

## Hawkhurst Parish Council

**Hawkhurst Parish Council** Meeting: **Full Council**  
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Ref: nm.  
**Copt Hall** Typed: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014

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### PRESENT

Mr. P Dartnell (Chairman), Mrs M Brinsley (Vice Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr. G Davies, Mr. B Fitzpatrick, Mrs A Hastie, Mr J Hunt, 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

- 1** **Adjournment for public speaking.**
- 1.1** Cllr Bev Palmer addressed the meeting. She related the resolution for the removal by TWBC Cabinet of Highgate Hill from the Site Allocations Draft Policy Document and instead the inclusion of Springfield Nursery and the northern section of the Woodham Hall site at the Cabinet Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December. She praised the hard work of the Parish Council, village residents and Borough Councillors in lobbying for this change. She urged as many as possible to attend the meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30 to urge Full Council to accept this amendment to the SA DPD for Hawkhurst.
- 1.2** Nigel Freeman, Community Warden Supervisor addressed the meeting, relating KCC's aim to find £1.2M in savings and the public consultation about reducing warden numbers from 72 to 40. This received a big response and the KCC Cabinet are reconsidering their proposals, which will be announced shortly. Members underlined the very marked drop of approximately 75% in crime figures in Hawkhurst since the introduction of the Community Warden service and how well valued it is.
- 1.3** Sean Holden addressed the meeting, also endorsing the value of the Community Warden service. He related that Police Commissioner Ann Barnes will meet with him, Helen Grant, Speedwatch and Parish Chairs in the New Year, reminding those present that he is offering to fund one laser speed gun for shared use by the local parishes and will press for other measures if this is not accepted. He viewed the resolution by TWBC Cabinet in relation to the SA DPD as a good result and good for democracy. He further related that KCC has resolved not to support a second runway at Gatwick as it was not bringing employment to Kent but many residents would suffer under the very busy flight corridors.
- 1.4** A resident spoke about the HPC brownfield sites report that was submitted to TWBC and wished to make 2 points about the southern part of the Woodham Hall site. The report did not state that this land was grazed in the early 1980s and had been productive pastureland. He also believed that a neglected cesspool had contaminated the land in recent years. He believed that this land should not be described as land of lesser environmental value but as greenfield which had deteriorated due to lack of management and should not have been considered. The Chairman pointed out that the southern part of the Woodham Hall site has not been allocated, which the resident accepted. The resident also voiced concern about additional traffic from possibly 15 new homes using the smaller roads around the village to avoid the traffic lights and adding to the Rye Road congestion.
- 1.5** Mr G Barker addressed the meeting and described his aptitude and motivation for becoming a co-opted Parish Councillor.
- 1.6** Mrs A Hastie addressed the meeting and described her aptitude and motivation for becoming a co-opted Parish Councillor.  
The two potential Co-optees left the room and the Members discussed both candidates. PD, seconded by GD proposed *the Parish Council co-opt Mrs Ararabella Hastie as a Parish Councillor*. This was unanimously accepted and Mrs Hastie joined the Members for the rest of the Meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**  
Apologies were received from Mr P Jones.
3. **Declaration of interests:**  
MA declared a personal but non-pecuniary interest in Planning Item 59 as he knows the owners.
4. **Approval of minutes of previous meetings**  
Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014. They were approved with four abstentions.
5. **Matters arising**
  - 5.1 Transport & Highways.  
NTR.
  - 5.2 Youth Matters.  
JH reported that the PCSO has attended the KCC youth club at The Sports Hall in recent weeks and found it to be running well. PD updated on the report at the Parish Chairmen's meeting about the Streetcruizer Bus. TWBC and KCC have expressed a willingness to consider a new charity using the bus if it is supplied with a business plan, organisational structure and interest from 6 parish councils. PD asked TWBC to identify maintenance issues with the vehicle.
  - 5.3 Police. JH listed 9 reported crimes in November 2014: 1 theft , 5 criminal damage, 2 assaults, 1 harrasment.
  - 5.4 Local Community Interest.  
Business signage – MA reported that the owner is consulting businesses in Cranbrook Road about this. MA is to ask for a progress report.  
Footpath sign – PD repeated his desire to use some of the windfall money to replace the KCC map. PD had circulated a photo of the Goudhurst map, which was well received. PD favoured the original site of the map but Members in general favoured the Library wall. JH, seconded by GD proposed *the Parish Council seeks to site a replacement footpath map on the library wall*, which was accepted with 2 abstentions and 1 against. MR volunteered to steer this project. A design will be discussed with KCC and the site will be discussed with the Library.
  - 5.5 Speed Watch. See comments from Cllr Holden at Item 1.3.
  - 5.6 Hawkhurst Community Trust. The clerk updated the Members that Whitehead Monckton were awaiting further documentation. The Clerk will send this as soon as possible. JN pointed out that the planned brainstorm date will need to be moved to February 2015. This will be set following the consultation with Whitehead Monckton.
6. **Reports of Committee Chairmen**
  - 6.1 Buildings. PW reported that no meeting had taken place, the next being on Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>. 2 columns in Theobald had been updated with plans to update 18 more in coming months. The damage to the Moor bus shelter has been rectified. There had been a good response to the deep clean of both the Sports Hall and The Copt Hall. GD reported that he had been looking into finding a better rate for the electricity for streetlighting and will report to the Monday meeting.
  - 6.2 Land.CW reported that a meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Grounds maintenance contract with KCC was considered. An alternative (local) tender had been looked at but KCC will be retained for the coming 12 months. Replacing the play area fencing at KGV had been quoted for but was very expensive so will not be actioned this year. A new picnic bench at Heartenoak field will be installed in the next week. The Scouts, KHWP and Primary School are all collaborating with HPC to create a management project for Fowlers Wood. A large donated Christmas tree from Ockley Allotments has now been sited in the

