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Meeting:

Full Council

Date:

9th June 2014

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Copt Hall

Typed:

10th June 2014

PRESENT

Mr P Dartnell (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr G Davies, Mrs S Fisher, Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mr J Hunt, Mr P Jones, Mrs J Newman, Mr C Williamson, Mr P Whittle

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

Mr. R Weeden, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. N. Gray, Mr. S Holden
KM, K&SC

The Chairman opened the Meeting.

1 Adjournment for public speaking.

- 1.1 Newly-elected Borough Cllr for Hawkhurst and Sandhurst, Nathan Gray was introduced by Cllr B Palmer, and then expressed his commitment to Hawkhurst and Sandhurst and his availability to their residents.
- 1.2 Peter Rolington of West Kent Neighbourhood Watch, Chair of Kent Crimestoppers and Editor of e-Watch described the community benefits of all 3 schemes in preventing and assisting in the detection of crime.

2. Apologies for absence:

Mrs M Brinsley, Mrs B Weeden

3. Declaration of interests:

BF declared a personal interest in Planning Application 20.
CW declared a pecuniary interest in the Streetcruizer bus for S.5.2 Youth.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2014. They were approved with one abstention from PW. The minutes of the AGM of 12th May 2014 were noted.

5. Matters arising

- 5.1 Transport & Highways. The Chairman gave an update on the issue of the poor accident record from Heartenoak Lane to Park Lane on the A229, raised with John Burr of KHT. The junction of Wellington Road and A229 will receive clearer signage and road markings and this section of the A229 will be considered in the Casualty Reduction Measures consultation later this year.
It was unanimously resolved that MA should continue as HPC rep to the Transport Accessibility Group.
- 5.2 Youth Matters. CW left the room as the Streetcruizer contract was to be discussed. WRAP have reduced their quote from £62 to £45 per session. The Community Safety Unit at TWBC have been approached for a grant to bring the cost within budget for 2014-15. PJ, supported by GD proposed *the price of £45 per session should be accepted from WRAP*, which was carried by a vote of 7 for, JN and SF against and CW not voting. It was noted that a complaint of disturbance had been received from a resident close to the Streetcruizer site and un-used condoms had also been found after a visit there. *Members agreed a letter should be sent to WRAP to raise this.*
CW returned and a letter from the St Laurence Church Youth Group was discussed,

- stating that current leaders would not be available from September. Members feel the Group is very well valued and supported. *MA offered to place an article in the Village Magazine inviting new leadership and all Members agreed to consider any suitable persons they may know of.*
- 5.3 Police. (JH) 17 reported crimes in May 2014 (6 theft, 3 criminal damage, 1 theft from a vehicle, 1 vehicle interference, 4 assaults, 1 harassment, 1 indecency), with particular concern about heating oil thefts, though no house burglaries.
- 5.4 Local Community Interest. Social networking – a meeting has been held to discuss Facebook and the HPC website. A follow-up meeting will take place next week to create a Facebook page for HPC with a ‘soft’ launch. Approaches will also be discussed to better optimize the website and make it easier to find. PW stressed the importance of having pdf documents on the website for security and optimisation. Business signage - The quote of £200 was discussed. Some debate arose of a sign for all village shops and/or businesses versus a sign to accentuate Cranbrook Rd shops from Highgate. It was agreed to initially approach owners of locations for the signage. *MA agreed to approach the owner of the Harry Roffey building at the Highgate/Cranbrook Rd junction. The Clerk is to approach KCC about adding a sign to the library wall.*
- 5.5 Speed Watch. The Chairman gave an update that Speedwatch have written to John Burr KHT, detailing Hawkhurst’s qualification for a camera van or speed camera on the High Street in view of the accident record there.
- 5.6 Hawkhurst Community Centre. Michael Crookes, lawyer has advised a reply is expected from the Charities Commission on amendments to the HCT governing document approximately 18th June 2014.
- 6. Reports of Committee Chairmen**
- 6.1 Buildings. BF. Buildings Committee met on May 27th. PW is to meet M&Sto check emergency lighting at Sports Hall and Copt Hall. The Post Office at The Moor was well attended on Monday 9th June. BF and the Clerk are meeting BT 10th June to discuss installation of a BT line to the Sports Hall. If telegraph poles were required, they would need planning permission and would be within a conservation area. BF proposed, supported by PW to *proceed with the order for the picnic tables from Tate Fencing*, which was unanimously passed. Some discussion took place regarding the best location on The Moor. PW believed they should be near the parking and litter bins opposite the former Spar Shop and this would be discussed further. BF reported that Mr P Dunlop would be donating a metal bench in memory of his Father, to be placed within the recess outside Babies Castle on Cranbrook Road. Members expressed their grateful thanks to Mr Dunlop. The Minutes of the Building Committee were noted.
- 6.2 Land.CW. Nothing to report. The next meeting of Land Committee is due on June 11th when the Chair, Vice Chair and F&GP delegate will be elected.
F&GP. PD. Nothing to report. The next meeting of F&GP Committee is due on June 16th.
- 6.3 Personnel.MB. Nothing to report.
- 6.4 Fete. CW. The Plans for the August fete are expanding and a direct contact with St Laurence’s Church is now on board. The next Meeting is 10.06.14 when the Chair and Vice Chair will be elected.
- 6.5 NDP.JN. This Committee had its first Meeting on 14.05.14, at which it adopted the Draft Terms of Reference. TWBC Cllr Nathan Gray is joining this Committee. Dunks Hall is booked for the NDP Public Consultation 13, 14 June from 9-12 with the aim of extending the gathering of local opinion since the last Village Appraisal in 2012. All comments will be captured on Post-It Notes, with a sign-in to demonstrate attendance. The event has been advertised in the Village Magazine, signs will be put up and the Community Correspondent for The Courier will mention it in Friday’s

