

## **HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Herstmonceux Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 19 October 2009 in Herstmonceux Village Hall, Herstmonceux.

Present: Councillors J Angear, K Game, M Goodsell, W Gower, N Lyon, B Naish, J Tate, K Wheatley, I Willson, East Sussex County Councillor R Thomas and Wealden District Councillor A Long.

### **09.117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Creasey, M Rice and East Sussex County Councillor R Thomas.

### **09.118 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2009 have been circulated.

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

### **09.119 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

1. Councillor Game, on behalf of Herstmonceux Gardeners Club, confirmed that the Club will continue to maintain the planter outside the Old Post Office in Herstmonceux. The Chairman requested that the secretary of the Gardeners club should confirm this in writing for the Council's records.

### **09.120 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **09.121 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 £2,220.70 (copy attached) proposed by Councillor J Tate, seconded by Councillor M Goodsell. All councillors in favour. A Statement of Account for June – September 2009 was circulated to all councillors.

### **09.122 DOCTOR'S SURGERY**

- The painting of the surgery is underway.
- The Council received a copy of a letter sent to Dr Simmons from Herstmonceux Village Hall Management Committee confirming that it agreed to a reciprocal agreement whereby patients from the proposed new surgery would be able to use village hall parking when necessary and village hall users would be able to use the surgery parking.

### **09.123 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The houses should be completed by 30 October 2009.

### **09.124 HERSTMONCEUX REGISTER**

Nothing to report.

### **09.125 CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **Correspondence**

1. ESCC – draft bus strategy consultation. **Circulated to all councillors for comments at the November Council Meeting.**
2. Grants – the following organisations have sent letters of thanks for the recent grants awarded by the Parish Council; Viewcraft, Victim Support, East Sussex Association for Blind and Partially Sighted People, Village Information Centre. Viewcraft has also submitted an application for a grant in 2010.

3. Rural Services Community newsletter.
4. Herstmonceux Allotment Association – request for funding to cover an allotment with weed suppressant fabric as the tenant has had a heart attack. **Agreed, Councillor J Tate has weed suppressant which can be used by the Allotment Association.**
5. International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle – asking the Council for suggestions for community work that can be undertaken by students from Queen’s University. **The castle has been put in touch with Rev S Marshall and the students will help with clearing and tidying the churchyards.**
6. Mr S Nash – suggesting a Village Spring clean up. He is willing to organise it. **This will take place in the spring at the same time as the Cowbeech clean up.**
7. WDC – notes of Parish Planning Panel Meeting held on 15 September 2009. Copied to Councillor J Angear.
8. Sussex Association of Local Councils – details of AGM on 6 November 2009.
9. ESCC – details of bus stop clearways in Herstmonceux. **The Council was informed that the public notices at the site are inaccurate. The clerk will contact ESCC.**
10. ESCC – copy of the amended register of Common Land relating to Herstmonceux. **Referred to Hedleys solicitors for comment.**
11. ESCC – informing the Council that consultation on the speed limit through Carters Corner is complete. The signs will be erected later in the year and will include a village name plate for Carters Corner as requested by residents from the Carters Corner Action Group.
12. Sussex Association of Local Councils – details of Well-being Training on 3 December 2009 at Staplecross.

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1. Applause – details of concert at Cooksbridge on 31 October 2009.
2. Wealden Citizens Advice – details of AGM to be held on 12 November 2009 at Uckfield Civic Centre.
3. Herstmonceux Football Club – details of Public Liability Insurance.
4. High Weald Annual Review 2008 2009 and details of Cultural Heritage Advisor who is available to give a presentation to the Parish Council.
5. Mr Wootton-Whitling – asking the Council to consider a request from the Carters Corner Action Group to locate a Carters Corner Village Name Plate between Oakwood and Litlewood. **The clerk will inform Mr Wootton-Whitling that the Village Name Plate sign will be installed in the near future with the new 40mph sign, see clerk’s report item 11.**
6. ESCC – information on the Rights of Way Network Survey.
7. ESCC – details of the Health and overview Scrutiny Committee newsletter.
8. WDC – food and safety bulletin.
9. Herstmonceux/ Varengeville Twinning Association – thanking the Council for its donation to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.
10. WDC – details of Community Grants available.

#### **Circulars**

1. Wealden View newsletter.
2. ESSCC Passenger Transport Map.
3. EDF – Energy Statement booklet.
4. Wickstead play leaflet.
5. Kompan – play leaflet

#### **09.126 REPORTS**

##### **Finance and General Purposes**

No meeting.

##### **Planning**

No meeting.

##### **Ground Committee**

- Lime Park - a meeting was held with Herstmonceux Football Clubs on 13 October 2009 and a meeting has been arranged with Herstmonceux Bowls Club for 10 November 2009. Reports to follow.
- Mowing contract – a quotation has been received from Kent County Council for 2010/11 season. The clerk will seek quotes from Mr Pocock and Agrifactors.

**Street lighting**

The light next to the recycling bins in the car park is not working properly – the clerk will contact WDC.

**Highways and Traffic**

- Holes reported at Lime Cross, Cowbeech Jill, Cannon Hill, Church Road, and near to the Merrie Harriers in Cowbeech.
- The surface of the new road between George Collins Garage and the entrance to Herstmonceux is very poor. The clerk will write to ESCC.

**Footpaths**

**Children and Young People**

No report.

**Information Centre**

No report.

**East Sussex County Councillor**

- Funding has been allocated for community transport pilots. It is essential that parishes should take part in the survey.
- Waste and Minerals Strategy – consultation on the plan for the next 20 years is now taking place. The proposals will impact on the parish, and so parish should take part in the consultation.

**Wealden District Councillor**

Wealden District Council is currently undergoing a transformation programme and reviewing all its services, both those provided and those facilitated. Due to the shortfall in finances some services will have to be outsourced.

**Tree Warden**

**Emergency Plan**

No report.

**Wealden District Association of Local Councils**

No report.

**Allotments**

Report attached.

**Herstmonceux/Varangeville**

**09.127 AGENDA**

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