

MINUTES

Herstmonceux Parish Full Council Meeting Monday 20th December 2021, 7.00p.m Herstmonceux Village Hall

Councillors in attendance:

Herstmonceux Parish - Jenny Alder- **Ch**; Jo Angear; Ketill Game; Emma Goodsell; Heather Kenward; Bryan Naish; Nick Porter; Ian Stewart; Peter Watson.

Wealden District – Pam Doodles and Ray Cade

East Sussex County Council – None

Clerk/RFO/Admin Assistant in attendance – Clare Harrison

Members of the Public – None

Number	Item	Action
1. FCL_2021.12.01	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm, welcomed everyone and reminded all that this meeting was being recorded. Apologies had been received from Cllrs: HPC – Graham Lee; David Harding; ESCC – Bob Bowdler Apologies accepted. Cllr E Goodsell joined the meeting at 19.05	Apologies recorded
2. FCL_2021.12.02	TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING i Minutes for Approval and Adoption, meeting dates 16 th November 2021 It was RESOLVED to accept that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on the 16 th November 2021 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Stewart seconded Cllr Kenward. All in favour . Minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record. ii Any outstanding actions There were no outstanding actions.	Minutes to file and website
3. FCL_2021.12.03	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Declarations of Member's Interests were as declared at beginning of this administration term. Declarations that were specific to this agenda: Cllr Kenward declared an interest in agenda item 12.1 Cllr Goodsell declared an interest in agenda item 8 – Contracts awarding	Declarations recorded
4. FCL_2021.12.04	MEMBERS DISPENSATION REQUESTS There were none.	

5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

FCL_2021.12.05

No members of the public were present.

6. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

FCL_2021.12.06

Cllr Bob Bowdler had submitted a report which can be found at **Appendix 1** in these minutes.

Standing Orders closed at 19.06 to allow the Wealden Cllrs to speak

Cllrs Ray Cade and Pam Doodles updated Council on the activities of WDC

- Housing of refugees programme, including property searches.
- Test and Trace claims and WDC funding
- Other discretionary business grants
- Festive Season Bin collections – no paper circulation of date changes
- Thanks for the Herstmonceux Tea Party, a great event
- Wealden contact centre still working, please let Pam and Ray know if you have trouble getting through.
- Democratic Services officer and Grants Officer staff changes.
- A recent meeting between Michael Gove, WDC leader and representatives from clusters regarding the subject of 'Over Development in Wealden'.

7. **FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

FCL_2021.12.07

Approval and Ratification of the following:

Month end reports – November 2021

- i. Bank Reconciliations
- ii. Barclaycard Reconciliation
- iii. Bank Summary
- iv. Reserves Balance and Transfers report
- v. Cost Centre report (Net)

Agenda Items 7i-v had all been circulated to all prior to the meeting and recommended for approval by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, as per the meeting minutes 15th December 2021. **PROPOSED** for approval by Cllr Stewart. Seconded Cllr Watson. **All in Favour.**

- vi. Payments and Receipts December 2021

The Payments of Accounts (as shown below) had been circulated to all prior to the meeting and recommended for approval by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The POA included the additional payments as presented and approved by the FGP Committee.

The Clerk presented this month's payments totalling £22,127.95, plus additional Littlewoods payment approved by FGP Committee of £483.71, payments totalling and receipts totalling £573.95. (**Council noted further receipts** totalling £123 of which £105 was Allotments Rent and £18 Allotments Association Subs which would be included within the next POA reporting).

Financial reports to file.

Payments to process – RFO and Cllrs

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harding and seconded by Cllr Watson that all that the presented payments and receipts lists be accepted, and that approval is issued for any payments. **All in favour.** It was **RESOLVED** to authorise expenditure totalling £22,611.66.

