

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Herstmonceux Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 16 March 2009 Village Hall, Herstmonceux.

Present: Councillors J Angear, D Creasey, K Game, M Goodsell, W Gower, N Lyon, B Naish, M Rice, J Tate, K Wheatley and I Willson. East Sussex County Councillors R Thomas and W Bentley were also present.

One member of the public attended.

The Responsible Financial Officer, Mr S Goacher and Mrs J McInnes, the clerk were in attendance.

09.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

09.27 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2009 have been circulated.

It was then resolved that the minutes be approved, adopted and signed as the correct record, proposed by Councillor K Game, seconded by Councillor J Tate.

09.28 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mrs C Wilson, the Chairman of WDC Council will attend the Council Meeting on 20 April 2009.

Byway 59b – ESCC Rights of Way Team are aware of problems with this Byway and suggest that if the landowner is willing to undertake some minor repairs it might be possible to effect a winter closure to safeguard the work. The Clerk will contact Mr Love for his comments.

Notice board for the allotment site – Jakk Country Furniture submitted a quotation of £400 for a notice board to be erected on the site of the barn at Greenaway Fruit Farm. It was proposed by Councillor Creasey to accept this quotation, seconded by Councillor Tate. All councillors in favour.

09.29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Goodsell – re minor maintenance work on the Recreation Ground and other Council sites.

09.30 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The meeting having been presented with the Payment of Account Report and accompanying vouchers, authorised expenditure totalling £10,413.17 (copy attached) proposed by Councillor K Game, seconded by Councillor B Naish. All councillors in favour.

09.31 DOCTOR'S SURGERY

Nothing to report.

09.32 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Work is continuing.

09.33 ALLOTMENTS

- All Tenancy Agreement, except one, have been signed and returned.
- Accounts will be sent out in the next few days.
- Site is now up and running.
- The Chairman thanked Councillor Goodsell for his help in marking out the site.

09.34 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Nothing further to report.

09.35 HERSTMONCEUX REGISTER

The review is ongoing.

09.36 CLERK'S REPORT – PART ONE

Correspondence

1. Allotments – applications to erect a shed from Mrs J Stubbings, Mr A Watson, Ms N Beart, Mr D Hibbert, Mrs A Pearce, Mr C Reed, Mrs J Smith, Mrs L O'Callaghan and Mr I McClaren. **Approved.**
2. Hedleys Solicitors – lease in respect of allotments at Greenaway Fruit Farm, Stunts Green. **Signed by Mr Love and Parish Council and returned to Hedleys.**
3. Mr C Walker – copy of letter to Mr P Coffey about sheds on the allotments at Greenaway Fruit Farm, Stunts Green. **The clerk will seek advice on the law relating to allotment sheds.**
4. Sussex Biodiversity – requesting information on sites in the parish.
5. WDC – requesting information on possible sites for housing in the parish.
6. WDC – requesting a date for a visit from a member of WDC Standards Committee. **It was suggested to invite the WDC representative to the June Council Meeting.**
7. South East Water – Stakeholder update.
8. ESCC – details of a temporary road closure of Bemzells Lane to allow carriageway repairs.
9. Wealden Citizens Advice – press release detailing the extended service offered.
10. Sussex Police – Chief Inspector N Honnor's report.
11. WDC – press release about the revised application for a bungalow for Royal Marine J Townsend.
12. ESCC – details of a Transport Seminar at the Civic Centre on 24 March from 10 – 4.30pm
13. ESCC – mobile library schedule.
14. WDC – details of a house available to rent in Herstmonceux.
15. NHS Primary Care Trust – details of a review of support services for residents with long term health conditions.
16. WDC – asking for the Council's comments on the current consultation on supported bus services.
17. Standards Board – newsletter.
18. ESCC – copy of letter from Strutt Parker to ESCC about the application for Robins, Chilsham Lane, Herstmonceux. **Circulated to all councillors.**

09.37 REPORTS

Finance and General Purposes

No meeting.

Planning

Plans referred to the meeting on 14 April 2009.

Ground Committee

No report.

Street lighting

Nothing to report,

Highways and Traffic

There has recently been a bad accident at Higham Hill and a motorcyclist was badly injured. Councillor Game suggested that the Council requests that speed limits are enforced more stringently.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Children and Young People

Nothing to report.

Information Centre

Nothing to report.

East Sussex County Councillor

ESCC now has a new contact number 0845 60 80 193.

Wealden District Councillor

No report.

Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

Emergency Plan

Nothing to report.

Wealden District Association of Local Councils

No meeting.

Village Hall

The AGM was held on 3 March 2009.

A resident has requested that a gate should be put across the Village Hall drive to stop cars racing round the car park at night. The clerk will write to the Village Hall Management Committee.

09.38 AGENDA

Chairman..... Date.....