

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting:

Full Council

Date:

11th March 2013

Ref:

am.

Copt Hall

Typed:

12th March 2013

PRESENT

Mr K Brown (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr J Billingham, Mrs M Brinsley Mr P Dartnell, Mr G Davies Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mr J Hunt, Mr P Jones, Mr T Lee, Mrs J Newman, 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 Members received a report of a survey undertaken by a resident of the High Street regarding the views of residents in that area about speeding traffic. The main concerns were speeding generally and speeding lorries. The residents would like either KCC or the police to carry out a traffic speed and volume study with increased enforcement and improved speed reduction methods employed. This could be by reducing the speed limit to 30MPH with the introduction of better speed matrix signs. It was noted that in East Sussex the police appear to co-operate more closely with residents in loaning them speed monitoring equipment under the Speed Watch banner and are more proactive in supporting resident groups in the parishes. It is hoped the High Street group may be able to obtain support for this through KCC Local Member, Cllr Manning and the Tunbridge Wells traffic partnership, TWITTA. KB will try and arrange a meeting with the police and residents to look further into their wishes.
- 1.2 It was expected that a resident would be speaking on behalf of the residents of Gunther Close about problems with their central heating systems and poor response from their landlord, Orbit Housing Association. KB advised Members of the background to the matter and several Members had seen the report on BBC television about this problem in other areas with different housing associations. Members requested KB to arrange to meet with the Neighbourhood Management Director from Orbit to discuss the tenants positions.
- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apology received from Mrs B Weeden.
3. Declaration of interests:
- 3.1 MA has been lobbied over planning application 104.
- 3.2 PJ has a personal interest in planning application 102
- 3.3 Members would not be voting on planning application 103 as the Parish Council is the Sole Trustee of the Hawkhurst Community Trust, the applicant.
- 4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- 4.1 Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th February. A minor amendment was made to minute 7.2 to reflect no decision had been taken regarding funding for a skate board facility.
MB abstained as she was not in attendance.
- 4.2 Noted the Minutes of the Buildings Committee meeting on 25th February.

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5	<u>Matters arising</u>		
5.1	Transport & Highways. (MA) There has been no further progress on the bus shelter lighting as the contractor is waiting for a piece of equipment from the supplier. The Transport Accessibility group is supporting a plan being negotiated to operate a bus service from Battle through various villages up to Frittenden which currently has no public transport. Members welcomed this initiative. It is anticipated that Kent Highway services will be in the area next week to repair pot holes.		
5.2	Youth Matters. (KB). Members welcomed the news that the Cranbrook & Hawkhurst Rotary Club have donated a table tennis table to the St Laurence Youth Group which meet at the Sports Pavilion. The WRAP will be taking over the operation of the Youth Bus formally operated by TWBC. This service will be for use by youths of Hawkhurst and will also be visiting surrounding villages.		
5.3	Police. (JH). There were 10 reported crimes last month of which 50% related to thefts of domestic heating oil.		
5.4	Local Interest. (KB). There will be a meeting at Copt Hall on 5 th April starting at 19:15 for residents of Hawkhurst and the surrounding parishes who may be interested in becoming involved in producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.		
5.5	Hawkhurst Community Centre. (BW). The Trust is looking to progress towards becoming an independent charity thus not needing the Council as its Sole Trustee. Volunteer trustees are being sought.		
5.6	Hawkhurst Community Partnership. The negotiations between the Heritage Lottery Fund and KCC regarding maintenance of tunnels along the proposed Hop Pickers Line route continue but a very slow pace.		
6	<u>Reports of Committee Chairmen</u>		
6.1	Buildings Committee. (BF). HUFC have been written to regarding the planned relocation of the garages.		
6.2	Land Committee. (MA). At the next meeting the Members will be discussing land drainage improvements at the KGV site.		
6.3	F&GP Committee. (KB). Nil to report.		
6.4	Fete Committee. (KB). There will be a meeting for volunteers at the Royal Oak on Thursday 14 th March at the Royal Oak. All comers welcome. It is intended to hold the fete on the last Sunday in August, 25 th .		
7	<u>Matters for further discussion</u>		
7.1	None		
8	<u>Correspondence</u>		
1	13/02/13	Kent Men of Trees	Trees in the Village competition 2013
2	20/02/13	Boundary Commission	Constituency boundary review postponed.
3	19/02/13	KALC	Airport conference 22 nd March at County Hall
4	25/02/13	Grant Thornton	Auditors report concerning award of day services contract.
5	25/02/13	DCLG	Council Tax Support.
6	25/02/13	HCT	Donation acknowledgement
7	27/02/13	Resident in The Moor area	Dog fouling on footpaths
8	27/02/13	TWBC	Site allocation seminar 3 rd April at TWBC. (MB, JN already booked)
9	20/02/13	Kent Wildlife	White Chimney Wood wildlife site designation