RATIFIED

- vii. Any further payments that cannot be held over to the next meeting

The Clerk/RFO requested permission to add one further payment to this month's Payment of Accounts:

- Furnace Brook – Bio Char training day for Parish Council Handyman (action from Community Forum) £35.00
- There was also an additional Direct Debit to note of £609.02 to Kent Commercial Services / LASER energy for street lighting energy supply.

**Additional
payments to
be processed
– RFO**

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Angear and seconded by Cllr Kenward that the additional presented payments be accepted, and that approval is issued for any payments. **All in favour.** It was **RESOLVED** to authorise additional payments. **RATIFIED.**

Additional matters:

- i Approval of received quotes for works (not discussed at FGP)

There were none.

- ii) Any other financial matters which cannot be held over until the next meeting

The Clerk/RFO advised that a new O2 contract had been taken out for the works mobile phone for a monthly fee of £10.00 for the next 24 months. The old contract was in the process of being cancelled having come to the end of its contracted period.

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PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
308	STL Energy Charges	16/11/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Direct Debit	Street Lighting Electricity Supp	Kent County Council - Laser	S	393.85	78.77	472.62
309	STL Standing Charges	16/11/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Direct Debit	Street Lighting Electricity Supp	Kent County Council - Laser	L	6.24	0.31	6.55
310	Phones and Internet Charges	25/11/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Direct Debit	Clerk Mobile Phone	O2	Z	18.25		18.25
311	Office Copier/Printer - Rental	29/11/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Direct Debit	Photocopier provision	Principal	S	105.11	21.02	126.13
312	GRD Litter Bin Provision / Re	26/11/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Direct Debit	Waste disposal	Recycling Partnership Ltd	S	55.96	11.19	67.15
313	WC Cleaning Contractor	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Public Toilet Cleaning	Fresh Cleaning Maintenance	S	198.00	39.60	237.60
314	WC Cleaning Supplies and M	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Public Toilet Cleaning	Fresh Cleaning Maintenance	S	90.00	18.00	108.00
315	Hall Hire	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Hall Hire	Herstmonceux Village Hall	Z	78.00		78.00
316	Office Copier/Printer - Rental	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Printer Paper	Currys	Z	26.00		26.00
317	GRD Hedge Cutting - Green	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	RecreationGroundHedgecut	Honeysett Groundcare	Z	550.00		550.00
318	GRD General Maintenance	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	TwittenScrublandClearance	Honeysett Groundcare	Z	730.00		730.00
319	GRD General Maintenance	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	WildflowerAreaMaintenance	Honeysett Groundcare	Z	60.00		60.00
320	ICT Subscriptions Inc 365 hc	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Subscriptions	Microsoft 365	S	80.60	16.12	96.72
321	Clerk/RFO Salary	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Clerk Salary	Clare Harrison	Z	1,421.42		1,421.42
322	Administration Assistant Sala	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Administration Assistant Salary	Maxine Hoad	Z	425.98		425.98
323	Parish Council Handyman Sa	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Handyman Salary	Jamie Noakes	Z	616.67		616.67
324	Clerk Tax	06/01/2022		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Clerk Tax	HMRC	Z	351.40		351.40
325	Clerk National Insurance	06/01/2022		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Clerk NI	HMRC	Z	151.31		151.31
326	Clerk National Insurance	06/01/2022		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Clerk NI Employer Contribution	HMRC	Z	182.28		182.28
327	Pension Contribution - Clerk	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Clerk Employee Pension Contri	East Sussex Pension Scheme	Z	133.77		133.77
328	Pension Contribution - Emplc	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Clerk Employee Pension Contri	East Sussex Pension Scheme	Z	374.54		374.54
329	Pension Contribution 2nd Ra	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Clerk Employee Pension Contri	East Sussex Pension Scheme	Z	69.97		69.97
330	Admin Assistant NEST Empl	06/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Admin Asst Employee Pension	NEST	Z	17.75		17.75
331	Subscriptions	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Subscriptions	Universe Southeast LTD	Z	68.16		68.16
332	Office Copier/Printer - Rental	08/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Direct Debit	Photocopier Lease Arrangement	BNP Paribas	S	185.17	37.03	222.20
333	WC Water Charges	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Direct Debit	Water Supply	Business Stream	Z	9.00		9.00
334	Website Provision	12/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Website Provision	Zoommune	S	750.00	150.00	900.00
335	CIL Expenditure - Footpath L	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Instant Ac	Bank Payment	Lighting to Rec Footpath & Ca	MAS Systems Ltd	S	7,623.31	1,524.66	9,147.97
336	CIL Expenditure - Footpath L	23/12/2021		Unity Trust Instant Ac	Bank Payment	Lighting to Rec Footpath & Ca	MAS Systems Ltd	S	4,348.84	869.77	5,218.61
337	Other Miscellaneous -Conting	16/11/2021		Barclaycard	Barclaycard	Advertising of Tenders	JPI Media Publishing	S	196.00	39.20	235.20
338	Subscriptions	07/12/2021		Barclaycard	Barclaycard	SIM - CCTV	LebaraMobile	Z	4.50		4.50
Total									19,322.08	2,805.67	22,127.75

