

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting:

Full Council

Date:

12th November 2012

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Copt Hall

Typed:

13th November 2012

PRESENT

Mr K Brown (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr J Billingham, Mrs M Brinsley, Mr P Dartnell, Mr G Davies, 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 TWBC Cllr J Cunningham informed Members that KCC hope to begin the tender process for the Bowles Lodge replacement in February next year. He informed the meeting that Cllr Gibbens at KCC, Cabinet Member with this responsibility, had told him Hawkhurst PC had not made their position clear regarding the provision of elderly persons day care at this site. This came as a surprise to Members who have taken every opportunity to express their wish for a full day care centre for residents of the village to be included within this scheme. The matter had even been raised with Cllr Gibbens at a meeting with him, the Chairman of Cranbrook & Sissinghurst PC and Cllr Brown in July. The Local Member for Hawkhurst, Cllr Roger Manning was also in attendance at that meeting and has been advised of the views of the Council and residents on previous occasions.
- 1.2 The owner of the Walled Garden on Moor Hill and his agent spoke in support of the proposal for development works at this location (planning item 71). Members asked a wide range of questions including matters around employment, traffic movements and operating hours.
- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apology received from Mr J Hunt.
3. Declaration of interests:
- 3.1 None
- 4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- 4.1 To receive Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2012. CW, PJ and JN abstained as they were not in attendance.
- 4.2 To note the Minutes of the Buildings Committee held on 22nd October 2012
- 5 Matters arising
- 5.1 Transport & Highways. (MA) Power has still not been connected to the bus shelters with lighting. It was reported some possible recent timetable changes have meant the busses from East Sussex not connecting with Maidstone bound busses.
- 5.2 Youth Matters. Members continued to be disappointed that KCC appear to have abandoned any reasonable youth support in all rural areas but will continue to make provision in Tunbridge Wells. It was also noted that TWBC will be disposing of the Street Cruiser bus thus reducing further this provision in the rural areas. KB will bring this to the attention of the other PC Chairmen to see if it would be worth considering establishing a joint fund to engage a youth service provider for the villages abandoned by KCC.
- 5.3 Police. Members noted some changes in they way the village is now served by the

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- police which have resulted in police being available for longer periods. There were only 8 reported crimes in the village during October.
- 5.4 Local Interest. (KB).
 i. Village Appraisal 2012. KB informed Members about the public meeting to present the results of the Village Appraisal. It was disappointing that only 25 residents attended. Comments during the meeting were mainly about traffic issues and the community centre. However, the Chairman felt that the idea of a regular forum for residents to attend, say twice a year, as well as the normal monthly council meetings is worth investigating further. It was also suggested that publicity for such events is improved.
- 5.5 Hawkhurst Community Centre. (BW). See 7.1 below.
- 5.6 Hawkhurst Community Partnership. (MB) The Parish Council's involvement with this will be ending at the end of May 2013. TL will be assisting with the Flix & Pix event.
- 5.7 Village Magazine. Members broadly welcomed the changing content of the magazine and noted that it was currently self financing from advertising revenue.
- 6 Reports of Committee Chairmen
- 6.1 Buildings Committee. (BF). The Committee has agreed its proposed budget for next year.
- 6.2 Land Committee. (MA). The Committee recently inspected the sites under their control and will be picking up on these matters at their meeting on 26th November.
- 6.3 F&GP Committee. (KB). The street lighting upgrade works have been completed.
- 6.4 Fete Committee. (KB). There will be a Christmas event in conjunction with village businesses on 8th December between 14:00 and 15:00 with further entertainment in the evening at the Royal Oak. Money raised will be distributed between three local voluntary groups.
- 7 Matters for further discussion
- 7.1 Hawkhurst Community Trust. Members noted the report regarding the Hawkhurst Community Trust and that it would in future be holding separate meetings of the trustees in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements. The meeting of the trustees would be on Monday 26th November in Copt Hall at 19:00. Trust meetings are not open to the public. A dispensation request has been made to the Monitoring Officer at TWBC to allow Members to also act as Trustees for business relating to the Community Trust. This is expected to be resolved on 21st November.
- 7.2 Draft Parish Charter. Members noted the content which was the subject of discussion between TWBC and the KALC Area Committee.

| 8 <u>Correspondence</u> | | | |
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| 1 | 15/10/12 | KALC | Parish News |
| 2 | 24/10/12 | Community Trust | Meeting minutes 7 th September & 4 th October |
| 3 | 10/10/12 | Resident | KGV play area |
| 4 | 11/10/12 | KCC | Countryside Access Warden training |
| 5 | 11/10/12 | HPC/KCC | Library service |
| 6 | 11/10/12 | HPC/KCC | Youth Service |
| 7 | 16/10/12 | HPC/Village Soc. | Notice boards outside Jempsons store |
| 8 | 17/10/12 | Walled Nursery | CC Letter to KCC regarding tourist/visitor (brown) signage |
| 9 | 22/10/12 | HPC/TWBC | Request for code of conduct dispensation when dealing with Hawkhurst Community Trust |
| 10 | 26/10/12 | TWBC | Review of Parish Charter – draft for comment |
| 11 | 30/10/12 | Kent High Weald | Free trees initiative |
| 12 | 30/10/12 | NALC | Legal briefing: Precepts update |

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| 13 | 31/10/12 | Kent Wardens | Tree and Pond Warden Scheme. |
| 14 | 30/10/12 | Village Society | Cricket at The Moor. |
| 15 | 06/11/12 | Skate board group | Minutes of meeting with members of HPC led by MA. |
| 16 | 06/11/12 | Cllr Appelbe | CONFIDENTIAL: Fee quotes to provide estate agent services for the disposal of the toilet site in Ockley Road |
| 17 | 06/11/12 | | CONFIDENTIAL: Offer to purchase Ockley site. |

.8. KB to discuss with the owners how best the Council can assist.
 .13. Agreed unanimously to donate £100 (s137)
 .14. BF will explore possibility of fixing suitable shape plaque to village sign on The Moor
 .15. This will be dealt with as a Youth Matters item in future.

