



THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HELLINGLY

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Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Wednesday 14th June 2023
At 7.30 pm at Hellingly Community Hub

PCH 017.06.23 to PCH 026.06.23

Present: Councillors: D White (in the Chair), G Hesselgrave, W Hesselgrave, F Lulham, S Davis, C Jackets, D Miles, J Seale V Lee, P Young, J Castle, S Gander, D Lewin and County Councillor N Bennett.

Apologies for absence: Cllr P Milne and V Tourle

Official Clerk/Officer: Jenny Hoodless (Clerk) and Sue Peacock (Staff in training)

Members of the Public: None

Declarations of Interest: None

PCH 017.06.23 The **Minutes of the Parish Council** Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 were approved (by Council) and signed (by Chair, Cllr D White).

PCH 018.06.23 **Matters arising:**
PCH 088.02.23 PA Sound System – Manny Singh (Wealden DC) confirmed that they will pay in full for the conference package, terms to be discussed for an agreement to be drawn up between HPC and WDC.
PCH 096.03.23 Fire Exit Door sensors – now installed.
PCH 096.03.23 Washer/Dryer now installed.
PCH 088.02.23 Directional sign for the Hub, has now been installed on our land . at the new junction. County Councillor N Bennett has obtained confirmation that Highways would cover the cost of a highways directional sign to be installed at the new junction of Park Road, directing people to Hellingly, Heathfield and Horam. The Clerk to liaise with Highways as to the requirements. Thank you to County Cllr N Bennett for his assistance in this matter.
PCH 104.04.23 Field Close – The hedge cutting that had been done was insufficient and will to be redone in the Autumn.
PCH 104.04.23 Potholes – County Cllr N Bennett reported that the new contractors, Balfour Beatty were getting through the repairs.
PCH 010.05.23g The Asset Register had now been updated and all councillors **noted** the updated version.

PCH 019.06.23 **County Cllrs Report**
County Cllr N Bennett had circulated earlier in the week, two reports, one on special needs education & adult social care, to say the demand has increased tremendously and that finance had been secured for the next two years; and the second report was regarding the new 'dial up' bus service for the county. This is a completely new service where residents can call for a bus to pick up from a specific bus stop at anytime with a low cost of £2, fixed until October.

PCH 020.06.23

District Councillor's Report

Cllr D White reported that the first meeting of the new council had taken place when it had been decided on how the council would be operating. There was to be an alliance between the Lib Dems and the Greens with James Partridge from the Lib Dems appointed the new leader of the Council with Rachel Millwood from the Greens as Deputy Leader.

At the recent meeting, two motions were passed, the first one was asking County Council to explain the details and schedule of potholes repairs through the district. The second, was to relook at the possible closure of Uckfield Leisure Centre as this is greatly used by many and would be detrimental to the area if the closure went ahead, options are to be explored.

At the recent PCS meeting no Hellingly items were on the agenda. Cllr D White reported he would now only be a substitute member on planning but would remain on Audit & Finance but now as Deputy Chair

Cllr D White had requested an extra-ordinary meeting with South East Water, asking for an explanation of the repeated failures with the water supply across the District given that there were currently several schools within the district having to close and businesses struggling to survive due to a lack of water. South East Water had so far reported that this was mainly due to the increase in demand in the heat and with all the new developments.

PCH 021.06.23

Council **approved** the following Financial Matters:

- a. The bank reconciliation for 01 – 31st May 2023
- b. The lists of payments (**£39,428.86**) and receipts (**£31,895.38**)

Payments

£13,562.28	total salaries
£1,435	Hire deposits returned
£24,431.58	General

Of which the following are over £1,000:

£7,204.31	Hub Annual Rates
£6,106.51	Annual insurance

Receipts

Hub Income	£5,155
Hub Deposits	£1,100
HTC Contribution	£18,981.25
Burial Receipts	£2,512.66
Other receipts	£4,146.47

- c. Note the balance sheet as at 30.04.23

Cllr C Jackets proposed and Cllr D Lewin seconded, all councillors in favour of approval for the above financial matters.

PCH 022.06.23

Residents Guide to Hellingly – Councillors discussed and agreed that a guide, initially to all residents and then to new ones only, to be produced. Assistant Clerk Susie Mullins would research further information and report back at the next council meeting. Cllr F Lulham suggested contacting Ryan Norris for a quote.

PCH 023.06.23

Council noted the **draft minutes of the Parish Halls Committee** meeting which took place on Wednesday 7th June. Council advised the Clerk that an electrical and a gas inspection would need to be arranged and paid for by HPC, for the new letting of the Village Hall. Cllr P Young requested the Clerks research possible 'pop up' refreshment vehicles to attending Roebuck Park and other suitable areas within the Parish.

PCH 024.06.23

Council noted the **draft minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee** meeting which took place on Wednesday 24th May 2023.

PCH 025.06.23

Clerk's Report:

- The Clerk introduced Sue Peacock who had recently started with the office team, responsible for supporting the Clerk on finance matters and organising all the community clubs and children's activity days the council provides for the community.
- The Clerk informed Council that the Hub now had two Caretakers, one for Mondays to Fridays and the other for weekends, all working well so far.
- Barclays Bank card reader now installed in the office at the Hub. The Clerk reported that at the next council meeting the Financial Regulations would be updated to include cash handling and the card reader, for approval.
- May Half Term children's activity day was well attended and enjoyed by all, especially the Magic show. Thank you to Cllrs C Jackets, D Lewin and S Gander who also attended.

PCH 026.06.23

Chairman's report:

- Cllr D White reported that the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting (APM) was successful and well attended. The presentations by Hailsham Foodbank and the CAB were very informative. He recommended for next years Annual Parish Meeting to have 30 mins instead of one hour, prior to the meeting for stall holders.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Jenny Hoodless
Parish Clerk

15th June 2023

Next Meetings:

Planning & Environment Committee	Wednesday 28 th June 2023	7pm
Grounds Committee	Wednesday 5 th July 2023	7pm
Planning & Environment Committee	Wednesday 12 th July 2023	6.30pm
Council	Wednesday 12 th July 2023	7.30pm
Planning & Environment Committee	Wednesday 26 th July 2023	6.30pm
Finance Committee	Wednesday 26 th July 2023	7.30pm