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RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
33	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotment Fee	12B_Simes	Z	35.00		35.00
34	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotment Fee	25B_Latimer	Z	35.00		35.00
35	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotments Association Subs	25B_Latimer	Z	6.00		6.00
36	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotments Association Subs	12B_Simes	Z	6.00		6.00
37	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	05/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Cheque102542	Allotment Fee	02A_Portnell	Z	35.00		35.00
38	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	11/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Cheque100386	Allotment Fee	15B_Bolton	Z	35.00		35.00
39	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	07/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Cheque300137	Allotment Fee	11A_Hallett	Z	35.00		35.00
40	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	07/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Cheque300137	Allotments Association Subs	11A_Hallett	Z	6.00		6.00
41	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	11/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Cheque100386	Allotments Association Subs	15B_Bolton	Z	6.00		6.00
42	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	05/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Cheque102542	Allotments Association Subs	02A_Portnell	Z	6.00		6.00
43	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	13/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotment Fee	05A_Granger	Z	41.25		41.25
44	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	13/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotments Association Subs	05A_Granger	Z	6.00		6.00
45	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	13/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotments Association Subs	22B_Brook	Z	6.00		6.00
46	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	13/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotment Fcc	22B_Brook	Z	35.00		35.00
47	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	14/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotment Fee	27B_Burke	Z	35.00		35.00
48	Allotment Annual Tenancy Fc	14/12/2021		Unity Trust Current 2f	Bank Payment	Allotments Association Subs	27B_Burke	Z	6.00		6.00
49	Barclay Card Payments	16/11/2021		Barclaycard	Barclaycard	Barclay Card Payment	Unity Trust Current	Z	239.70		239.70
Total									573.95		573.95

8.
FCL_2021.12.08

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

A resolution will be made to exclude press and members of the public in the event of making any staffing decisions being made in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

- i Approval of all Recommendations as per the Personnel Committee 15th December 2021

The meeting had been cancelled due to staff sickness.
Deferred to January.

- ii Approval of all Recommendations as per the Finance and General Purposes meeting minutes 15th December 2021 (see minutes for detail) including:

- **Skate Park Repairs** options **Quote A @ £1195**
- Greenspace Ecological Solutions quote for **Environmental Assessments**, inc Bats Environmental Impact Assessment **£1465**
- **Budget Virements – Approved** for action
- **Highways Feasibility Study** for Pedestrian Crossing Safety solutions, as per Highways WG report. Budget @ £500.00 (Speedwatch budget)
- **Black Cat / traffic survey** proposals

Cllr Stewart gave an overview of the information he had gathered, in addition to the previously circulated detailed Highways reports summarised as:

Option A – Rent from ESCC for a 6-week survey for a cost of c.£1000

Option B – Purchase the equipment for continuous use at a cost of c.£2500

Detailed discussion and careful consideration by the Council followed, who reaffirmed the importance of getting this piece of work actioned.

