



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 January 2009

PCH1306/2009/001.09 to PCH1306/2009/009.09

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Rev R Chatwin, Mrs Y Chatwin, Brian Payne, Mrs E M M West and District Councillor John Blake.

In attendance:, Philip Moon, Clerk, Tracy Harper, Assistant to the Clerk and County Councillor John Garvican.

[No member of the public was present].

001.09 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on **10th December 2008** were **approved** and signed with the correction of one typographical error.

002.09 Matters arising

100.08: The Design Guide had been forwarded to the Chairman of the Planning Committee. A Wealden District Council officer had been invited to attend the February meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to discuss the **General Development Order** but was proposing a combined meeting with several other Councils. So far no date had been set. **Lower Horsebridge Recreation Ground:** The Chairmen of the Recreation Grounds and Grounds Maintenance Committees and the Clerk had further examined the requirements for the fence. A further estimate was being obtained and the Clerk was researching funding opportunities. The Council **agreed** to expenditure of the additional amount for the fence (a maximum of £8000) in principle and that the two Chairmen should progress the matter, with the Clerk submitting the grant application. There was a marginal preference for a wooden fence. The Committee **noted** that The Bowls Club were seeking to extend their clubhouse and that the Fire Authority required the fence alongside the drive to be moved about half a metre into the play area to provide a wider access. In view of the proposal to replace the fence the Council **agreed** to this proposal. The Club had also been asked to widen the gateway to 3.1metres and was willing to pay for the work and materials. This was also **agreed**.

There had still been no reply to the application for help from the **payback project**.

105.08: Hellingly hospital development: revised s106 proposals for the Community facilities. The Council's agreement to the proposals for the Community facilities had been submitted to Wealden Planning.

108.08: The Clerk had submitted the Council's response to Wealden District Council's request for views on the **effect of the 'credit crunch'** on parishioners.

003.09 **County Councillor's Report.** Cllr Garvican informed the Council of forthcoming ESCC meetings. The Council requested that Cllr Garvican should pursue the request for a lower **speed limit between the Boship roundabout and the existing limit in Lower Horsebridge.** Cllr Garvican expressed his thanks for including the Kabbubu project in the *Hellingly Highlights* and also informed the Council that he had not been re-selected to stand in the **forthcoming County Council elections.**

004.09 **District Councillor's Report.** District Cllr Blake had offered his apologies for absence. There had been no Planning Applications affecting Hellingly at the recent meeting of the Development Control South Sub-Committee.

005.09 **Financial matters.** The Council

- **approved** the payments for December
- **Noted** the quarterly accounts and expressed concern at the high water charges at the Recreation Ground which the Clerk would follow up.
- **Approved** the Clerk's petty cash claim but **agreed** that all mileage on official business should be claimed, even when the journeys were very long and also that the Assistant to the Clerk should be encouraged to claim mileage for any use of her car on official business.

006.09 **Hailsham/Hellingly Master Plan.** The Council considered and **noted** the draft report. The plan was referred to the Planning Committee for detailed comment.

007.09 **Music festival at Broad Farm.**

[Cllrs Pat Blake, Alan Booth, Barby Dashwood-Hall and Frances Woolston declared personal interests].

The Council considered a report submitted by Cllrs Pat Blake and Frances Woolston on the licence application for a music festival in a field adjoining the Village Hall. The Council **agreed**

- **To note** that the times of operation had been reduced and that the application was only approved for one year
- to ask Wealden Licensing for the Council to be invited to comment on the Management Plan when received
- that the Village Hall forecourt should not be used for parking or access in connection with the event
- That the Council should seek to have the procedure for licence approvals to be placed on a future Wealden District/Parish conference.
- To ask Wealden Licensing to inform the Clerk of future licence applications.

008.09 **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that the ceremony to present the **Quality Council award** would take place on Thursday 22nd January at the King's Head at 7pm. The cost would be in the region of £200 and the Council **agreed** that the cost should be taken from the Chairman's allowance. Hailsham TC had purchased the **Cemetery software** and the Clerk would shortly receive 2 days training. There was to be a follow-up meeting on the **Eastbourne-Hailsham triangle** blueprint on 27th January to which the Council had been invited to send a representative. The Council **agreed** to be represented by the Chairman with others attending if they so wished. The Council noted that **concreting of the entrance to the Allotments** to allow better storage of the compost bins would cost in the region of

£1500. The Clerk had received a consultation paper on the code of recommended practice on local authority publicity. Responses were due by 12th March. He had also received a consultation on road safety, responses to which were required by 27th February. Any Councillor wishing to draft a response was asked to contact the Clerk.

009.09

Chairman's report. The Chairman reported that there had been a series of meetings in connection with the core strategy for the **Local Development Framework** which it was hoped would lead to Wealden Council approval in the autumn followed by a further public consultation. The Chairman invited suggestions, to be considered at the next meeting, for topics/speakers for the **Annual Parish Meeting**. Initial suggestions included a session by AiRS on funding for rural housing and a talk on the history of Hellingly. The Chairman reported on proposals to rebuild a further section of the **Churchyard wall**.

[The Meeting was closed at 9.25pm].

Philip Moon
Clerk

15th January 2009

Next meeting of the Council: Wednesday 11th February 2009