

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting: **Full Council**
Date: 16th April 2012
Ref: am.
Typed: 17th April 2012

Copt Hall

PRESENT

Mr K Brown, (Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mrs Brinsley, Mr J Hunt, Mr P Jones, Mr K Shilling, Mrs B Weeden.

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 Mrs Palmer was in attendance as were six members of the public.
- 1.2 The Chairman opened the meeting by requesting a period of silence and reflection to mark the passing of former Councillor Ros Edmett.
- 1.3 As this was the last meeting of the current council, the Chairman thanked all Members, past and present, for their efforts and achievements over the past four years.
- 1.4 Members engaged in a discussion with Cllr Mrs Palmer over the town/village issue. It was noted in a letter from TWBC that the issue will be kept open until a suitable opportunity arises again when this can be looked at. Members noted the anomaly by which the term had been used to reflect the actual designation of Hawkhurst as a Rural Service Centre and the unfortunate consequences which seem to have arisen.

- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apologies were received from Mr B Fitzpatrick and Mr C Williamson.

3. Declaration of interests:
- 3.1 KB declared a personal interest in planning item 5
- 3.2 MA declared a prejudicial interest in planning items 2, 6 and 7.
- 3.3 JH declared a personal interest in planning item 12
PJ declared a personal interest in planning item 1
- 3.4 Members agreed that as they all had an interest in planning item 3 as the Council is the applicant, no vote would be taken.

- 4 Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- 4.1 Received Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2012. Abstentions because of absence from KS, JH and MB.
- 4.2 Noted Minutes of the Buildings Committee meeting held on 26th March 2012.
- 4.3 Noted Minutes of the Fete Committee meetings held on 1st & 22nd March 2012.

- 5 Matters arising
- 5.1 Transport & Highways. (MA) There seems to be an impasse with KCC regarding the bus shelter lighting seemingly as the result of many staff changes at KCC. The Council will write to the Leader and Deputy Leader at KCC to ask for their assistance in completing this project.
Members agreed that following the continual refusal or reluctance for over three years by KCC to replace the stolen village nameplate from their "gateway" near to the golf club in the High Street, the Parish Council will purchase and install a new sign.
- 5.2 Youth Matters. (JH) Members expressed anger and disappointment at the withdrawal of youth services from rural areas by KCC without any formal consultation with parish councils to see if they could provide any financial assistance. They believed that withdrawing the service to urban based "hubs" would be of no benefit to those families

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- in the rural communities who would still be contributing towards the costs of the service. Members felt that KCC have failed to appreciate the knock-on effect of removing social education from where it is most needed.
It is possible that Play Place will be restarting at the Sports Hall during the summer term but using the Friday slot previously taken by KCC.
- 5.3 Police. (JH) There were just 10 reported crimes in March.
- 5.4 Local Interest. (KB).
a) Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Jempsons have been approached with a request to sponsor the fireworks for this event. Already planned for the Monday is a farmers market and funfair on The Moor. Also at The Moor and KGV playing field there will be a village picnic, live music and the beacon will be lit with the fireworks as a conclusion. On the Tuesday there will be a big screen television broadcast in St Laurence Church of the procession and service to be attended by the Queen at St Paul's Cathedral.
b) Village Appraisal 2012. Questionnaires are being printed and the Scouts will be assisting with the distribution.
c) Community Centre. A newsletter will be distributed by the Trust along with the appraisal questionnaire.
- 5.5 Hawkhurst Community Partnership. (BW). A Smugglers Supper is to be held at the Queens Inn at 19:00 on 1st May. As the main projects are all now completed and there is no further funding being offered, the Partnership will be wound up next month. Members wished to thank everyone who has been involved with this venture over the past six years for their time and effort in making "Hawkhurst Happen".

6 Reports of Committee Chairmen

- 6.1 Buildings Committee. (BW). Survey work has been commissioned for Copt Hall and the Sports Pavilion.
- 6.2 Land Committee. Works by the junior football club to create an overflow car park at the KGV field have been completed.
The planters and troughs for the summer planting displays are being upgraded and more drought resistant and sustainable plants will be used.
- 6.3 F&GP Committee. (KB). The committee has agreed the final draft for the appraisal questionnaire. A newsletter from the Hawkhurst Community Trust will be circulated with this.
- 6.4 Personnel Committee (MB). Nothing to report and there are no outstanding matters.
- 6.5 Fete Committee. (KB). See 5.4.a above.

7 Matters for further discussion

- 7.1 None.

