

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting: **Full Council**
Date: 10th September 2012
Ref: am.
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Copt Hall

PRESENT

Mr K Brown (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr J Billingham, Mrs M Brinsley, Mr P Dartnell, Mr J Hunt, Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mr P Jones, Mr T Lee, Mrs J Newman, Mrs B Weeden, Mr C Williamson.

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

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

- 1 Adjournment for public speaking.
- 1.1 Mrs S Sparks from the KCC Library Service informed Members of work being undertaken to seek ways to improve the service and make savings of a million pounds county wide. She emphasised that there are no plans to close any libraries in the county. Members noted that the IT costs at our branch represent around 30% of the operating costs. Mrs Sparks explained how these charges came about. Members made various comments and were supportive of the wish to see the possibility of some volunteer help to assist the core staff.
- 1.2 TWBC Cllr Cunningham informed the meeting of the possible changes to the national planning rules and the NPPF adopted in March 2012.
- 1.3 The Community Warden, Ros Tollhurst, reported that things were generally very quiet in the village.
- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apology received from Mr G Davies,
3. Declaration of interests:
- 3.1 KB, CB, MB and JB all declared a personal interest in planning item 62.
- 4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- 4.1 To receive Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2012.
- 4.2 To receive Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th August 2012.
- 4.3 To note the Minutes of the Land Committee held on 2nd July 2012
- 4.4 To note the Minutes of the F&GP Committee 16th July 2012
- 4.5 To note the Minutes of the Buildings Committee 23rd July 2012
- 5 Matters arising
- 5.1 Transport & Highways. (MA) Power cables have been installed but not connected to the bus shelters with lighting.
- 5.2 Youth Matters. (JH). The Friday youth club has now ceased to operate due to no attendees. The service provider is to be asked to provide a statement of financial account showing how the grant from HPC has been used. Members noted that recent actions by KCC and TWBC in changing significantly the way in which youth services are delivered were contrary to their own promises and policies. KB has spoken with TWBC and volunteered as a qualified bus driver, to bring the "Street Cruzer" bus to Hawkhurst but so far had no response.
- 5.3 Police.(JH) Reported crime figures for July was 16 and 27 in August of which 13 were for graffiti believed to have been carried out by the same person.
- 5.4 Local Interest. (KB).
Village Appraisal 2012. KB thanked Cllr Mrs Newman for the work she has

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undertaken in producing an accurate Village Appraisal 2012 report. Members discussed several of the issues raised and noted what action will be taken to address areas of concern It was also agreed to hold a public meeting in the autumn so the public may raise their own questions and comments.

KB, supported by BF, proposed the Council accept the Village Appraisal 2012 report. All agreed except CW who abstained.

5.5 Hawkhurst Community Centre. (BW). At a meeting of the working group last week , members noted the responses and significant support for the project shown in the Village Appraisal. They also noted other specific concerns and would soon be addressing these with better explanations and information.

5.6 Hawkhurst Community Partnership. The web site ownership issue is still to be resolved. A volunteer organiser from the village is required to take over the running of the photographic competition which runs in conjunction with the film festival.

5.7 Community Involvement Awards. KB, supported by MA, proposed the Council adopt the nomination process as presented to this meeting. All agreed except JH who abstained.

6 Reports of Committee Chairmen

6.1 Buildings Committee. (BF). The survey reports for both halls are being looked at to prioritise any short term repairs that may be considered acceptable. A new caretaker is being recruited for Copt Hall. The roles of the caretakers are being looked at with a view to revising the way in which their duties are divided.

6.2 Land Committee. (MA). Outline planning consent for a single dwelling has been obtained for the former toilet site in Ockley Road. The committee will, like the Buildings Committee, be looking at the caretaker structure.

6.3 F&GP Committee. (KB). A meeting will be held soon to begin revising the Development Strategy in light of the Village Appraisal and to begin preparing next years budget.

6.4 Personnel Committee (MB). Nothing to report and there are no outstanding matters.

6.5 Fete Committee. (KB). Accounts for the Jubilee event have been finalised and the grant application (50%) submitted to TWBC.

7 Matters for further discussion

7.1 Members discussed the request from a resident, supported by JH to rename part of The Moor as Pipers Lane in honour of the late Brian Piper. Members agreed by a majority to request TWBC change the name of that part of The Moor running from Victoria House to the junction with Talbot Road to Pipers Lane.

7.2 Members discussed the report by the Clerk and consultation from DCLG regarding moving the Council's methods of paying suppliers from cheques to e-banking. KB, supported by BW, proposed the Council begin preparing for this now. All agreed except BF, JH and PJ who were against.

7.3 Hawkhurst Village Magazine. Members noted the report from Cllr Appelbe. There was a full discussion on the issues particularly regarding the need for advertising revenue to cover production costs and for there to be space for all the church denominations and local groups to be represented. This would help to broaden its appeal to the wider community and extend the promotion of events and functions in the village.

It was proposed that the Council Chairman of the day take ultimate responsibility for editorial content of the magazine where it relates to the Council's activities to ensure information presented as fact is accurate and correct and to ensure the Council is not unwittingly brought into disrepute. This role will not, however, be involved in the production stage of the editorial content of the magazine; purely acting as a "long stop" to ensure balance.

