

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting:

**Full Council**

Date:

8<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Ref:

am.

**Copt Hall**

Typed:

9<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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PRESENT

Mr K Brown (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr J Billingham, Mrs M Brinsley, Mr P Dartnell, Mr G Davies, Mr J Hunt, Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mr T Lee, Mrs B Weeden.

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ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

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

- 1 Adjournment for public speaking.
- 1.1 The Community Warden, Ros Tollhurst, reported that things were generally very quiet in the village.
- 1.2 Mr P Hodges from Lambert and Foster spoke on behalf of an objector to planning application 66. It was his professional opinion that the proposal was over bearing and would result in significant loss of light and privacy for his client and other adjacent dwellings. These were sufficient reasons in planning policy terms why this application should be refused.
- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apology received from Mrs J Newman and Mr C Williamson. Mr P Jones did not attend. No Ward Members were able to attend as there was a meeting of the EAPC in Tunbridge Wells.
3. Declaration of interests:
- 3.1 KB, BF and PD had been lobbied regarding planning item 66.
- 3.2 BW declared a personal interest in planning item 64.
- 4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- 4.1 To receive Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012. A small amendment was made to item 7.3. The end of last sentence in the first paragraph was amended to read "to ensure balance of *the publication in general.*"
- 4.2
- 4.3 To note the Minutes of the Land Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- 4.4 To note the Minutes of the F&GP Committee 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012
- 4.5 To note the Minutes of the Hall 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- 5 Matters arising
- 5.1 Transport & Highways. (MA) Power has still not been connected to the bus shelters with lighting. During the power cable installation work to the shelter outside Dunks, the contractor has made a terrible mess of the end glazed panel and made no attempt to clean it off. Members were also informed that Kent Highways will be resurfacing the High Street between Post Office Road and the traffic lights. This will cause serious disruption for the 3 days from 12<sup>th</sup> November. There will be night time closures of this section of road.
- 5.2 Youth Matters. Members were appalled at the recent reports from TWBC and KCC which appears they are "washing their hands" of responsibility for any youth provision in the rural areas with only a limited service being offered in the town. The Chairman has on more than one occasion offered to drive the Street Cruiser bus has never had a response from the Town Hall. It appears that the plan is to dispose of this facility as well, thus reducing further opportunities for youth in rural areas. Members requested

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- KB to seek the views of other parish councils in the area and write to TWBC expressing this council's annoyance in the matter.
- 5.3 Police (JH) Reported crime figures for September were 26 of which 14 were for graffiti/criminal damage believed to have been carried out by the same person.
- 5.4 Local Interest. (KB).
- i. Village Appraisal 2012. There will a presentation to the public of the results of the Village Appraisal. This will be held at the primary school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November commencing at 18:30.
  - ii. Bowles Lodge. JH has been led to understand that funding for the PFI scheme for the redevelopment of Bowles Lodge has been approved and work should start towards the end of 2013.
  - iii. In this years Village of the Year competition Hawkhurst received Commendations in the Sustainability, Communication, Business and Community categories.
  - iii. Following the visit last month by representatives from the KCC Library Service, it was noted that the Community Warden had expressed an interest if assisting to run the library in the village but it is believed her employer would not support such a move. The Chairman will write to KCC seeking clarification on this point.
- 5.5 Hawkhurst Community Centre. (BW) Members acknowledged the statement from the group and welcomed the formation of the Capital Funding Appeal committee which will be acting for the community Trust. The appeal chair is Thomas Lee who outlined the group's early ideas and possible timeline. He welcomed the challenge and looked forward to working with the full support from the Council as it was essential to remain totally positive about the project. BF and JB thanked Mr Lee and welcomed this fresh and positive approach.
- 5.6 Hawkhurst Community Partnership. (MB) There are a few loose ends to be tied up and it has been agreed to retain the services of the co-ordinator in a limited way until May 2013. The accounts will be balanced and the credit owed to the council will be reimbursed.
- 5.7 Village Magazine. Members broadly welcomed the first edition in its new format and noted that there would be further gradual changes providing there was sufficient suitable material coming in to publish. They were informed that invoices for advertising were now being processed and the account is currently in credit.
- 6 Reports of Committee Chairmen
- 6.1 Buildings Committee. (BF). The Committee will meet later this month to discuss its budget for next year. Several maintenance items including the timer for the hot water system in the changing rooms and repairs to one of the garage doors are being addressed.
- 6.2 Land Committee. (MA). The annual playground safety inspection reports have highlighted a few issues which are being dealt with at present.
- 6.3 F&GP Committee. (KB). The committee is preparing the proposed final budget for next year. The full street lighting upgrade is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month. This includes works that would have been undertaken next year.
- 6.4 Personnel Panel (MB). The panel will soon be meeting to discuss the proposed new caretakers contracts and schedules.
- 6.5 Fete Committee. (KB). There will be a Christmas event in conjunction with village businesses on 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- 7 Matters for further discussion
- 7.1 None.

