

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting: **Full Council**  
Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
Ref: am.  
Typed: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Copt Hall**

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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, Mrs J Newman, Mrs B Weeden, Mr C Williamson

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ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

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

- 1 Adjournment for public speaking.
- 1.1 A resident asked if the Council was aware of the planning application submitted by Ward Homes for 120 houses on land behind Fowlers Park off Whites Lane. The Chairman stated that the Council had received the application this morning and in view of the interest already shown about this, the Council would convene a special meeting to discuss the application. This would probably be during the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January at a venue to be agreed but possibly the primary school, commencing at 19:30. A planning officer will be invited to attend to answer questions on planning policy relating to this site. He urged all Members to visit the office to inspect the documents as soon as possible and also advised interested members of the public to do the same. Members were reminded of the rules regarding fettering and that they should not disclose their views to the public until the meeting is held.
- 1.2 PCSO R Spicer was in attendance.
- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apology received from Mr P Jones and Mr T Lee.
3. Declaration of interests:
- 3.1 None
- 4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- 4.1 Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012. GD abstained as he was not in attendance.
- 5 Matters arising
- 5.1 Transport & Highways. (MA) Following reports of some recent timetable changes resulting buses from East Sussex not connecting with Maidstone bound buses, the matter has been passed to KCC and ESCC who control the timetables and the Transport Accessibility Group are following this up.  
The Parish Council's street lighting maintenance contractor is gathering necessary information in order to complete the connection of the bus shelter lighting to power supplies.
- 5.2 Youth Matters. KB has received positive responses from three parish councils regarding sharing the costs of providing youth services. He will be continuing discussions with them but some Members were concerned that three could not provide sufficient funds.
- 5.3 Police. (JH). There were 10 reported crimes which was average. PCSO Spicer said there had been no additional problems over the Christmas period.
- 5.4 Local Interest. (KB). Planning application at rear of Fowlers Park – see 1.1.  
The TWBC report into car parks in the rural areas will be discussed at the meeting on

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5.5	11 <sup>th</sup> February. Hawkhurst Community Centre. (BW). The Steering Group will be meeting on Thursday afternoon. It is expected that the revised cost estimates will be available then.		
5.6	Hawkhurst Community Partnership. (MB) JH asked that if necessary the Council pay the £25 charge to TWBC for the hire of display panels for the photographic exhibition and recover the cost from HCP. This was agreed.		
5.7	Village Magazine. Members were satisfied with the latest edition. Finances remain satisfactory.		
6	<u>Reports of Committee Chairmen</u>		
6.1	Buildings Committee. (BF). A water leak was recently found in pipe work under the floor slab in the toilet area of the Sports Hall and has been repaired.		
6.2	Land Committee. (MA). There was nothing significant to report.		
6.3	F&GP Committee. (KB). There was nothing significant to report. The meeting scheduled for 21 <sup>st</sup> January will not be needed provided the budget is agreed during this meeting.		
6.4	Fete Committee. (KB). There will be a village fete this summer.		
7	<u>Matters for further discussion</u>		
7.1	Hurst Green Parish Council. Members agreed unanimously to support the actions by Hurst Green Parish Council to lobby for improvements to traffic flow through Hurst Green.		
7.2	Kent Fire & Rescue hydrant inspections. KF&RS are seeking co-operation with parish councils to carry out visibility and access surveys of fire hydrants. Members agreed to contact KF&RS to offer the Council's support. The Council would want some help from them for the costs of any materials and costs relating to this such as yellow paint of markers.		
8	<u>Correspondence</u>		
1	19/12/12	KALC	Parish News
2	17/12/12	Sound Architect (WRAP)	Charity's decision to leave WRAP
3	20/12/12	KALC (TWBC Area)	Chairman's notes
4	21/12/12	Local Strategic Partnership	Meeting notes
5	21/12/12	KALC	Budget 2013/14 notes about capping and FAQ.
6	02/01/13	TWBC	Council Tax base 2013/14
7	18/12/12	HPC	Letter to Secretary of State regarding Localisation of Council Tax Support
8	30/12/12	Kent Fire & Rescue Service	Inspecting fire hydrants
9	02/01/13	Hurst Green PC	Traffic congestion on the A21
10	19/12/12	Lambert & Foster	CONFIDENTIAL. Valuation of toilet site
11	14/12/12	Marlborough House School	Traffic speed along the High Street
12	10/12/12	TWBC	Parish Chairmen's meeting 27 November 2012
13	04/01/13	Royal Mail	Mail box at the old Highgate Post Office
14	07/01/13	TWBC	Council Tax base 2013/14. Report to full TWBC Council (see 6 above)
15	11/01/13	Samaritans	Request for donation
	8.15 Members agreed to make a donation of £50.		