8 Correspondence

.1	13/03/12	KCC	Reply to HPC queries regarding Hartley Dyke day centre
.2	22/03/12	TWBC	Reply to HPC letter regarding Core Strategy review and planning status of Highgate
.3	06/04/12	KCC	Removal of youth services from Hawkhurst
.4	02/04/12	Resident	Footpath maintenance in the High Street
.5	02/04/12	HPC/Resident	Faulty foul drain at Heartenoak Road
.6	07/03/12	KALC	TW Area Committee February minutes
.7	15/03/12	TWBC	Parish Chairs February meeting notes
.8	29/03/12	Kent Housing Group	Affordable housing delivery protocol

.1 Members were not satisfied with the response from the director of Social Services to the questions that had been asked. A further request is to be made as a Freedom

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of Information request.

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Finance

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MARCH 2012

Accounts for payment	£	13,854.53
Payment received	£	2,583.85
Net Expenditure	£	11,270.68
Lloyds High Interest Reserve	£	50,000.00
Lloyds Current	£	10,001.00
Lloyds Access Reserve	£	55,240.02
Lloyds Float	£	1,000.00
Petty Cash	-£	8.25
Working Balance	£	9,001.00
Direct Debit Allowance	£	3,000.00
Working Balance	£	5,269.68

9.1 BW, supported by KB, 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
09/03/12	KCC	High Street	Traffic speeds following concerned residents comments
29/03/12	Bus shelter illumination	Various	Correspondence from MA to KCC
12/03/12	Footpath condition	Hastings Road to cemetery	Passed to KCC for action
19/03/12	Day centre	Hartley Dyke, Cranbrook	CC letter to TWBC from concerned resident
12/00308	Electricity meter box	6 Colonnade	Plan has been revised to conceal the unit

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
12/00152	Extension to pre-prep building	Marlborough House School	15/03/12
11/03859	Rear extension and front porch	2 Mount Pleasant, Talbot Road	16/03/12
12/00130	Retention of pond	OS Plot 7260, Conghurst Lane	22/03/12

10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
None			

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10.4 Planning Applications

Item	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Call in
1	12/00658/FUL/KB2	Change of use B1 to D1.	Grove Mills, Cranbrook Road	This facility will provide training and services for the elderly in Hawkhurst.	Agree	All			No
2	12/00735/CEU/CP3	Lawful Development Cert. AOC	Links Farm, Rye Road	MA left the room	Agree	6			No
3	12/00795/CAC/TA1	Extension of time. Demolish sports pavilion	KGV Playing Field, The Moor	All Members of the Council have a prejudicial interest.	Did not vote				No
4	12/00767/CEU/SE2	Lawful Development Cert. Use as a dwelling.	North Hill Saw Mill, North Hill Road	Some members were concerned at the lack of evidence showing residential use.	Agree	5	BW, KB		No
5	12/00765/OUT/GM2	Extension of time. Outline new dwelling	Former Skeet's Yard, Talbot Road	All matters Reserved	Agree	All			No
6	12/00801/HOUSE/GM2	Loft Conversion and dormer	6 Oaklands Road	MA left the room	Agree	6			No
7	12/00741/HOUSE/EA1	Dormers to front and rear	5 Norman Villas, Cranbrook Road	MA left the room	Agree	6			No
8	12/00892/HOUSE/CLC	Extension of time. Orangery to side elevation	The Cottage, High Street		Agree	All			No
9	12/00478/HOUSE/CLC	Replacement of pergola and summerhouse	The Old Bakehouse, The Moor		Agree	All			No
10	12/00823/FUL/CLC	625 solar panels in single location	Ditchells Farm, Delmonden Lane	Members welcomed this "green" initiative	Agree	All			No
11	12/00787/FUL/GM2	Extension to farm pack house building	Stevens Farm, Tongswood Drive		Agree	6		MA	No
12	12/01009/HOUSE/SE2	Single storey side extension	Arran, Theobalds		Agree	5		MA, JH	No

11 | Burial & Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased
None.	

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12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	04/04/12	Kent Men of Trees	Newsletter
2	02/04/12	Village Society	CC letter to Greg Clark MP
3	02/04/12	Kent Police Authority	Newsletter
4	15/03/12	ACRK	Rural News newsletter

13	<u>Confidential:</u>
13.1	Community Awards. Members agreed to develop suitable criteria before considering nominations in the future for this award.
13.2	Members agreed the details for the provision of light refreshments for the Annual Assembly.
14	<u>Closure</u>
14.1	The meeting closed at 21:02.
15	<u>Future Meetings</u>
15.1	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on 14 th May 2012 following the Annual Parish Council Meeting commencing at 19:45.

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