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Finance

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OCTOBER 2012

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| Accounts for payment | £ | 26,624.44 |
| Payment received | £ | 4,416.64 |
| Net Expenditure | -£ | 22,207.80 |
| Lloyds High Interest Reserve | £ | 50,000.00 |
| Lloyds Current | £ | 10,001.00 |
| Lloyds Access Reserve | £ | 86,759.47 |
| Petty Cash | £ | 30.72 |

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

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Planning

10.1 Planning and Highways Information

| Ref. No. | Proposal | Location | Comments |
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| 12/02313 | Replacement of ID sign | Highgate service Station, Rye Road | Withdrawn. Redesign pending |
| 11/03531 | 3 bed dwelling | Skeets yard, Talbot Road | Appeal lodged |

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

| Ref. No. | Proposal | Location | Comments/Valid |
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| 12/01444 | Conversion to flat | Connollys, Cranbrook Road | 04/10/12. Part of building. |
| 12/02294 | Two storey side extension | Oakland, All Saints Road | 09/10/12 |
| 12/02047 | Front and side single storey extensions | 10 Oakfield | 09/10/12 |
| 12/02416 | Garage | Pauls Farm, Water Lane | 12/10/12 |
| 12/02390 | Enclosed porch | East Heath Barn | 12/10/12 |
| 12/02457 | TPO. Reduce Yew tree T1 | Highgate Mews | 15/10/12 |
| 12/02538 | Log store | Badgers, Bokes farm | 24/10/12 |
| 12/02264 | Conversion to 2 flats | The Old Mill, Northgrove Road | 24/10/12 |

10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

| Ref. No. | Proposal | Location | Comments/Valid |
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| 12/02374 | LBC. Extension and | Slip Mill Cottage, Slip Mill | 23/10/12. Harmful |

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| | alterations | Lane | to the Listed building. |
| 12/02371 | Extension and alterations | Slip Mill Cottage, Slip Mill Lane | 23/10/12. Harmful to the Listed building. |

10.4 Planning Applications

| Item | Application No | Proposal | Location | Comments | Decision | Agree | Against | Abstain | Call in |
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| 70 | 12/02627/FUL/SE2 | Field shelters for Alpaca herd | Roses Farm, Cranbrook Road | | Agree | All | | | No |
| 71 | 12/02777/FUL/LS1 | Restoration works | Walled Garden, Moor Hill | Members would like to see conditions dealing with external lighting, hours of operation, restrictions on change of use and is restricted to Class B usage. | Agree | 10 | BW | | Yes |
| 72 | 11/03722/FUL/CLC | Pair of semi-detached dwellings | Junction of Post Office and Northgrove Roads | An improved plan but still over intensive. Casting vote. | Against | 6 | KB, BW, CW, BF, PJ, GD | | Yes |
| 73 | 12/02797/HOUSE/EA1 | Single storey side extension | The Foundry, High Street | Members queried the tree shown on the drawing which will have to be removed. | Agree | All | | | No |
| 74 | 12/02763/HOUSE/CLC | Single storey extension | Springfield, High Street | | Agree | All | | | No |
| 75 | 12/02816/HOUSE/EA1 | Infill extension and alterations and windows | The Milton, Rye Road | Members were concerned the dormer windows were out of character with the style and setting of the development. | Agree | 6 | KB, JB, PJ, BW | CW, TL | No |
| 76 | 12/02983/ADV/EA1 | Replacement ID signage | Highgate Service Station (BP) | The existing sign is perfectly adequate in the Conservation Area. The large sign complete with larger corporate branding does not improve or | Against | All | | | Yes |

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| 77 | 12/03002/MMA/CLC | Minor amendments to materials, doors and windows | Gills Green Farm, Wellington Road | | Agree | All | | | No |
| 78 | 12/03028/HOUSE/E A1 | Garage and log store | Gills Green Barn, Wellington Road | | Agree | All | | | No |
| 79 | 12/03048/HOUSE/CLC | Extension and alterations | Dunnocks, Western Road | Members felt the design was poor and not compatible with the existing building | Against | | 8 | BF, CW, GD | No |

11 Burial & Memorial

| Interment Date | Deceased | |
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| 12 th November 2012 | Annie Mary Bessie Ditton, | Inter ashes. |

12 Notes and Information

| | Date | From | Subject |
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| 1 | 15/10/12 | Village Society | CC letter to KCC regarding infrastructure. |
| 2 | 17/10/12 | Kent Waste Partnership | Metal Matters campaign |
| 3 | 30/10/12 | ACRK | Rural News |
| 4 | 30/10/12 | KALC | Annual Report 2011/12 |

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| 13 | <i><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:</i> |
| 13.1 | Disposal of former toilet site at Ockley Road. Members unanimously agreed to accept the fee offered for this service by Lambert and Foster as shown in the report presented by MA. Members noted the financial offer from a resident to purchase the site but declined pending the outcome of the valuation process. |
| 13.2 | Valuations for Trust land exchange at KGV. Members agreed to instruct Lambert and Foster to undertake the valuations of three parcels of land as outlined in the report prepared by the Clerk. |
| 14 | <u>Closure</u> |
| 14.1 | The meeting closed at 22:10 |
| 15 | <u>Future Meetings</u> |
| 15.1 | The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 10 th December 2012 at Copt Hall commencing at 19:45. |

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