Cllr Stewart self-nominated to run the operation following a suggestion that a nominated Councillor needed to take this project on board to enable a single point of reference for necessary actions such as the setting up of the equipment and analysing of the data.

Further locations for collecting speed data were identified in addition to the 3 stretches of road already highlighted in reports. It was acknowledged that further areas of concern may arise once new homes have been built.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Stewart to purchase a Black Cat device and tablet. Tag Master (<https://uk.tagmaster.com/products/traffic-radar-blackcat/>) to be contacted for exact price. Proposed to **AGREE in principle**, subject to the final cost which is to be agreed by email. Seconded by Cllr Porter who advised that the new equipment would need to be added to Insurance Schedule.

Six Councillors in Favour. **Motion Carried. RATIFIED.**

- Old Surgery Statement of Accounts – **Approved** for forwarding to Tenant. Clerk to request future payments by Standing Order.
- Internal Auditor and Payroll Services contracts from April 2022 to Mulberry & Co.

**RFO actions /
Works
Orders /
Virements**

**/ Statement
of Accounts
Issue /**

**Clerk to seek
quote, email
costs for
virtual
approval of
CIL spend,
update
insurance
schedule**

RFO action

RFO actions

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Game and seconded by Cllr Kenward that the above Finance and General Purposes Committee Recommendations be **APPROVED. All in favour. RATIFIED.**

Cllr Goodsell left the room at 19.47

Awarding of Contracts for 2022-2025:

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr and seconded by Cllr that the Recommendations given by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, following their careful consideration of the received Tender award detail as follows be **APPROVED. All in favour. RATIFIED.**

1. Ground Maintenance – Grass Cutting

Award to **Honeysett Groundcare in accordance with the Tender documentation submitted for Contract HPC/GRD/MAINTENANCE/2022-2025**

Proposed Cllr Kenward, Seconded Cllr Stewart. **All in favour**
Costs Yrs 1 – 3: 7725; 7725; 7725.

2. Hedge Cutting

Award to **Landscape Services – Commercial Services Trading Ltd, in accordance with the Tender documentation submitted for Contract HPC/GRD&HWY/HEDGES/2022-2025**

Proposed Cllr Game, Seconded Cllr Watson. **All in favour**
Costs Yrs 1 – 3: 1995; 2095; 2158.

3. Public Areas Maintenance

Award to **MT Goodsell in accordance with the Tender documentation submitted for Contract 2022-2025_HPC/Highways/01/PublicAreas**

Proposed Cllr Kenward, Seconded Cllr Alder. **All in favour**
Costs Yrs 1 – 3: 2525; 2615; 2710.

4. Street Furniture Cleaning

Award to **Extreme Clean in accordance with the Tender documentation submitted for Contract 2022-2025_HPC/Highways/02/StreetFurniture**

Proposed Cllr Stewart, Seconded Cllr Angear. **All in favour**
Costs Yrs 1 – 3: 340; 340; 340.

5. Verge Cutting

Award to **Landscape Services – Commercial Services Trading Ltd, in accordance with the Tender documentation submitted for Contract HPC/HWY/VERGES/2022-2025**

Proposed Cllr Game, Seconded Cllr Alder. **All in favour**
Costs Yrs 1 – 3: 3838; 4030; 4151.

- iii **Finance and General Purposes Minutes for Approval and Adoption**, Finance and General Purposes meeting dates 15th December 2021

RFO actions / Contracts letters to all, successful and unsuccessful; Meeting with Grounds Committee to be requested with relevant contractors.