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9.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p><u>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DECEMBER 2012</u></p> <p>Accounts for payment           £   14,889.21</p> <p>Payment received               £     2,723.73</p> <p><b>Net Expenditure               -£   12,165.48</b></p> <p>Lloyds High Interest Reserve   £   50,000.00</p> <p>Lloyds Current                   £   10,000.00</p> <p>Lloyds Access Reserve         £   66,005.41</p> <p>Petty Cash                       £     177.12</p>
9.1	KB, supported by BW, proposed the accounts for payment be accepted. All agreed.

10. Planning

10.1 Planning and Highways Information

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
12/00057/ TREE	Remove dying lime tree	The Moor	Replacement tree to be planted

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
12/02983	New pylon sign	Highgate service Station, Rye Road	20/12/12. HPC had requested EAPC determination.
12/03124	Extensions and garage	10 Oakfield	13/12/12
12/02816	Alteration works	The Milton, Rye Road	06/12/12

10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
12/03028	Detached garage and log store	Gills Green Barn, Wellington Road	Detrimental to the grade II listed barn
12/03002	Revised design with additional windows	Gills Green Farm, Wellington Road	Glazing would change the character of the building

10.4 Planning Applications

Item	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Call in
84	12/03454/ HOUSE/S E2	Demolish garage and construct home office/carport	Little Manor, High Street	A condition to protect the close-by holly and yew trees is recommended	Agree	8	BW, CW	MB	No
85	12/03457/L BC/SE2	LBC. Internal alterations	Little Manor High Street	The alterations to window fenestration and increased opening sizes	Against	BF, JH, MA	5	KB, GD, MB	No

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86	12/03455/ HOUSE/S E2	Internal alterations	Little Manor High Street	The alterations to window fenestration and increased opening sizes not acceptable in the Listed Building	Against	BF, JH, MA	5	KB, GD, MB	No
87	12/03458/ CAC/CP3	Conservation Area Consent. Demolish existing bungalow	Holly Shaw, Queens Road	Only if an agreed replacement application has been approved.	Agree	All			No
88	12/03451/F UL/CP3	Demolish bungalow and construct 4 houses and 3 flats	Holly Shaw, Queens Road	Loss of parking and over intensive for the site	Against	JH, GD, MA,	6	JN, MB	Yes
89	12/03566/F UL/SE2	Install individual air source heat pumps	1-15 Dickens Way		Agree	8	JN	BW, MB	No
90	12/01969/ HOUSE/H W1	Replacement of boundary fence and gates	Ilam, Horns Road		Agree	All			No

### 11 Burial & Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased
None	

### 12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	11/12/12	East Sussex CC	Number plate recognition equipment to be placed in Hastings Road
2	19/12/12	ACRK	Rural News

13	<b>Confidential:</b> 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	Budget 2013/14. Members considered in detail the proposed budget for 2013/14. They noted that it was within their previously stated commitment not to increase it by more than 5%. However Members were aware that following the Council Tax Support settlement by the government in December with local authorities, this figure will appear to be artificially higher when shown on Council Tax bills. Members also agreed that the one-off payment to come from TWBC as part of their Council Tax settlement will be set aside for a community project to be decided. KB, supported by MB, proposed the Council adopts the draft budget as presented. Agreed unanimously.
13.2	Disposal of the former toilet site at Ockley Road. Members considered the valuation report and recommendation from Lambert & Foster Estate Agents. Members unanimously agreed to ask

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the agent to market the site for £75,000 with immediate effect.

14 Closure

14.1 The meeting closed at 21:25

15 Future Meetings

15.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Copt Hall commencing at 19:45.

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