



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 March 2009

PCH1306/2009/021.09 to PCH1306/2009/029.09

Present: Councillors: David White, (Chairman), Mrs A P N Blake, Alan Booth, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Mrs G F D Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Brian Payne, Mrs E M M West and Ms. Frances Woolston.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Rev R Chatwin and Mrs Y Chatwin

In attendance:, Philip Moon, Clerk and District Councillor John Blake.

[Three members of the public were present].

[The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to address the Council. Mr Proctor, on behalf of the Allotment Society, asked for a key to be supplied for the chain securing the recycling bins, for a resolution of the composting area and the location of the concreting of the entry area. The Clerk was aware of these matters and was working towards a resolution. Mr and Mrs Paul raised the matter of the replacement of the bus shelter at Lower Dicker. They claimed that they had not been consulted about the replacement, that their hedge had been damaged by the Council's employee, that the bus shelter was located on their property and was unused. The Chairman advised them to take legal advice since the bus shelter had been located in that position in excess of the 12 years required for the legal right of ownership under adverse possession to be established].

021.09 The **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th February** were amended by inserting in Minute 015.09 after 'interest' the words 'with her responsibilities as Chairman of the Wealden District Council Development Control South Sub-Committee'. The minutes as so amended were **approved** and signed.

022.09 **Matters arising**

006.09: Hailsham/Hellingly Master Plan: The Clerk had paid the balance of the amount agreed as Hellingly's contribution.

016.09: Street lighting maintenance: East Sussex County Council had been appointed.

018.09: Cllr Booth reported that **WDALC** had not proceeded with the proposed additional forum.

019.09: No volunteers had come forward to attend the **Parish Planning Conference** on 30th March. Cllrs Booth and Woolston provisionally applied. Following the representations by parishioners, the legality of replacing the **bus shelter for Lower Dicker** would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was noted that, under Standing Orders, the decision to replace the bus shelter could not be revisited for 6 months and it was therefore only the legality of the action which was to be discussed. The bus shelter was ready for erection and would therefore need to be paid for.

- 023.09 County Councillor's Report.** Cllr Garvican was not present and no written report had been submitted.
- 024.09 District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake reported that he had asked questions concerning the continuing **forestry work on the Cuckoo Walk** and had obtained the report on which the work was purported to be based. It seemed that the work currently being undertaken and the previous work in Hellingly Parish did not conform with the recommendations of the report, which had not been sent to Councillors. He would ask further questions on the subject. It was noted that there was to be a meeting with other Parish Councils to discuss a possible joint representation. District Cllr Blake also reported that the historic **Kings Head public house** was being advertised for sale with 'potential for residential conversion'. The Council **agreed** to write to Wealden District Council expressing concern and asking for the property to be spot listed.
- 025.09 Financial matters.** The Council **approved** the payments for February.
- 026.09** The Council **noted** the draft **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 23rd February.** including the dangerous situation of the former **Golden Martlett** pub and that Cllr Hughes had drawn attention, at the previous Council meeting, to the danger of the **Hellingly hospital site** since the security guards had been withdrawn. The Council also **noted** that these matters were being dealt with by the Planning and Environment Committee.
- 027.09 Allotments: concreting entrance area.**
The Clerk reported that he was attempting to resolve the impasse concerning the proposed composting area being delayed by a plot-holder having been allocated a plot in that area. The owner of the land had raised no objection to the concreting of the entrance area for health and safety reasons and Wealden Planning did not consider planning permission would be required. A site meeting including the Chairman of the Allotments Committee, representatives of the Allotments Society, the allotments supervisor, the Contractor and the Clerk would determine the final location of the concrete path and establish which plots were not being cultivated to acceptable standards. The Council **noted** that contributions from members of the public at the meeting had been rather lengthy of late and **agreed** to limit the adjournment for public input to 10 minutes.
- 028.09 Clerk's report.** The Clerk had received copies of **East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership Newsletter.** He expressed the gratitude of himself and his wife for the understanding of the Council during his wife's **recent hospital operation** and for the beautiful flowers sent on behalf of the Council. He reported that she was making a good recovery and the prognosis was so far positive. The Council expressed its wishes for a swift and complete recovery.
- 029.09 Chairman's report.** The Chairman reported that Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council had both set Council tax increases at 3.5%. He reminded the Council that Hellingly's increase was virtually zero.

[The Meeting was closed at 8.45pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk

12th March 2009