

## Hawkhurst Parish Council

<b>Hawkhurst Parish Council</b>	Meeting:	<b>Full Council</b>
	Date:	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
	Ref:	nm.
<b>Copt Hall</b>	Typed:	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

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### PRESENT

Mr. P Dartnell (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr. G Davies, Mr. B Fitzpatrick, Mrs A Hastie, Mr J Hunt, Mr P Jones, Mrs J Newman, Dr M Robertson, Mrs B Weeden, Mr P Whittle, Mr C Williamson.

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### ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

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

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman at the Sports Hall at 6pm when presentations relating to confidential item 13.1 were received. The meeting then adjourned to The Copt Hall and resumed at 7.45 pm, at which point Cllr B Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

- 1 **Adjournment for public speaking.**
  - 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs Nathan Gray and Beverley Palmer.
  - 1.2 Sgt. Ross Shearing addressed the meeting. He supervises the rural PCSOs based at Cranbrook and Paddock Wood. He is also licensing sergeant for Tunbridge Wells Borough. He related that none of the rural parishes have dedicated PCs any more, they are deployed from Tunbridge Wells. He recommended residents use 999 if a crime is in progress or a life is in danger or the offender is nearby or at the scene. For all other crime matters 101 should be used. Sgt Shearing has enhanced powers relating to anti-social behavior and speeding matters. He receives the Speedwatch stats and oversees SID (Speed Indication Device) use by PCSOs. He can also order speed enforcement checks. Results show that speeding drivers are overwhelmingly local residents. He will email local speed check results to the Parish Council.
2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Mrs M Brinsley (Vice Chairman) and BF for the presentations from planning consultants.
3. **Declaration of interests:**

None
4. **Approval of minutes of previous meetings**

Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014. They were approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising**
  - 5.1 Transport & Highways.  
NTR.
  - 5.2 Youth Matters.  
No more information has been received in relation to a new Streetcruizer service.
  - 5.3 Police. JH listed 7 reported crimes in December 2014: 2 theft, 2 criminal damage, 2 assaults, 1 burglary other than a dwelling.
  - 5.4 Local Community Interest.  
Business signage –MA is to ask the building owner for a progress report.  
Footpath sign –MR gave an update that he was in contact with the walking community about what they would like to see. The Library had been contacted and said many visitors asked for walking information. A leaflet had been sold by the library but they were no longer

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- able to do that. MR will give a fuller report at the February Meeting.
- 5.5 Speed Watch. A meeting is set for February at Maidstone Police HQ with Police Commissioner Ann Barnes, Parish Chairs, Sean Holden, Helen Grant MP and Speedwatch representatives. PD will attend with the Assistant Clerk.
- 5.6 Hawkhurst Community Trust. PD, BW, AH and MB are meeting Whitehead Monckton on January 21. JN would also like to attend. The Brainstorm date has been moved to February 16<sup>th</sup>. Local hirers and community groups will be invited and it will be open to the public. MA will include a mention for it in the Village Magazine.

### 6. Reports of Committee Chairmen

- 6.1 Buildings. PW reported on the meeting of December 15<sup>th</sup>. The tables in Copt Hall are now regularly counted and a broken window in the Sports Hall has been fixed. CCTV for the Sports Hall is under review and the Crime Prevention Officer is to be asked for advice. A phone mast in the Victoria Hall had been discussed but the Committee felt this should only go before Full Council if it had the Committee's support and they did not support the idea. 18 Fosco lanterns are to be replaced to standardize all the street lanterns. GD had looked at the contract renewal for streetlighting and found the current company to be best value, so it was renewed. Members discussed how dark the parking at the back of the Sports Hall was and agreed to a replacement security light there. *Clerk to ask the external caretaker to take this in hand.* Mr P Dunlop has kindly provided an excellent replacement bench on Cranbrook Road near Babies Castle. *The Clerk is to write and thank Mr Dunlop.*
- 6.2 Land. CW reported that no meeting has been held. CW has chased up the hanging basket contributions from the Colonnade traders as the winter baskets are now up and due to be paid for. Andy Clark will now collect the contributions from the traders. Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- 6.3 F&GP. PD reported that no meeting has been held. Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- 6.4 Personnel. See Confidential Item 13.3.
- 6.5 Fete. CW reported that there has been no meeting. Christmas fair expenses due to HPC have been passed to GD. Next meeting early February for Summer Fete.
- 6.6 NDP. JN reported that the next meeting will be with the chosen consultant in attendance. Please see Confidential item 13.1.

### 7. Matters for further discussion

- 7.1 PD announced that the Winner of the KALC Community Awards Scheme 2015 in Hawkhurst is Derek Sedge. Presentation of the award will take place in April 2015 at the Parish Assembly.
- 7.2 Village Magazine. JH added this item to seek clarification of the Parish Council's relationship with the Village Magazine. PD reported that the balance owing to HPC from the Magazine is £178.80. He therefore proposed that the £500 grant approved at the July 2014 Full Meeting should now be paid less the sum owing, making a payment of £321.20 by cheque to the Village Magazine's own bank account. Members were in agreement. PD, supported by MA further proposed an agreed statement from the Parish Council as follows: *"The Parish Council values the Parish Magazine as a service to the Village and also as a means of communicating with the community and wishes to support it each year with a donation"*. All voted in favour with one abstention from MA.

