

## Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting: **Full Council**  
Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
Ref: nm.  
Typed: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Copt Hall**

### PRESENT

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

### ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

Mr. S Holden, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. N. Gray, Mr. Bland.

#### **1 Adjournment for public speaking.**

- 1.1 A resident spoke in favour of Planning Item 39 and hoped for the Parish Council's agreement and support.
- 1.2 Mr Weller spoke in support of Planning Item 29 and hoped for the Parish Council's agreement and support.
- 1.3 Cllr Palmer offered to take questions from the members of the Public and Members relating to TWBC business. None were asked.
- 1.4 A resident asked what action HPC were taking in relation to Barclays proposed closure, its effect on the village and especially the difficulty some pensioners would have in getting their pensions. Clerk will write to the Post Office to see if Budgens Post Office can be upgraded to offer pensions and banking and also to Barclays to register HPC's concern at the closure.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence:**

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Dr M Robertson and Cllr N Gray.

#### **3. Declaration of interests:**

- 3.1 CW declared a personal interest in planning application no.39 as the owner is his neighbour and was lobbied.  
MB declared a personal interest in planning application no.39 as she knows the owner.  
BW declared a personal interest in planning application no.39 as she knows the owner.  
PJ declared a personal interest in planning application no.39 as he knows the owner and in 40 as he knows the family.  
MA declared a personal interest in planning application no.32 as he knows the owner.  
PW declared a personal interest in planning application no.39 as he knows the owner.  
BF declared a personal interest in planning application no.39 as he knows the owner.  
AH declared a personal interest in planning application no.39 as she knows the owner.

#### **4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

- 4.1 PD, supported by MB proposed acceptance of the Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015. This was accepted with 1 abstention. PJ, supported by BF proposed acceptance of the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015. This was accepted with 4 abstentions.

#### **5. Matters arising**

- 5.1 Transport. MA had nothing to report. CW requested HPC support for the Bonfire Society's road closure application. From the top of Highgate Hill to the Moor will be closed for 2 hours on 28<sup>th</sup> November, although it could re-open sooner than that. PD, supported by BW proposed *the Council support the Bonfire Society's 2015 road closure proposal* and this was unanimously agreed.
- 5.2 Youth. It was noted that Streetcruizer has commenced its service, although attendance was low. Clerk will chase Eddie Walsh on his promise of promotional posters.
- 5.3 Police. Crime statistics were 12 reports for June: 2 burglary other than a dwellings, 3 thefts, 4 assaults, 1 criminal damage, 1 possession of controlled substances and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. The arrival of Community Warden Rob Perfitt was noted, Clerk to invite him to speak at Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Full Council Meeting. Correspondence Item 2 was considered. 24 emails have been received by the Office and PD from a resident concerned about drug dealing in Queens Road. The police and Community Safety Unit at TWBC have been made aware and extra resources have been assigned.
- 5.4 Local Community – Speedwatch – Stats from the Police Speed monitoring van had been received and

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considered. Clerk to request clearer explanation of the categories of transgression. Helen Grant is holding a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September to progress the speedwatch issues. PD, Keith Lagden and Penny Ansell are unable to attend. PW will try to go for HPC.

Footpath Map – MR provided a statement in his absence thanking JH for his excellent photos from walk routes, which will be placed down one side of the new footpath map. Kate Chitham is now working on it and when done, a carpenter will be instructed to make a display case. It is expected to site it on the edge of Budgens car park where the original one was.

HCT – It was agreed to hold an HCT meeting after the Full Council Meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to clarify the next steps for setting up a new Trust and keep the process moving along. An update briefing will be supplied beforehand from Whitehead Monckton.

### 6 Reports of Committee Chairmen

6.1 Buildings – A meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Replacement of the Parish Council Office sign was successfully carried out Friday to great approval. It is planned also to redecorate the Sports Hall in July and a quote requested to paint the outside. Quotes are being obtained for security cameras at the Sports Hall. A meeting was held with Caroline Hoare of the Post Office requesting better signage for the Post Office at The Moor. Little more can be offered so the post for the lozenge sign will be re-sited on The Moor itself opposite the turning into the Sports Hall to be more visible.

6.2 Land – A meeting is due on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The net is now up on the Tennis Courts at KGV. MA accompanied the ROSPA inspector at Heartenoaks on 10<sup>th</sup> July, who approved the skate park design in principle. CW to take up the rotted timber on the play item with Park Leisure.

6.3 F&GP – No meeting since last FCM. The large charge from E-ON has been investigated with the result that they failed to activate their direct debit from August 2014 to May 2015 for street lighting electricity and took a large payment to catch up, which is a correct amount. This will have to be explained at audit.

