



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 14th December 2011

PCH1306/2011/103.11 to PCH1306/2011/113.11

Present: Councillors: David White (Chairman), Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Rev. Ronald Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Morris, Bryan Hesselgrave, Frankie Lulham, Brian Payne, Ursula Sheppard and Mrs E M M West.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Steve Davis, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave and Halma Hughes

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

[3 members of the public were present].

[The Council **noted** that Cllr Mrs Hesselgrave was absent because of a family bereavement, thanked Mrs Hesselgrave for her assistance in preparing the Christmas refreshments and **agreed** that a condolence card should be sent].

103.11 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 9th November** were **approved** and signed.

104.11 **Matters arising**

092.11: The Clerk had signed the **Bus Partnership agreement** and a meeting would shortly be convened. The Council **agreed** that there was a need for Hellingly to have a decisive say on matters affecting Roebuck Park and other routes through the Parish. The revised proposals for **traffic calming** in Hellingly had been sent to the County Officer. The Clerk would circulate them to the Council once he received them.

98.11: The Council **agreed** to expenditure not exceeding £4500 plus VAT for external redecoration and repair of the Village Hall.

101.11: The **replacement lap top** for the Assistant to the Clerk has been delivered and was awaiting installation of software which would add a further £180 to the overall cost.

105.11 **Co-option of a Councillor.**

The Council considered the application from Mrs Penny Strudwick and **agreed** to co-opt Mrs Strudwick to the Council. Mrs Strudwick signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

106.11 **County Councillor's Report.** County Cllr Bennett reported that the Council Tax freeze would impose great pressure on the **County finances**. A consultation on the provision of **Social Care for Children** was being undertaken. The consultation on the **Waste and Mineral strategy** had closed. Matters affecting the **South Downs National Park** were potentially relevant to the Parish and residents. The revised **traffic calming arrangements** had been forwarded to the Clerk

- 107.11 District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake reported that Wealden had written to the Roebuck Park developers requiring payment of monies totalling £2,499,000 under the **s106 agreement** as follows;
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| Play spaces and parkland | £1,188,000 |
| Education | £745,000 |
| Highways | £415,000 |
| Bus services | £151,000 |
- District Cllr Blake also drew attention to the provisions of the Localism Bill and the need for a **Neighbourhood Plan** to be agreed in order provide the necessary influence on future planning decisions
- 108.11 Financial matters.** The Council
- **Approved** the payments for November and
 - **Noted** the Internal Auditor's report.
- 109.11** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 21st November
- 110.11 Improvement in rural Broadband speeds.** Cllr Barby Dashwood Morris reported on recent meetings she had attended on behalf of the Council. Some money, aimed at increasing broadband speed in rural areas, was being made available by the Government and County Council but it was necessary to apply. In order to ascertain the likely demand the Council **agreed**
- To invite local companies, via a press release, to state their interests
 - That Cllr Dashwood-Morris would create a survey form which could be distributed to residents, if possible with the next edition of *Hellingly Highlights*
- 111.01 Digital TV switchover.** The Assistant to the Clerk reported that AiRS would provide and pay for a briefing for parishioners. The main switchover for the area was 30th May 2012 so a date should be set in February or March. The Assistant to the Clerk was asked to arrange a date and venue in time to be publicised in the next edition of *Hellingly Highlights*.
- 112.11 Clerk's report.** Many of the grant recipients had sent letters of thanks. The County Highway Lighting Supervisor had informed the Clerk that repairs were needed to the street light outside 13 New Road. The estimated cost was £642.97 and the Council considered that this was very expensive. It was **agreed** that Cllr Yvonne Chatwin would approach residents near the street light to establish the need for streetlighting.
- 113.11 Chairman's report.** The Chairman reported that the examination of the Core strategy would begin early in 2012. Hellingly Parish Council was scheduled to appear on 26th January at 10am. The Council **agreed** that it should be represented by the Chairman and District Councillor John Blake.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.15pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

15th December 2011