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		Trust	
10	04/03/13	Clerk/Orbit HA	Exchange of correspondence regarding heating systems at Gunther Close

9. Finance
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FEBRUARY 2013

Accounts for payment	£	4,415.02
Payment received	£	3,017.88
Net Expenditure	-£	1,397.14
Lloyds High Interest Reserve	£	50,000.00
Lloyds Current	£	10,001.00
Lloyds Access Reserve	£	53,036.39
Petty Cash	£	88.77

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

10. Planning

10.1 Planning and Highways Information

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
13/00014	120 new homes	Site 64	Statement of Objection to TWBC by local residents
12/02509	New extensions, roof and windows	The Spinney, Rye Road	Appeal notice. Existing representation to TWBC will be passed to Planning Inspectorate, no additional correspondence accepted.
KCC	Pot hole repair procedure	County wide	Using their "risk matrix model".
TWBC Tree Officer	Tree pruning at property in Copthall Avenue	Rosehearty, Copthall Avenue	Background information
TWBC	Draft Planning Services Enforcement Plan	Borough wide	For comment.
TCAAP	Changing definitions of allocated land	Bowles Lodge	Background information

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
12/03458	CAC. Demolition of existing dwelling and garage	Holly Shaw, Queens Road	CAC granted 07/02/13
12/03457	LBC. Internal alterations and joinery	Little Manor, High Street	07/02/13
12/03455	Internal alterations and joinery	Little Manor, High Street	12/02/13
12/03454	Replacement garage with home office/car port	Little Manor, High Street	11/02/13
12/03443	Alterations to pool house	Holmans, Slip Mill Lane	20/02/13
12/03077	Various extensions to side and rear	Amery, Theobalds	04/03/13

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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
100	13/00014/FUL/RCC	Amendment to red line site boundary.	Land at rear of Fowlers Park, Rye Road (site 64)	Members noted the correction	Noted				No
101	002/2013/TPO/SS	Tree preservation order	Land at rear of Fowlers Park	Members welcomed the TPO	Noted				No
102	12/03260/HOUSE/EA1	Replace hanging tiles with weatherboarding	3 Cranbrook Road		Agreed	7	KB, BF, PD, MB	PJ	No
103	13/00351/OUT/TA1	Outline 3 pairs semi-detached houses	Copt Hall/Orleigh, Cophthall Avenue	Hawkhurst Community Trust application	No Vote				No
104	13/00422/HOUSE/HW1	Two storey side and rear extension	12 Tory Row		Agreed	All			No
105	13/0388/HOUSE/GM2	Removal of condition permitted annexe occupation.	Dymoke Cottage, Northgrove Road	Members believed the case was not proven and misleading. There is no planning justification.	Against		8	PD, MA, JB, CW	Yes
106	13/00381/TPO/DMD	TPO. Remove tree	Lechmere, Cophthall Avenue	Tree has become damaged and unsafe	Agreed	10		CW, JN	No
107	13/00492/HOUSE/CP3	Detached garage	Gills Green Barn, Wellington Road		Agreed	All			No

11 | Burial & Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased
None	

12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	20/02/13	KALC	Notes on Water Resources in the South East seminar
2	28/02/12	NALC	Chief Executive of NALC retiring
3	25/02/13	Audruicq	Agricultural show 16 th and 17 th March
4	25/02/13	ACRK	Rural News

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	Disposal of the former toilet site at Ockley Road. Members were informed that a sale has been agreed and completion of the transaction is imminent. TWBC have confirmed the terms for

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disposal and the use of the capital receipt meet with their requirements set out when the site was passed to the Council.

14 Closure

14.1 The meeting closed at 21:05

15 Future Meetings

15.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 8th April 2013 at Copt Hall commencing at 19:45.

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