edition.

7. Matters for further discussion

- 7.1 The Chairman updated Members on recent meetings held in the Council and also with Cllrs N. Gray and B. Palmer to prepare HPC's case for TWBC Planning Committee against both Birchfield and Highgate Hill Planning Applications, to be heard on July 9th 2014. BF updated the Members on local resident activity to bring the issues at Highgate Hill to the attention of the Village in general. 2 banners will be up in the Village, petitions are being signed, and radio and press coverage has been undertaken.
- 7.2 The problem of dog waste was discussed following receipt of correspondence from a resident and canine business owner offering help in promoting responsible disposal of bagged dog waste in the village. Bespoke clinical dog waste services have been investigated in the past and are very costly. Members agreed to seek ways in collaboration with the correspondent to highlight the available use of existing litter bins, which are emptied daily, provided that waste is bagged. *MA agreed to collaborate on an article in the Village Magazine to highlight the problem and potential solutions.*
- 7.3 PJ informed Members that he has been re-elected as Vice-Chairman of Cranbrook and District Age UK at their recent AGM.

8. Correspondence

	Date Received	From	Subject	
1	09/05/14	Village Society	CC to Cllr Holden ref: possibility of traffic cameras at Highgate Hill traffic lights for 'red light jumpers'.	
2	09/05/14	Village Society	CC to Insp Simon Wilshaw ref: possibility of traffic cameras at Highgate Hill traffic lights for 'red light jumpers'.	
3	23/05/14	Action Medical Research	Expression of thanks for loan of HPC urn for fundraising day.	
4	30/05/14	The Milestone Society	Advice ref: preservation and protection of milestones	Clerk to send letter of thanks
5	02/06/14	Sound Architect	Request for HPC letter of support for funds application for Hawkhurst Primary School and Babies Castle history project.	HPC to send letter of support.
6	02/06/14	Speedwatch	CC to John Burr ref: speeding problems and accident record in Hawkhurst with potential qualification for speed cameras.	

9. Finance

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MAY 2014

Accounts for payment	£	7,190.24
Payment received	£	4,197.85
Net Expenditure	-£	2,992.39
Cambridge & Counties Reserve	£	60,000.00

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Lloyds Current	£ 10,000.00
Lloyds Access Reserve	£ 104,352.41
Petty Cash	£ 147.93

- 9.1 Payments were examined and voted for unanimously.
 9.2 PD signed off the bank rec and confirmed he had checked petty cash.

10. **Planning**

10.1 Planning & Highways Information:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
TW/13/3828	Build of extra care facility	Bowles Lodge	Drainage details
TW/13/3828	Build of extra care facility	Bowles Lodge	External Materials details
TW/13/3828	Build of extra care facility	Bowles Lodge	Refuse and cycle store details
21.05.14	Road repairs 08.06.14	B2244 Hastings Road	Traffic control 1 day
21.05.14	Road repairs 07.06.14	Delmonden Road	Road closure 2 days
21.05.14	Road repairs 07.06.14	A229 Horns Road	Traffic control 1 day
22.05.14	Road repairs 08.06.14	Conghurst Lane	Road closure 1 day