6.4 Personnel – Nothing to report.

6.5 Fete – next meeting 14th July and then weekly to the fete on 1<sup>st</sup> August. There will be more bands, more choice of real ales and fireworks at 10pm at the back of KGV. A leaflet drop is planned to notify about the fireworks. Programmes and raffle tickets will be available from the end of this week. The raffle proceeds will be split between YPBS and the Scout Hut Restoration Fund. 17 local organisations have stalls and other stalls include a large selection of food and craft stalls, a land train and children rides. PD, supported by MA proposed that *Hawkhurst Parish Council gives permission for the fete to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 on The Moor and KGV Field.* This was unanimously accepted.

6.6 NDP – A meeting took place on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Posters have gone up for the Interim Report presentation on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Royal British Legion and a notice in the Wealden Advertiser. A contribution of £8,000 towards the NDP costs is awaited from TWBC. Some discussion took place on the possibility of a call for sites. This could be felt by TWBC to be a proactive step on the part of HPC in finding a supply of land and planning positively. PD and JN expressed concerns that there could be pitfalls with this approach. PW felt there were many fewer sites remaining than some years ago. PJ said RBL's land had been evaluated behind the car park but he would welcome a formal approach to RBL if anything were being considered. MB urged care in considering this and any sites would have to demonstrate deliverability. BW believed that if only 44 remain of allocation to 2026, they will certainly be fulfilled through windfall. The general view was not to make a call for sites. JN and PD will be meeting Kelvin Hinton at TWBC to discuss the NDP on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### 7 Matters for further discussion

7.1 Chairmens Meeting 16 June 2015. PD reported that the Refuse Amenity Vehicle Working Group had decided the fortnightly visits would alternate between general waste collections and recyclable waste collections to reduce landfill and increase recycling. 2 attendees would aim to prevent commercial waste being added. In 2016/17, 50% of the cost of this will be borne by the parishes, to be notified in the autumn. Code of Conduct problems had also been discussed. Cllr Jukes strongly urged PCs to do all they could to resolve these issues themselves before incurring large legal costs for the Borough. A Paddock Wood case had recently cost £26,000 in legal time alone. The Monitoring Officer is still available for advice and HPC was praised for recently resolving one such issue itself.” (the Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer are the same person in MKIP Legal Partnership. He did not want to discourage use of the Monitoring Officer function for advice)

7.2 Car Parks. TWBC had recently visited HPC to propose the following: Northgrove car park be resurfaced, 30 spaces be created and be designated for permit holders only. 20 would be for residents and 10 for businesses. Annual Permits would cost £100 and be for a specific numbered space. TWBC seeks to recoup business rates of £1600 plus maintenance. The proposal goes to TWBC Cabinet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2015 and goes out to public consultation in spring 2016. It was agreed to request that the consultation is to the whole of Hawkhurst not just the residents close to the car park. As for Fowlers car

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- park, TWBC have notified KCC that they will not be renewing the lease for this car park at £2050 per annum plus £1200 maintenance. JH and PJ feel that it is vital that this car park is protected for public parking. Clerk is to chase Cllr Sean Holden to explain the urgency and importance of the car park and ask him to find out KCC's plans for it.
- 7.3 Traffic survey. Data was collected on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and queue lengths were monitored on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This has cost £1,135 and a traffic report will cost £500. Resolution Item 7.2 08.06.15 set aside £1,000 towards this and Cllr Holden has promised £750 from his Members Fund. A traffic light phasing report would be a further £720. It was agreed not to pursue this report. A land survey would cost £600-£800. Instead, the Clerk is to ask Cllr Holden to obtain the land survey KCC have made .
- 7.4 Affordable housing in Hawkhurst. It was noted that 74 have currently registered a housing need for Hawkhurst, of which 27 have a local Hawkhurst connection. Half of these have a 1 bedroom need.

### 8: Correspondence

	Date Received	From	Subject	Action
1	09.06.2015	Chair Salehurst and Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Plans for a Neighbourhood Plan and invitation to comment.	Noted
2	09 & 12.06.2015 Plus various to PD	A resident	Concerns about potential drug dealing in Queens Road	Noted and see Item 5 (iii)
3	16.06.2015	KALC	Consultation on provisions for surface water drainage and major developments.	Noted
4	13 & 20.06.2015	Drs Dewing & Blundell	Site for a new medical centre in Hawkhurst	PD to request more information relating to HCH Site.
5	06.07.15	KCC Highways	Queens Road traffic concerns	Noted
6	06.07.15	War Graves Commission	Cessation of £10/year maintenance payment	Noted
7	06.07.15	Consilium	Plans to submit a planning application for Springfield in July 2015	Noted

### 9: Finance

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JUNE 2015

Accounts for payment	£ 13,741.90
Payment received	£ 3,036.99
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>-£ 10,704.91</b>
Cambridge & Counties Reserve	£ 86,147.60
Lloyds Current	£ 10,000.00
Lloyds Access Reserve	£ 110,975.06
Petty Cash	£ 139.36