Minutes to file and website

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2021 had been circulated.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting, 15th December 2021 be **APPROVED.**

Proposed by Cllr Stewart, seconded Cllr Kenward. **All in favour.**
The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

iv. **Any outstanding Actions**

As recorded above.

v. **Meetings and Remote Attendance information from**

ESALC - Agree any operational changes

None for present. Awaiting further information and potential legislation changes. Consider running Hybrid meetings as from January.

9.
FCL_2021.12.09

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

- i. **Approval of all Recommendations** as per the Amenities Committee, 22nd November 2021
- that the maximum number of allotment plots per parish household be set at a threshold of 2 in number.
 - Raised Kerb solution 2 for the Bus Stop in Gardner Street – to reposition the ‘cage’, moving it backwards so the front of the bus stops at the existing raised kerb.
 - re-instate the removed Gardner Street Bus Shelter and dismantle and move ‘new’ bus shelter to alternative location at Cricketing Lane.

**Cllr Kenward
to contact
ESCC Officer
for next
steps
progression**

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Stewart to **APPROVE** the Recommendations from the Amenities Committee. One abstention. All other Councillors in favour. **RATIFIED**

ii. **Amenities Committee Minutes for Approval and Adoption**, meeting date 22nd November 2021

It was **RESOLVED** to accept that the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, 22nd November 2021 be **APPROVED**.

Proposed by Cllr Game seconded Cllr Kenward. **All in favour.**
The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

**Minutes to
file and
website**

iii. **Any outstanding Actions**

Some work is ongoing.

10.
FCL_2021.12.10

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- i **Approval of all Recommendations** as per the Planning Committee meeting minutes 7th December 2021

There were none.

**Minutes to
file and
website**

ii **Planning Committee Minutes for Approval and Adoption**, meeting date 7th December 2021

It was **RESOLVED** to accept that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on the 7th December 2021 be approved.

Proposed by Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Kenward. **All in favour.**
Minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

iii **Any outstanding Actions**

There were none.

Planning Matters Updates:

- i Updates – Land at Collins Honda- resident communication regarding arboriculture consultation and response from Wealden. Both were duly noted.
- ii Updates – Horseshoe

Await expected New Year updates.

- iii Updates – Community Land Trust, the following received update had been circulated

Herstmonceux CLT -Update December 2021

Whilst it has been some time since a formal update has been issued, the project to build CLT homes at Strawberry Field Windmill Hill is progressing. However, events have conspired to significantly slow the project. We have agreement for a construction loan from Triodos Bank and promise of a further grant. These are linked to start-on-site for construction and stages up to completion. The knock-on effects of covid and national economy factors led to shortage of materials and increased costs in the construction sector, such that we were likely to start to start groundwork in winter with potential on-site delays which could impact our critical finance dates. Our Project Team have been working to resolve and align these issues and therefore our anticipated start-on-site for building is now March 2022, with completion in March 2023. Our technical and finance teams have worked with us over the past difficult 12 months and remain committed to enable the CLT to complete the 17 homes for sale, shared ownership and rent.

- iv Updates – Woodland View S278
Clerk to nudge this again. Cc in WDC Cllrs.

- v Updates – Woolpack
None to report.

- vi Updates – Lime Cross
None to report.

11.
FCL_2021.11.11

TO ACCEPT WRITTEN / VERBAL REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Any relevant reports received after publication of this agenda that cannot be held over until the next Full Council meeting.

None received.

12.
FCL_2021.12.12

Cllr Angear took the Chair for the planning items

PLANNING MATTERS

Consideration of any applications received. Comments and Observations to WDC

12.1

Cllr Kenward left the room at 20.06

Application No. WD/2021/2550/F

Application Type: Full

Expiry date for comments: 23 December 2021

Case Officer: Sally Simpson Tel: 01892 602551

Location: LITTLE DALMORE, VICTORIA ROAD,
HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 4TG

Description: PROPOSED SIDE EXTENSION ALTERATIONS &
ADDITIONS

**Comments
and
observations
to WDC**

Comments and Observations:

This application is supported

Proposed Cllr Angear, seconded Cllr Porter. All in favour.