### 8. Correspondence

	Date Received	From	Subject	Action

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1	15/12/2014	Gatwick Airport	Invitation to HPC to be involved in a forum relating to a second runway at Gatwick Airport.	AH volunteered to liaise on behalf of HPC on this.
2	16/12/2014	Anonymous resident	Concerns about unauthorized use of vehicles on The Lawns footpath, Talbot Rd.	The padlock provided by HPC will be replaced.
3	17/12/2014	Resident	Copy letter from HPC 1989 re: padlock on The Lawns footpath	The padlock provided by HPC will be replaced.
4	19/12/14	Lord Lieutenant of Kent	Invitation to Chairman to attend Civic Service, Rochester Cathedral 10.03.2015	PD to attend with Mrs Dartnell.
5	02/01/2015	Village Society	CC of letter to Planning Inspectorate re: Highgate Hill 2228680	Noted

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### Finance

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DECEMBER 2014

Accounts for payment	£ 12,509.35
Payment received	£ 1,091.90
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>-£ 11,417.45</b>
Cambridge & Counties Reserve	£ 60,000.00
Lloyds Current	£ 10,000.00
Lloyds Access Reserve	£ 128,613.12
Petty Cash	£ 210.35

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Payments were examined and voted for unanimously.

10. PD confirmed he had checked petty cash and the bank rec.

### Planning

#### 10.1 Planning & Highways Information:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
APP/M2270/A/14/2228680	Appeal lodged re: ref 13/02828/OUT	Land to West of Lorenden Park and The White House, Highgate Hill	Notification of the appeal and invitation to comment by January 14 2015.

#### 10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
14/01476/FULL	Change of use of part of rear of property to studio apartment	Part Ground Floor Rear of 2 Colonnade Rye Rd	
14/502654/FULL	Demolition of conservatory and garage and erection of single storey extension	Church Court, The Moor	
14/504770/FULL	Demolition of existing side porch and erection of 2 storey side extension and front porch	Invicta House, Queens Road	
14/504878	Restoration of barn and partial conversion to home office and ancillary accommodation	Beals Green Farm, Heartenoak Road	

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### 10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
14/503038/FULL	Change of use of pastureland and provision of 40m x 20m riding arena with associated tracks	1 Springfield Cottages, Sopers Lane	Harm to AONB due to size, scale, artificial lighting and construction. Also no Habitat survey to determine potential harm to wildlife.

### 10.4 Planning Applications

Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
70	14/505702 /FULL	Two Storey Side Extension	5 The Chestnuts		Agree	All			
71	14/504926 /FULL	Retrospective - erection of close boarded fence to replace a hedge	2 Four Throws Cottages, Conghurst Lane		Agree	All			
72	14/506255 /FULL	Single Storey Side extension for WCs and extended restaurant	The Great House, Wellington Road	The flat roofed design was felt to be poor and out of keeping with the character of the building. There are also concerns that the added restaurant space and covers will add overflow pressure of parking on neighbouring roads.	Against	4	6	BF, AH	
73	14/506521 /FULL	Proposed demolition of commercial premises and erection of replacement dwellinghouse	Crofton House, The Moor		Agree	11		BW	
74	14/506201 /PNMCLA	Prior notification for change of use of 1st floor office from B to C3 dwellinghouse.	Abacus House, Cranbrook Road	The Councillors were concerned that no parking is available for dwelling but otherwise good use of redundant office space	Neutral	All			
75	14/505434 /FULL	Refurb and change of use of Grade II Listed Building to 14 residential apartments; and development of 20 new dwellings in the grounds.	Lillesden Park, Hastings Road	The Council would like to see a condition that the mansion is completed before the new houses are commenced.	Agree	8	4		
76	14/505904 /FULL	Erection of Two-storey, 3 bed dwelling with attached garage	Former PF Skeet Yard, Talbot Rd		Agree	8	BF	3	

### 11 Burial and Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased
	None

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**12 Notes and Information**

	Date	from	subject
1	18/12/2015	KALC	Parish News
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**13 Confidential:**

- 13.1 Presentations were made by 3 planning consultants to tender for consultancy on the Hawkhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan. BF had sent his apologies for this part of the meeting. PD, supported by BW *proposed appointment of Feria Urbanism*, which was passed with one abstention (BF).
- 13.2 The draft Budget for 2015/16 was discussed. PJ, supported by GD *proposed acceptance of the draft budget*, which was accepted unanimously with a precept of £111,657 and increase over 2014/15 of 1.9%.
- 13.3 The Chairman informed the Members that the clerk will require a period of up to 6 weeks sick leave following an operation. The Assistant Clerk has offered additional hours.

**14 Closure**

- 14.1 The meeting closed at 22.23

**15 Future Meetings**

- 15.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 commencing at 19:45.

Signed.....Date.....

Peter Dartnell, Chairman of the Parish Council.