9.1 Payments were examined and voted for unanimously.

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

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### 10. Planning

#### 10.1. Planning & Highways Information:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
	None		

#### 10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
15/502036/FU LL	Demolition of bungalow, shed and garage. Erection of replacement house & garage	Green Lawns, Stream Lane	
15/502741/FU LL	Erection of 2 storey side extension, erection of replacement garage and external works	Lillesden Frith, Horns Road	Passed at Planning Committee
15/502701/FU LL	Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of single storey rear extension as annexe and breakfast room	2 Gills Green Cottages, Gills Green	
15/503361/SU B	Hardsurfacing car park	Tesco, Rye Road	
15/502431/FU LL	Erection of a pair of semi-detached bungalows	Land Adjacent to Hartnokes	Passed at Planning Committee
15/502109/FU LL	Apply external insulation to walls and cladding to match existing. Replace barn windows with glazed frontage	Little Conghurst Oast, Conghurst Lane	
15/503368/FU LL	Variation of 14/505790 to allow obscure glaze windows that open	The Nook, Copthall Avenue	
15/504399/TCA	Fell 1 ash in conservation area	13 Cranbrook Rd	
15/501505/FULL	Conversion of barn and brick building to form dwelling; conversion of cowbarn for ancillary residential space	Clayhill, Rye Rd	
15/503272/FULL	Change of use from self contained annexe to self contained dwelling	4 Ockley Terrace, Ockley Lane	

#### 10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
15/502743/FU LL	Retrospective for erection of close boarded fence to replace hedge	2 Four Throws Cottages, Conghurst Lane	Height felt to be excessive and harmful to the character of the area.

#### 10.4 Planning Applications

No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
27	15/503310/FU LL	Erection of single storey rear and side extension and changes to fenestration.	Bramble Cottage, Hillside, Cranbrook		Agree	All			N

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No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
			Road						
28	15/503954/FULL	Extension, alterations ,construction of wall and triple garage.	Falcon House, High Street		Agree	All			N
29	15/504400/FULL	Conversion of coach house into 1 bed dwelling	Weald House, Ockley Road		Agree	11	BW		N
30	15/504067/FULL	Demolition of outbuildings and replacement with store and garage	Little Bokes, Horns Hill		Agree	All			N
31	15/504328/LBC	Listed Building Consent - removal of redundant chimney stack and reinstatement of roof (works completed)	Oak Cottage, the Moor		Agree	All			N
32	15/504813/FULL	Change of use of shop to ground floor flat with alterations to front and rear	Weald Society for the Disabled, Ockley Rd		Agree	9		3	N
33	15/504512/LBC	Listed Building Consent- Repair and replacement gutters and downpipes, soffit and fascia boards	The Old Bakehouse , The Moor		Agree	All			N
34	15/504601/FULL	Single Storey side extension	20 Park cottages		Agree	11	BW		N
36	15/504929/FULL	Minor amendment to vary location of approved rooflights and addition of 5 other rooflights to application 14/505898	Cockshot Barn, Highgate Hill		Agree	10		BW, CW	N
37	15/504725/FULL	Erection of single storey side extension	Heron Court, Horns Rd		Agree	11		CW	N
38	14/503142/FULL	Retrospective raised decking to rear	The Hollies, Talbot Rd		Agree	9	MB,B F,PJ		N
39	15/504609/FULL	Application for new dwelling with annex joined by link and 3 bay garage	OS PLOT 2074 High Street (adj Chittenden )	Although this site sits outside the LBD and is within the AONB, there is felt to be particular merit to this design, which is well screened from the main road and whose impact would be minimal in visual	Agree	9		CW, BF,B W	Y

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No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
				terms. HPC is aware that a previous application was refused but feels that this design sits well in the plot and between the houses either side of it.					
40	15/504959/FULL	Demolition of existing house and replacement with dwelling and garage	Tubslake Farm, Water Lane		Agree	All			N
41	15/503650/FULL	Listed Building Consent to paint sections of exterior windowframes white	Church Court, The Moor		Agree	11	CW		N
42	15/505325/FULL	Erection of detached 2 bay single storey garage	Spindlewood, Stream Lane		Agree	All			N

### 10 Burials and Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Daisy Naomi Velvick	Burial
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Frank Edward Crouch	Burial

### 12 Notes and Information

	Date	from	subject
1	22.06.15	ACRK	Oast to Coast
2	29.06.15	WKPS	Watch on the Weald
3	29.06.15	Fete Cttee	Minutes 09.06.15
4	08.07.15	Transport Accessibility Group	Minutes 19.06.15
	08.07.15	Gatwick Airport	Statement on Davies Commission report
	08.07.15	KALC	Parish News

<b>13</b>	<b><u>Confidential</u></b>
13.1	It was unanimously agreed that the HPC representative for the Hop Pickers Line Project will swap from PD to MR.
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Closure</u></b>
14.1	The meeting closed at 21.55
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Future Meetings</u></b>
15.1	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2015 commencing at 19:45.

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