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8	<u>Correspondence</u>		
1	17/09/12	TWBC	Policing at events including Remembrance Sunday services
2	20/09/12	Resident	Condition of KGV play area. (Land Cttee dealing with)
3	25/09/12	TWBC	Minutes of Chairmen's meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> September
4	07/09/12	TWBC	Update on youth service and Street Cruiser bus
5	01/10/12	Cranbrook PC	Community bus scheme

8.5 Write to C&SPC to request exploratory discussion

### 9. Finance

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SEPTEMBER 2012

Accounts for payment	£	7,473.40
Payment received	£	5,812.14
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>-£</b>	<b>1,661.26</b>
Lloyds High Interest Reserve	£	50,000.00
Lloyds Current	£	10,207.96
Lloyds Access Reserve	£	90,021.80
Petty Cash	£	63.50
Accounts for payment	£	7,473.40

9.1 KB, supported by BW, proposed the accounts for payment be accepted. All agreed.

9.2 Audit Commission Annual Return 2011/12. The Annual Return 2011/12 has been approved by the Audit Commission acting as External Auditor.

### 10. Planning

#### 10.1 Planning and Highways Information

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
18/09/12	Change name of part of The Moor to Pipers Lane	The Moor	Correspondence with TWBC
11/00263	Insertion of roof lights into Listed Building	Barnfield Barn, High Street	Appeal against TWBC enforcement

#### 10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
12/01714	Revisions to previously approved application	The Studio, Grove Mills, Cranbrook Road	11/03729 refers
11/02037	Convert store to dwelling	1 Norman Villas, Cranbrook Road	21/09/12
12/02231	External condenser unit to rear	Barclays Bank, High Street	24/09/12
12/02028	Replacement effluent treatment plant	Steam Cottage, Water Lane	25/09/12
12/01139	Rear extension	4 Oak Terrace	25/09/12
12/02243	Single storey rear and side extension	1 Saxon Villas, Northgrove Road	26/09/12

#### 10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
05/00472	Removal of condition to widen path	Highgate Mews	Path on Highgate Hill. Safety.

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### 10.4 Planning Applications

Item	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Call in
63	12/02371/ HOUSE/C LC	Single storey side extension and roof extension, conservatory	Slip Mill Cottage, Slip Mill Lane		Agree	9		TL	No
64	12/02538/ HOUSE/E A1	Creation of log store	Badgers, Bokes Farm, Horns Hill		Agree	All			No
65	12/02457/T PO/DMD	Reduce low branches of Yew tree (T1)	Highgate Mews	Members would prefer to see reduction works limited to 10%.	Agree	All			No
66	12/02509/ HOUSE/E A1	First floor extension and associated works	The Spinney, Rye Road	The proposal is overbearing and out of keeping with the other properties at this important part of the village. The scheme, particularly the addition of a second floor under a redesigned roof and first floor side extension would result in a significant loss of light and privacy for the adjacent properties.	Against	All			Yes
67	12/02600/ HOUSE/E A1	Two storey extension	Oak Tree Cottage, Stream Lane		Agree	All			No
68	12/02546/T PO/DMD	To fell 1 Cedar and 1 Silver Birch	17 Oakfield	Members would have liked to see more detail in this application and would also wish that replacement trees are provided.	Agree	5	KB, BW, BF, JB	TL	No
69	12/02704/ HOUSE/G M2	Retrospective. Pergola and garden lights	Keepers Cottage, Delmonden Lane		Agree	9		TL	No

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11 | Burial & Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
01/09/12	Roy Arthur Crane	Inter ashes

12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	05/09/12	KCC	Changes at household waste recycling centres from 1 <sup>st</sup> October.
2	11/09/12	Village Society	Correspondence with Kent Highways
3	05/09/12	High Weald	Newsletter
4	18/09/12	ACRK	Rural News
5	26/09/12	Hidden Britain	Newsletter

13	<u>Confidential:</u> Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the following items:
13.1	Former toilet site. Members noted the comments from the Land Committee and instructed the Committee to seek fee or commission costs from local agents for the disposal of the site. The Chairman of the Community Centre requested that at the next meeting there be a discussion regarding the use of the capital receipt from this sale, bearing in mind the restrictive covenant regarding the use of such a receipt from this site.
14	<u>Closure</u>
14.1	The meeting closed at 21:20
15	<u>Future Meetings</u>
15.1	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 12 November 2012 at Copt Hall commencing at 19:45.

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