Members also do not expect there to be any expenditure on this project taken from the Precept, it is to be self financing. Work would commence on the new magazine

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10. Planning

10.1 Planning and Highways Information

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
12/01893	Removal of condition to widen path	Highgate Hill	CC Objection letter from resident to TWBC
Village Society	Footpaths	Village wide	CC letter to the director of KHS
TWBC	Local Development Scheme	Borough wide	Revised scheme adopted on 6 th July 2012
KHS	Information about verge and hedge maintenance	County wide	
Village Society	Kent Freight Action Plan	County wide	CC comments to KCC
KALC	Kent Lane Rental Scheme	County wide	Draft response to consultation
TWBC	Planning service questionnaire	All Parishes	
Sigmaplan	Pre-application consultation	Land at Birchfield, Rye Road	On behalf of Rydon Homes. Possible provision of 25 dwellings.
TWBC	CLG Planning policy for traveler sites	Training/information on 16 th October 17:30-21:00 at the town Hall	
TWBC	Meeting notes with planners	Hawkhurst village/town	Officers notes – confidential.
Resident	Letter to TWBC regarding sites 31 and 217 within SHLAA	Hawkhurst	
12/01954	Single storey extension	Oak Tree Cottage, Stream Lane	Withdrawn. HPC had expressed concern re design.

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
12/01368	LBC Extension	Rowan Cottage, Attwaters Lane	03/07/12
12/01513	Roof lanterns	Martins Electrical, Cranbrook Road	10/07/12
12/01408	Hobbies room outbuilding	Hill View, Western Road	16/07/12
12/01593	Amended plan for windows	Apple Tree Barn, Highgate Hill	20/07/12
12/01617	Replacement garage/office	Honeysuckle Cottage, Water lane	25/07/12
12/01267	Rear extension and new dormer window to rear	24 Moor Hill	26/07/12
12/01718	Car port and fence	Beechmere, Horns Road	09/08/12
12/00389	Conversion to seven flats	All Saints Church, Rye Road	10/08/12
12/01134	Outline for single dwelling	Former toilet site, Ockley Road	15/08/12
12/01961	Projecting sign	Barclays Bank, High Street	20/08/12

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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
52	12/02139/CEU/RH1	Lawful Development Certificate (Existing)	Frith Farm, Park Lane	Members believe development of this nature is an abuse of process and even if precedent permits it, the Council does not support applications of this nature.	Against	JN, JH, MA	8	CW	No
53	12/02231/FUL/EA1	2no. External condenser units to rear	Barclays Bank, High Street	Special attention must be given to acoustic level and sound insulation.	Agree	11		TL	No
54	12/02243/House/CLC	Single storey side and rear extension	1 Saxon Villas, Northgrove Road		Agree	All			No
55	12/02313/ADV/EA1	Replacement ID signage	Highgate Service Station (BP)	There is no justification for this larger sign in the CA and which appears to only use the additional area to display a logo.	Against	All			Yes
56	12/02264/FUL/SE2	Conversion from office to two flats	The Old Mill, Northgrove Road	Some reservations about the lack of car parking	Agree	10	PD, BW		No
57	12/02047/HOUSE/EA1	Single storey front and side extension, garage and tv aerial	10 Oakfield		Agree	All			No
58	12/02294/HOUSE/EA1	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	Oakland, All Saints Road		Agree	All			No
59	12/02028/FUL/CLC	Communal effluent treatment unit for 9 properties	Steam Cottage, Water Lane		Agree	All			No
60	12/01444/FUL/GM2	Conversion to provide 1 bed flat	Part Conollys, Cranbrook Road	Some reservations about the lack of car parking	Agree	11	BW		No
61	12/02390/HOUSE/S	Enclosed porch to north east elevation	East Heath Barn, Stream Lane		Agree	All			No

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	E2								
62	12/02416/ HOUSE/P R1	Garage	Pauls Farm, Water Lane		Agree	All			No

11 Burial & Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
03/08/12	Rosalind Margaret Edmett	Inter ashes

12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	12/07/12	KALC	Parish News
2	24/07/12	Hidden Britain	Newsletter
3	12/07/12	ACRK	Rural News
4	16/07/12	TWBC	Standards Committee Annual Report 2011/12
5	08/08/12	KCPFA	Newsletter
6	09/08/12	Dunks Charity	Annual Statement of Accounts
7	09/08/12	Village Society	CC letter to Kent Highways director

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	Meeting with planning officers at TWBC. Members noted the report of the meeting held between the Clerk and planning officers at TWBC with Members present, to discuss various planning issues in the village in preparation for the consultation TWBC will be commencing in November.
13.2	Members considered the report and supporting evidence prepared by the Clerk in relation to the awarding of a contract by KCC for the provision of elderly day care services. In view of some uncertainties highlighted in the report regarding the process and procedures used by KCC in making this award, Members agreed unanimously to request the Audit Commission to review the process.
14	<u>Closure</u>
14.1	The meeting closed at 21:50
15	<u>Future Meetings</u>
15.1	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 8 th October 2012 at Copt Hall commencing at 19:45.

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