- 12.2 **Appeal** by Mr & Mrs N & A Tait (the Appellant)
Site: TAMZYN COTTAGE, 35 DACRE ROAD, HERSTMONCEUX,
BN27 4LP
Proposal: PROPOSED TWO STOREY FRONT EXTENSION,
REAR BALCONY OVER PORCH AND PROPOSED ROOF
LIGHTS ALONG WITH THE ADDITION OF A FRONT DORMER
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/D/21/3287519 Appeal Start
date: 8 December 2021
- Comments
and
observations
to WDC**
- Agree any representations if any to make.**
- 12.3 **No action.**
Application No. WD/2021/2871/F
Type: Full
Expiry date for comments: 4 January 2022
Grid Reference: 562521 114723
Case Officer: Sally Simpson Tel: 01892 602551
Location: SUNNYSIDE, TROLLILOES LANE, TROLLILOES,
HAILSHAM, BN27 4QP
Description: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION
TO FORM EXTENDED LIVING ROOM
- Comments
and
observations
to WDC**
- Comments and Observations:**
This application is supported
Proposed Cllr Kenward, seconded Cllr Stewart. **All in favour.**
13.
FCL_2021.12.13 **Cllr Alder resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MANAGEMENT GROUP**
- i. Recreation Ground – footpath lighting and CCTV
 Installed and operational.
- ii. Any other updates
 There were none.
14.
FCL_2021.12.14 **ACTION POINTS AND UPDATES**
- i. LCAV and Parish Council newsletter – circulation of. For
 noting only.
 To be delivered this week.
15.
FCL_2021.12.15 **CORRESPONDENCE – FOR NOTING, RESPONSE OR OTHER
ACTION**
- I. Receipt of any consultation requests
 There were none
- II. Any received following publication of this agenda
 None in addition to the planning and meeting items already noted.
16.
FCL_2021.12.16 **ITEMS FOR REFERRAL**
 There were none.
17.
FCL_2021.12.17 **CLOSE OF MEETING**
- Upcoming meeting dates were noted as:
- Tue 04th January - Planning Committee – 7pm at the Village Hall
 Mon 10th January FGP informal meeting – 11am at the VIC
 Tue 11th January FGP formal – 7pm at the VIC
 Wed 12th January FCL - 2pm at the Village Hall

Mon 17th January FCL – 7pm at the Village Hall
Thu 20th January Jubilee informal meeting – 11am at the VIC

The meeting closed at 20.15.

The Chair wished one and all a very happy Christmas.

Date of next meeting – January 12th

Appendix 1

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East Sussex County Council Update December 2021 Cllr Bob Bowdler – Wealden East Division:

Adult Social Care and Health

Former rough sleepers benefit from training

A scheme that helps those at risk of homelessness into work and training opportunities is being rolled out to a further 50 people, following a successful pilot.

The project, managed by East Sussex County Council's ESTAR (Employability for Supported and Temporary and Refugees) and delivered at Plumpton College, recently welcomed a group from the Rough Sleepers initiative for an eight-week training programme. The programme included a mixture of activities to support wellbeing, a qualification in Horticulture Studies, and work experience alongside a land management company.

Some of the clients taking part said they had previously slept rough in the parks that they were now helping to improve and felt like they were giving something back.

More than 380,000 people protected by their booster jab

Latest figures show that to date 387,186 booster vaccinations have been given across Sussex; this figure includes 123,028 people who received their booster in East Sussex.

This means that 59.1% of the total eligible population are now protected by their booster for the winter.

The Sovereign Harbour Community Centre have increased the number of bookable appointments and vaccination services in Hastings are opening for longer to ensure that people can arrange their booster over the coming weeks. Residents can [book a vaccination online](#) or by calling 119.

Project ADDER: Home Office visit and new campaign launch

Senior representatives from the Home Office's Project ADDER team visited the project's Hastings Delivery Hub to meet some of the partner organisations who are working together to tackle drug-related harm in the town.

