



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 11th January 2012

PCH1306/2012/001.12 to PCH1306/2012/011.12

Present: Councillors: David White (Chairman), Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Rev. Ronald Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Morris, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Ursula Sheppard, Penny Strudwick and Mrs E M M West.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Mrs Y Chatwin, Frankie Lulham, Brian Payne, and County Cllr Nick Bennett,

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

[8 members of the public were present].

[Fran Montgomery-Cotton and Louise Order-Sewell of the Wealden Bus Users Group introduced themselves, explained their role and expressed a wish to work closely with the Council to provide acceptable bus services for the Parish].

001.12 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th December 2011** were **approved** and signed.

002.12 **Matters arising**

110.11: Improvement in rural Broadband speeds. The survey form had been incorporated into the current edition of *Hellingly Highlights*

112.11: Cllrs Ronald and Yvonne Chatwin had approached residents about the **street lights near 13 New Road**. Opinions had varied, but on balance residents would prefer to retain the street lights. The Council **agreed** to seek an alternative estimate for the repair of the broken light.

003.12 **County Councillor's Report.** County Cllr Bennett had offered apologies for absence

004.12 **District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake reported that there had been a meeting of the **Joint Waste Committee**, composed of 4 local Councils who intended to work together in order to save money. A waste contract would be let with combined working starting in April providing potential savings of £310,000 for Wealden. The Chairman had attended a meeting of the Internal Audit and Scrutiny Committee which had decided not to change the financial arrangements for **closed churchyards**. The Chairman had expressed his opposition to the proposal to use the **New Homes Bonus** for Wealden projects not necessarily in the parishes where homes were to be built.

005.12 **Financial matters.** The Council

- **Approved** the payments for December [Cllr Davis declared a personal interest].
- **Noted** the quarterly accounts ending 31st December and
- **Approved** the Clerk's petty cash claim for the quarter ending 31st December.

- 006.12 The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** of 19th December 2011.
- 007.12 **Roebuck Park.**
[Cllrs Blake, Gill and Bryan Hesselgrave, Sheppard and West declared personal interests].
The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with Wealden District and County Councils concerning **bus service provision**. County had issued tenders for a service to Roebuck Park but had not consulted or informed the Parish Council. There was a danger that a service introduced without being fully compliant with the s106 agreement would result in the developer seeking repayment of the amount already paid. County had agreed, before a contract was signed, to provide the tender documents and further information on the actual benefit to Hellingly Parish of the proposed extension to existing Stagecoach services. The Council considered and **agreed** the traffic calming proposals. The Council **noted** that a site meeting had taken place at the damaged bridge in Mill Lane. Rebuilding would be undertaken in due course.
- 008.12 **Digital TV switchover.** The Assistant to the Clerk reported that a briefing meeting for parishioners had been arranged for 18th February which would be provided by AiRS. Details were in the current edition of *Hellingly Highlights*.
- 009.12 **Annual Parish Meeting.** The Council **agreed** the themes of the meeting should be rural Broadband Services, the effects of the Localism Act and preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 010.12 **Clerk's report.** The Clerk would shortly be attending a meeting with County officials concerning **development related transport issues**. He had been asked by Laughton Parish Council whether the Council would agree to work jointly with other parishes in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Council **agreed**. The Council **endorsed** the expenditure by the Village Hall Committee of £568.70 exc VAT on new chairs and a storage trolley.
- 011.12 **Chairman's report.** The Chairman reported that there was another licensing application by **Blackstock Farm**, requiring immediate response. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman should write expressing the Council's concerns about noise and disturbance to nearby properties.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.20pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk to the Council

12th January 2012