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
	None		

10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
	None		

10.4 Planning Applications

Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Ctte
10	14/01346/LBC	LBC for Extension to single storey outbuilding and new glazed link	Potters farm, Potters Lane	Design out of keeping with the main building, particularly as the main building is listed	Against	3	6	MA	Yes
11	14/01340/HOUSE/CP3	Extension to single storey outbuilding and new glazed link	Potters farm, Potters Lane	Design out of keeping with the main building, particularly as the main building is listed	Against	3	6	MA	Yes
12	14/005714/FULL/ARJ	Change of use from C2/C3 (residential care	Chislehurst Care Ltd, Hillside,		Agree	All			

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Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
		home) with conversion to 2 dwellings; retention of existing residential unit	Cranbrook Road						
13	14/01128/HOUSE	2 Storey side extension and loft conversion	1 Basden Cottages	Intrusively close to neighbouring property and mass of the extension is excessive in relation to the existing house and the space available.	Against	4	5	MA	
14	14/01431/HOUSE/EA1	Retrospective - tree house	Ashfield Park, Horns Hill		Agree	9		MA	
15	14/01476/FULL	Change of use of part of rear of property to studio apartment	Part Ground Floor Rear of 2 Colonnade, Rye Road		Agree	9		MA	
16	14/01526/HOUSE/RH1	Conversion and extension to outbuilding to link to main dwelling	2 Gills Green Cottages		Agree	7	PJ	MA,SF	
17	14/01499/FULL/HW1	Installation of 3 louvres	BT Telephone Exchange, Ockley Road		Agree	9		MA	
18	14/01543/FULL/RH1	Part retrospective installation of swimming pond	Cowden Farmhouse, Horns Road		Agree	9		MA	
19	14/01537/FULL/TA1	Proposed dwelling at rear of existing garden	Ashmount, Rye Road	Mass of the building is too large for the space and overintensive.	Against	4	5	MA,SF	
20	13/02828/	Outline	Land west	*	Against		All		

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Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
	OUT/EG1	application for residential development with all matters other than means of access reserved for future consideration. Devpt to comprise 62 dwellings, access, parking, garages and car barns, hard and soft landscaping.	of Lorenden Park and The White House, Highgate Hill						

* This is an AONB greenfield site that is not within the LBD and is adjacent to a conservation area. The fact it is in a draft allocation document does not carry sufficient weight to negate these factors when said document still requires public consultation and Planning Inspector approval. The Parish Council believes this site should be removed from the draft, particularly in the light of many other available brownfield sites, which should be prioritised, the ridge-top and visible location of this AONB site and the damage such a large development would have on the character of Hawkhurst, factors highlighted by the Planning Inspector when considering APP/M2270/A/13/2198919 Fowlers Park. None of this supports any justification for a departure application or any compelling public interest argument to rescind the presumption in favour of the protection of AONB land. The scale of the development would create an unacceptable impact on traffic at its entrance on a primary distributor route (A229) and the scale of additional traffic volume through the troubled Highgate Hill crossroads and its impact on current congestion there is also unacceptable.

10.5 Cllr Weeden had requested the Full Council discuss calling in of planning application TW/14/01300 for a two bed bungalow at 8 Plum tree Cottages, Horns Road, Hawkhurst as this aspect had not been discussed at the previous Full Council meeting on May 12th. BF, seconded by PW *proposed the Council ask for TW/14/01300 be called in by the Planning Committee at TWBC.* 9 were in favour with JH abstaining.

11 Burial and Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
20/05/2014	Frederick John Clark	Burial
22/05/2014	James Edward Smith	Burial

12 Notes and Information

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1	109/05/14	KCPFA	Centenary Fields programme
2	14/05/2014	ACRK	Rural News
3	17/04/14	KALC	The Parish News
4	27/05/14	TWBC	Cycle Friday
5	03/06/14	KALC	The Parish News
6	19/05/14, 27/05/14, 06/06/14	e-watch	Crime reports for Hawkhurst
7	28/05/14	Buildings Comittee	Minutes
8	13/5/14, 03/6/14	Fete Committee Minutes	Stalls and activities planned for the fete.

- 13** **Confidential:**
 BF, seconded by PW *proposed closing the Meeting to the public and going into private session.*
 BF, seconded by JN *proposed to accept the apology sent by CW to all Members relating to disclosure of a personal rather than a pecuniary interest.*
- 14** **Closure**
 14.1 The meeting closed at 21:35
- 15** **Future Meetings**
 15.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 14th July 2014 commencing at 19:45.

Signed.....Date.....
 Peter Dartnell, Chairman of the Parish Council.