The event, hosted the East Sussex Veterans Hub (ESHV), was an opportunity for partners to highlight the work they are doing to address the town's high rate of drug use, and to showcase some of the successes funded through Project ADDER.

In the months since its launch, officers working under Project Adder in Hastings have completed 387 drug seizures, taken 272 weapons off the streets including 127 knives, and seized £29,312 in cash. There have also been 27 organised crime groups disrupted and, in November, police shut down four county line networks in the area.

Part of the Project ADDER initiative includes the launch of the Choose Your Future campaign, which aims to empower young people to consider their choices by educating them on the dangers of drug use. This in Hastings and will be extended across Sussex in early 2022.

Children's Services

Open Doors workplace visits return

Over 300 students from 13 schools across the county have been gaining insights into the world of work as East Sussex County Council's Open Doors scheme returns. 12 businesses invited students to experience their workplace and learn more about possible career paths, including a wildlife charity, a construction company, a nature reserve, an independent cinema, a dance theatre company, a vintage inn, and an engineering firm.

Due to the popularity of the project, the Careers Hub is extending the scheme into the spring term when further workplace visits will be available to more students. Businesses interested in participating in Open Doors 2022 can contact OpenDoors@eastsussex.gov.uk.

Communities, Economy and Transport

£8.85million investment in crucial areas agreed

At a meeting on Tuesday 9 November, East Sussex County Council Cabinet Members agreed how to allocate the one-off additional funding of £8.85m set aside in October for highways renovations and tackling climate change.

A total of £5.8million will be spent on improving road signs, lines and pavements and carrying out road patching across the county, while £3.05million will support the council's efforts to cut its carbon emissions. The largest of these environmental investments will be used to decarbonise heating in several council-owned buildings.

Council secures £2.5million from the UK Community Renewal Fund

East Sussex County Council has secured funding for five projects, which will receive a share in over £2.5million as part the Government's Community Renewal Fund:

- Lewes District Council, in partnership with Plumpton College, the South Downs National Park Authority and Sussex Modern, will receive £705,000 for a high-impact tourism campaign including pilots and research to create a global brand for wine and cultural tourism.
- The Hastings 2066 initiative will receive £636,173 for a new Immersive Studio, which will allow people to discover artistry and history through augmented reality and digital technology.
- The county-wide 'Minding the Gaps' project has been awarded £547,627 to support participants into employment by providing training and skills development opportunities.
- The county-wide Innovation Masters Programme will receive £529,287 to improve the productivity of the local micro-business community through masterclasses, workshops, and roadshows.
- The Hastings Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Futureproofing Initiative will receive £100,100 to create a 'Whole System' approach to volunteering in the town and reform service access.

Council to receive Levelling Up funding for new Exceat Bridge and Newhaven transport connections

Chancellor Rishi Sunak has announced a multi-million-pound Levelling Up funding package to rebuild the Exceat Bridge with two lanes, which will top up the funding previously secured by East Sussex County Council. The rebuild will reduce the bottleneck of traffic caused by the current one-way system.

The scheme will be sensitively designed to reflect the outstanding natural landscape of the area and will include works to enhance wildlife habitats. Construction is expected to take two years, but the A259 will remain open for most of the construction period to minimise disruption to road users.

In addition, Newhaven is set to receive more than £19million in funding to improve transport connections and cycle paths in the area.

Highways team is ready for winter

A fleet of 23 gritters has been primed to keep the county's roads clear this winter. 42 drivers are on standby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 10,000 tonnes of salt has been stored to tackle icy conditions on East Sussex roads.

The gritters are all named by local school children and names this year include '007: Licence to Clear'. They treat all A and B roads and some C roads - a total of 42% of all roads in East Sussex.

While the gritters have yet to be called upon this year, last winter more than 6,500 tonnes of salt were used, with 1,169 runs being completed.

