

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting: **Full Council**

Date: 8th July 2013

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Copt Hall

PRESENT

Mr K Brown (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr J Billingham, Mrs M Brinsley Mr P Dartnell, Mr G Davies, Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mrs J Newman, Mrs B Weeden, Mr P Whittle, Mr C Williamson

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

Mr. R Weeden, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. J Cunningham, Mr. S Holden
KM, K&SC

- 1 Adjournment for public speaking.
- 1.1 TWBC Cllr Cunningham was in attendance.
- 1.2 Penny Ansell gave a report regarding the formation of a Speed Watch scheme in association with 4 other parishes who would share the speed indicator device which would be available to the Hawkhurst group for at least 10 weeks a year and would be deployed at various locations around the village. Teams of three are needed to operate the system and anyone interested helping should contact the Parish Office in the first instant.
- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apology received from Mr J Hunt
3. Declaration of interests:
- 3.1 MA declared a personal interest in planning applications 31/32.
- 3A. Co-option of new Member
- 3A.1 Paul Whittle gave a short presentation setting out his background and interests. He has previously served as a Councillor.
Members agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr Whittle onto the Council and he joined the meeting.
- 4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- 4.1 Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2013.
BF, PJ and PW abstained as they were not in attendance.
- 4.2 Noted the Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 17th June 2013.
- 4.3 Noted the Minutes of the Buildings Committee meeting on 24th June 2013
- 5 Matters arising
- 5.1 Transport & Highways. (MA) The Transport & Accessibility Group are bringing together Arriva and Stagecoach to try and resolve the timetable issue to co-ordinate their services at the interchange in Hawkhurst. Members were concerned that the problem was proving so difficult when the timings only need to be changed by 5 minutes.
It was noted that KCC have repainted the wrong stop line at the traffic lights on Cranbrook Road. They should have repainted the line further away from the lights. Members noted the reply from the Leader of KCC, Cllr Carter, regarding the upgrading of the traffic lights at Highgate. They agreed with the response prepared by KB.
- 5.2 Youth Matters. (KB). The Street Cruizer is now able to operate within the KGV Playing Field following alterations to the access. Attendance remains good. The operators will

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5.3	check the site and lock the toilets on conclusion of the session.
5.4	Police. There were ten reported crimes in the past month.
5.4	Local Interest. Speed Watch. Members discussed the proposal and the sharing agreement prepared by Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council. KB, supported by GD, proposed the Council contribute to C&S PC one fifth of the £2,300 cost (£460) in accordance with the agreement. Eleven agreed, JB abstained.
5.5	Hawkhurst Community Centre. (BW). The steering group has entered into discussion with WRAP about the possibility of them carrying out activities at the new centre.
6	<u>Reports of Committee Chairmen</u>
6.1	Buildings Committee. (BF). Odour control units have been installed into the toilets at the Sports Hall.
6.2	Land Committee. (CW). The committee recently visited all the sites under their control.
6.3	F&GP Committee. (KB). The Council's Development Strategy is being reviewed.
6.4	Personnel Committee (MB). Nothing to report
6.5	Neighbourhood Planning Group. (JN) Nothing to report
6.6	Fete Committee. (KB). The fete will be on Sunday 25 th August at The Moor and KGV Playing Field. Due to exceptional expenditure over the last couple of years, Royal wedding and Jubilee, the committee's working reserve has been seriously depleted and a grant for their working fund is requested from the Parish Council. KB, supported by BW, proposed a grant (s137) of £800 be given to the Fete Committee to be used as working capital. Nine Members agreed. KB, MA and CW abstained as they are committee members.
7	<u>Matters for further discussion</u>
7.1	Council Tax Support Grant "windfall" funding 2013/14. Members discussed at length the list of suggestions put forward from the F&GP Committee as to how this money could be spent. Members noted some of the proposals were still in the early stages of development so felt it was not the time to allocate funds to them. One major element was the need for additional professional advice on legal issues relating to the charitable status and governing documents for the Community Trust.
7.2	Members agreed to replace the two dilapidated benches on Cranbrook Road.
7.3	It was also agreed (JN abstained) to provide three picnic benches; one on The Moor close to the Jubilee seat near to the Spar shop and two tables at Heartenoak Field.
8	<u>Correspondence</u>
1	10/06/13 Kent Police Change of District Commander
2	12/06/13 High Weald AONB Unit Management Plan consultation links.
3	14/06/13 Penny Ansell Community Speed Watch grant request. See also F&GP 17/06/13-7.3.
4	13/06/13 KALC/DCLG Capping referendum advice/information
5	17/06/13 HPC Letter to KCC regarding traffic lights at Highgate and reply from KCC Leader, Cllr Carter
6	26/06/13 Orbit Housing Association Update on Gunther Close heating systems
7	01/07/13 Anonymous Complaint about dog fouling in the village
8	01/07/13 Fete Ctte. Meeting minutes 27 th June 2013
9	02/07/13 Greg Clark MP Response re KGV land transfer and FIT.
8.7	Members noted the letter contained several inaccuracies and unfortunately as it was written anonymously, the author could not be contacted. An item on this subject will be published in the Village Magazine.

