

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Herstmonceux Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13 December 2011 in Herstmonceux Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Mrs J. Angear, J. Armstrong, S. Charlton, D. Creasey, K. Game, M. Goodsell, W. Gower, B. Naish, J. Tate and Mrs I. Willson.

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

Two members of the public attended.

116.2011 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor I. Willson and East Sussex County Councillors W. Bentley and R. Thomas.

117.2011 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2011 had been circulated. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record, proposed by Councillor S. Charlton, seconded by Councillor J. Armstrong. All councillors in favour.

118.2011 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising.

119.2011 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M. Goodsell - minor maintenance work on Herstmonceux recreation ground, Lime Cross and other sites in Herstmonceux parish.

Councillor W. Gower - matters relating to the new scout hut.

Councillor Mrs J. Angear - matters relating to the new bowls club/football changing rooms.

Councillor B. Naish - matters relating to the new bowls club/football changing rooms.

120.2011 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The meeting, having been presented with the Payments of Account Report and accompanying vouchers, **RESOLVED** to authorise expenditure totalling £3,294.38 (copy attached), It was proposed by Councillor M. Goodsell, seconded by Councillor D. Creasey. All Councillors in favour.

121.2011 ESTIMATES

Copies of the revised Estimates were circulated to all councillors. The RFO reviewed the proposed Estimates; the Finance and General Purposes Committee will discuss the final proposals at the meeting on 11 January 2012.

122.2011 HERSTMONCEUX HEALTH CENTRE

Nothing further to report.

123.2011 CLERK'S REPORT

1. Mediation Plus – press release with details from the recent AGM.
2. Hedleys Solicitors – draft lease for Lime Cross. **Copied to all councillors, Mr C. Southouse and Mr D. Pilling.**
3. Mr C. Southouse – comments on the draft lease.
4. Society of Local Council Clerks – minutes of the meeting held on 2.11.11
5. WDC – details of the guidance notes for the Core Strategy Examination.
6. WDC – informing the Council that applications WD/2011/2130/F - new garage to replace existing at The Old Forge, Cowbeech and WD/2011/0765/F - bungalow for an agricultural worker at Rocks Smallholding, Victoria Road, Windmill Hill have been approved.
7. WDC – informing the Council that a decision on application WD/2011/1686/O – demolition of existing B2 commercial unit and erection of three pairs of chalet bungalows has been deferred for verification of information contained in the application.

8. WDC – details of two consultations relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy and Neighbourhood Planning.
9. WDC – Housing Allocations Policy Questionnaire – copied to all councillors.
Copied to all councillors. Completed and returned to WDC.
10. South East Water – copy of letter sent to all residents about the urgent action needed to protect reservoir levels.
11. Eastbourne Homes – details of STEPS scheme, which allows older people to remain independent. Information and contact details will be forwarded to Ray and Sheldon and Lunch Club.
12. South Downs Park – newsletter.
13. Society of Local Council Clerks – newsletter.
14. Sussex Police – newsletter.
15. Ms T. Fox, WDC Street Scene Enforcement Leader – comments on litter at Lime Cross and Windmill Hill and problems with the fencing on the access road to the recreation ground. **Councillor W. Gower has removed fencing that was causing an obstruction.**
16. Society of Local Council Clerks – information relating to Data Transparency for Local Authorities.

124.2011 REPORTS

Finance and General Purposes Committee

No meeting.

Planning Committee

No plans.

Ground Committee

- A Committee Meeting will be held early in 2012 – date to be confirmed.
- Councillor M. Goodsell will contact Mr N.Popovic about the winter hedge cutting at Lime Cross and the recreation ground.

Street Lighting Committee

Nothing to report.

Highways Committee

Nothing to report.

Footpath Committee

Nothing to report.

Police and Local Action Team (LAT)

No meeting.

Village Information Centre

No meeting.

East Sussex County Councillor

No report.

Wealden District Councillor

- Councillor A. Long apologised that he had been unable to attend a number of recent meetings due to work commitments.
- WDC and Rother are investigating possible savings in the cost of joint waste strategy.
- The public examination of the Core Strategy submission will start in January 2012.

Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

Emergency Plan

No report.

Wealden Assoc. of Local Councils

- Next meeting in January 2012.

Herstmonceux Village Hall

- Two fundraising events were successful – the quiz raised £841 and the raffle £641.
- The committee is reviewing the current cleaning contract to see if savings can be made.

Allotments Committee

No report.

Herstmonceux/Varangeville Twinning Association

Representatives from the Association attended the Varengeville Christmas Market where they sold homemade jams, chutneys and Christmas products, which raised £400.

Herstmonceux C of E Primary School – Governor’s report

- Chairman of Governors, Mr P. Vinnicombe will attend the January Council Meeting.
- Two new governors have been appointed.
- The work on the play area will be carried out during the Christmas holiday period.

Jubilee Committee

- Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 12.12.11 are attached to the minutes.
- The RFO will contact the Council’s Insurance Company to check if any extra cover is required.
- Posters and questionnaires asking for suggestions and volunteers to help will be circulated in the parish.
- Next meeting will be held on 23 January 2012.

125.2011 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Chairman.....

Date.....2012