Views sought on Bexhill town improvement scheme

East Sussex County Council, working with Rother District Council, is inviting residents to share their views on plans to transform an area of Bexhill to create a more attractive and safer public space.

The plans include traffic management and improvements to public space for Town Hall Square and proposals for the junction of Buckhurst Place and Sackville Road, and Beeching Road and London Road.

The scheme is being funded using Local Growth Fund (LGF) money secured through the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) together with Community Infrastructure Levy funding.

Have a Very Merry Christmas
Kind regards to all
Bob Bowdler

Appendix 2

A Christmas message from Wealden council leaders

As 2021 draws to a close and the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect every aspect of day to day life, Wealden District Council's leader and chief executive are wishing all residents a merry Christmas after another difficult year.

Councillor Bob Standley, the council leader, and chief executive Trevor Scott have also highlighted the work and achievements by Wealden District Council saying the way the organisation had adapted its way of working during Covid meant vital services continued to be delivered to residents.

Councillor Standley said, "It has been another eventful and challenging year and I would like to thank Wealden residents, businesses and organisations for their determination and resilience as well as pay tribute to all our council staff for their hard work on behalf of residents - often in very difficult circumstances.

"Despite struggles with isolation, restrictions and disruptions to 'normal' life, it hasn't stopped the council moving forward and achieving many ambitions thanks to a comprehensive Covid Recovery Plan.

"As part of that plan, more than £65 million in support grants was distributed to businesses across Wealden during the pandemic and lockdowns and in addition, council officers also prevented more than £1 million in attempted fraud and duplicate payments.

"As a council, we are progressing with plans for a sports park within Wealden, an employment park on the A22 corridor and a new health and community centre at Mayfield.

"We continue to work and consult on our Local Plan with the intention to consult early next year. We have also lobbied the government to reduce the number of new homes the council is obliged to provide. Only this month myself and the deputy council leader had an online meeting with Cabinet minister Michael Gove to raise our concerns and ask for his support.

"Elsewhere within the council, our housing team has worked tirelessly on homeless prevention and earlier this year we welcomed a refugee family from Afghanistan to the district as part of the government's resettlement scheme to help those escaping conflict.

"The waste contractors have done a sterling job in keeping Wealden clean helped by litter picking groups, an anti-littering campaign and the Great British Spring Clean effort.

"2021 has also seen the launch of the council's Shop & Dine Well in Wealden campaign to support local businesses and High Streets, and Explore Wealden, which encourages people to visit our captivating and diverse landscape with its abundance of attractions and hospitality venues.

"Finally, I would like to wish all our residents a very merry Christmas, best wishes for a happy New Year in 2022 and assure them that as the council moves forward, we will continue to put them at the heart of what we do and ensure best value for money."

Wealden council's chief executive Trevor Scott also highlighted the authority's achievements particularly in relation to delivering its climate emergency plans.

He said, "We are making good progress to become a net-zero district by 2050 if not sooner. Already we are generating enough renewable energy to power around a third of the district's houses; we are in the middle of a procurement exercise to provide a network of electric vehicle charge points in our car parks and a roadmap to decarbonise our housing stock is underway.

"A pilot scheme is also underway to encourage businesses on an industrial estate within Wealden to install renewable technologies to reduce carbon emissions."

"I was also delighted when earlier this year Wealden was the only district council to make a successful bid for £309,453 through the government's Safer Streets initiative. That money is being used to install crime preventative measures such as CCTV and education and information projects in parts of Hailsham.

"Wealden is an exceptional place and through our plans and forward thinking, we will continue to strive to regenerate our diverse market towns, create jobs and attract investment."

Wealden District Council's Hailsham offices will close at 4pm on Friday 24 December and reopen again on Tuesday 4 January. You can continue to access a range of Wealden services online throughout the holiday period by visiting the Wealden website www.wealden.gov.uk