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9.	<u>Finance</u> <u>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE June 2013</u>
	Accounts for payment £ 10,808.52
	Payment received £ 2,446.80
	Net Expenditure -£ 8,361.72
	Lloyds High Interest Reserve £ 50,000.00
	Lloyds Current £ 10,099.00
	Lloyds Access Reserve £ 91,097.82
	Petty Cash £ 70.67
9.1	KB, supported by BF, proposed the accounts for payment be accepted. All agreed.

10. Planning

10.1 Planning and Highways Information

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
KCC Highways	Tracker survey 2012 – Summary Report	County wide	
13/00806	Extension of time	Hawkhurst Castle	Withdrawn

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
13/01156	Lawful Development Certificate	Kent Bridge Farm, Horns Hill	Use of room as living room
13/00842	Single storey extension	Ockley Farm, Ockley Road	14/06/13
13/01187	Replacement boundary fence	Ilam House, Horns Road	17/06/13
13/00937	LBC. Flue for wood burning stove	Woodsden Barn, Water Lane	18/06/13
13/01271	Lawful Development Certificate (AOC) clarification	Ten Oaks Farm, Heartenoak Road	Not subject to an AOC.
13/01091	First floor extension	Lakeside, Stream Lane	24/06/13

10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
None			

10.4 Planning Applications

Item	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Call in
29	13/01428/FUL/GM2	Demolition and redevelopment with 8 dwellings	Station Garage, Gills Green		Agree	11		PW	No
30	13/01449/FULMJ/GM2	Demolition and redevelopment with a 90 bed care home	Hawkhurst Castle, Cranbrook Road		Agree	11		PW	No
31	13/01620/LBC/CP3	LBC. Restoration and conversion of barns to provide annexe	Beals Green Farm, Heartenoak Road		Agree	11		PW	No

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32	13/01619/HOUSE/C P3	Restoration and conversion of barns to provide annexe	Beals Green Farm, Heartenoak Road	The barn is to be ancillary to the main dwelling	Agree	11		PW	No
33	13/01702/FUL/NR2	Extension to pack house	Stevens Farm, Tongswood Drive	Some concern has been received regarding vehicle movements during night time hours which could be restricted.	Agree	11		PW	No
34	13/01790/HOUSE/C P3	Detached Garage	Gills Green Barn, Wellington Road		Agree	11		PW	No
35	13/01816/LBC/HW1	LBC. Replace windows with French doors	Holmans, Slip Mill Lane		Agree	11		PW	No
36	13/01807/LBC/SE2	LBC. Replacement of chapel link and creation of remembrance garden	St Ronans School, Water Lane		Agree	11		PW	No
37	13/01804/FUL/SE2	Replacement of chapel link and creation of remembrance garden	St Ronans School, Water Lane		Agree	11		PW	No
38	13/01811/LBC/SE2	LBC. Alterations to front door to improve access	St Ronans School, Water Lane		Agree	11		PW	No
39	13/01808/FUL/SE2	Alterations to front door to improve access	St Ronans School, Water Lane		Agree			PW	No

11 | Burial & Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
17/06/13	David James Carter	Interment
24/06/13	Gladys Kathleen Vinall	Interment
26/06/13	Hilda May Hawker	Interment

12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	14/06/13	Kent High Weald Partnership	Annual Report 2012/13
2	24/06/13	South East Water	Burst water main in Heartenoak Road
3	24/06/13	Dunks Trust	New office address
4	27/06/13	ACRK	Oast to Coast
5	08/07/13	British Legion	Assistance from the Council is requested in arranging the required road closure for the Remembrance Day parade. The Clerk will contact TWBC and the police for advice.

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| 13 | <u>Confidential:</u> |
| 13.1 | Tender report for relocation of garages at KGV Playing Field. Members discussed the tender report and recommendation of the Buildings Committee. BF, supported by GD, proposed the Council accept the tender from R&S Building Contractors as set out in the report. |
| 14 | <u>Closure</u> |
| 14.1 | The meeting closed at 21:25 |
| 15 | <u>Future Meetings</u> |
| 15.1 | The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 5 th August 2013 at Copt Hall commencing at 19:45. This meeting will only deal with planning and finance. |

Signed.....Date.....
Keith Brown, Chairman of the Parish Council.