave, Pat Blake and Liz West declared a personal interest in matters relating to Roebuck Park as Committee members of the Hellingly Community Park Trust].

078.11 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th September** were amended by substituting 'October' for 'September' in Minute 070.11, and, as so amended, were **approved** and signed.

079.11 **Matters arising**

053.11: Roebuck Park. The Clerk had tried again to obtain the requested information from **Persimmon** but had not received any substantive reply from Carl Sharman. It was understood that he was leaving the company shortly and that there was to be a meeting with the developer later in the month. The missing **construction vehicle sign** had been replaced.

062.11: Carl Sharman had promised to check the records to ascertain the likely culprit of the damage to the **Mill Lane bridge** but had not responded.

069.11: County Councillor's Report. County Cllr Bennett has been asked to enquire about the ownership of, and responsibilities for, the **land near the revised New Road/Park Road junction** which was now unused following the re-routing of the road and a helpful reply from County had been received and circulated. The Council **noted** that a change of ownership of the land might be possible.

072.11. The Clerk had written to Hailsham Town Council for clarification on the current proposals to set up a local **Bus Partnership**. The Council had been invited to become a partner and a partnership agreement had been received. The Chairman agreed to check the contents and inform the Council of any points of concern.

077.11 Cllr G Hesselgrave was unable to attend the **Parish Conference** but Alan Booth did attend. The Clerk had agreed with Wealden DC that the Council should pay only for the one space taken up.

080.11 **County Councillor's Report.** County Councillor Bennett had sent apologies for absence but had reported that the prospect of immediate recourse to **land raise** had been removed

from the proposals to be presented to East Sussex County Council shortly. The Council **noted** that the consultation on the proposals was intended to be only 6 weeks and **agreed** that this period was too short and requested the County Councillor to seek an extension to at least 8 weeks. The Council **agreed** to chase the revised proposals for traffic calming in Hellingly.

- 081.11** **District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake reported on the Exploratory Meeting in connection with the **Core Strategy**. The Inspector would shortly indicate whether the consideration of the Core Strategy would be allowed to proceed. A further application to vary the conditions appertaining to the **Blackstock Farm** planning application had been submitted. The transfer of a **Wealden DC** to a single site was on schedule and within budget but there were no funds available for any overspend. District Cllr Blake had been a member of the interview panel for the **new Clerk for Hailsham TC** which had appointed an official currently working for East Sussex County Council
- 082.11** The Council
- **approved** the payments for September
 - **noted** the quarterly accounts to 30th September and
 - **approved** the Clerk's expenses claim
- 083.11** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 19th September. The Council **noted** that many matters were still awaiting a response from the **Roebuck Park developer** including the status and responsibilities of the Management Company and **agreed** that the Clerk should continue to press for a response. A reply from Wealden DC was still awaited concerning the proposed **handrail adjoining the church yard**.
- 084.11** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee** of 26th September and **agreed** to pay the full cost of the materials used in the reconstruction of the path at the Lower Horsebridge recreation Ground by the Rugby Club (£1127.17). The entry Gate was broken and Cllr Davis was asked to inspect and also report on proposed Health and Safety improvements within the playground.
- 085.11** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Allotments Committee** of 3rd October and **agreed** that Cllr Bryan Hesselgrave should take the chair of the Committee following the departure of Cllr Woolston.
- 086.11** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Cemetery Committee** of 3rd October and **agreed** that Cllr Bryan Hesselgrave should take the chair of the Committee following the departure of Cllr Woolston.
- 087.11** **Digital TV switchover in 2012**
The Council **agreed** to insert a flyer in the next *Hellingly Highlights* and to consider inviting AiRS to run an information session in early 2012.
- 088.11** **Celebration of Queen's Diamond Jubilee**
The Council **agreed** to set up a working party composed of Cllrs Ronald Chatwin, Liz West, Frankie Lulham and Alan Booth with an initial budget of £500, and with administrative assistance from the Assistant to the Clerk, to propose how the Council might promote celebrations. The working party was tasked with reporting its suggestions at or before the Council's December meeting.

- 089.11** Clerk's report. The Clerk reported that he had received notice of the Boundary Commission's proposed parliamentary boundary changes and associated consultation. The Council **agreed** that Cllrs Dashwood-Morris and White would draft a response for the Council. The Council **noted** that the **vacancy on the Council** was likely to be filled by co-option.
- 090.11** Chairman's report. The Council **noted** that Cllr Alan Booth had attended the **Parish Conference** on 28th September which had been useful but the catering had not been acceptable and some speakers had not been of a sufficient quality. The Council **agreed** that a poppy wreath should again be purchased for Remembrance Sunday with a donation to the British Legion of £75. The Chairman reported that 7 of 8 Councils involved had voted for the status quo for their **closed churchyards**. The Chairman thanked **Cllr Woolston**, who would shortly move away from the area, for her work and contribution to the Council's deliberations. A vote of thanks was **agreed** *nem con*.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.20pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

13th October 2011