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- Royal Oak car park. CW will chase up the hanging basket contributions from the Colonnade traders as the winter baskets are now up and due to be paid for.
- 6.3 F&GP. PD reported that a meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November. F&GP's budget codes for 2015/16 were agreed and it was resolved to achieve an overall budget rise of 1.9% for the 2015/16 budget.
- 6.4 Personnel. MB reported that following the interview process, Anita Maxwell had been appointed as permanent Assistant Clerk and she was welcomed to the Council.
- 6.5 Fete. PD offered his thanks to the Fete Committee on behalf of HPC for the success of the Christmas Celebrations held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, which were well received and attended. CW thanked Gary Bridgland and his staff for their large contribution to putting on the event. CW believes the event will have broken even, including the purchase of additional lights to decorate the shops in Cranbrook Road. The profit from the summer fete had been used to purchase 3 marquees which were used for the Christmas Festival. MR and AH suggested seeking the involvement of all 3 village schools in future, perhaps for singing carols. CW agreed that the Fete Committee could look at this. PD, supported by MB proposed the *Parish Council donates the £50 grant from TWBC for Christmas Decorations to the Fete Committee*. This was unanimously accepted.
- 6.6 NDP. JN reported that she has sent an invitation to tender to 3 potential consultants. She hopes to invite the three candidates to the January Full Council Meeting. The Clerk is to circulate JN's report on the June NDP Consultation to Members.

### **7. Matters for further discussion**

- 7.1 Nominations for the KALC Community Awards Scheme. The Clerk related that after the closure of nominations on December 5<sup>th</sup>, the nominations are:  
 Peter Emberson  
 Peter Winch  
 Derek Sedge  
 The Village Society  
 The Members will email their one vote to the Clerk by January 9<sup>th</sup>, who will name the winner on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Full Council Meeting. Presentation of the award will take place in April 2015 at the Parish Assembly.

### **8. Correspondence**

	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	28.10.2014	Arabella Hastie	Submission for co-option as a Parish Councillor	Noted
2	12.11.2014	TWBC Mayor	Mayor's Christmas Toy Appeal	Noted
3	17.11.2014	Gary Barker	Submission for co-option as a Parish Councillor	Noted
4	14.11.2014	Rev Rodney Dreyer	Thanks for donation from Fete Raffle proceeds.	Noted
5	17.11.2014	Penny Ansell	CC of Speedwatch letter to Sean Holden	Noted
6	17.11.2014	WRAP	RE: cessation of Streetcruizer service through WRAP.	Noted
7	21.11.2014	Hawkhurst Village Society	CC of letter re: Cricket Plaque for The Moor	Noted
8	21.11.2014	TWBC	£50 grant for Christmas Lights in Hawkhurst	Noted
9	27.11.2014	Greg Clark	CC of letter re: meeting about Hawkhurst Infrastructure	Noted

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			06.02.15	
10	29.11.2014	A resident	Noise disturbance from Hawkhurst Bonfire Society celebration	PD has replied to resident. Clerk to fwd letter to HGBS but also thank HGBS for an excellent event.
11	01.12.14	NHS SE Commissioning Support Unit	Consultation on out of hours GP provision	MB to make a response on behalf of HPC.

### Finance

#### 9. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE NOVEMBER 2014

##### 9.1

Accounts for payment	£	10,090.63
Payment received	£	8,461.70
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>-£</b>	<b>1,628.93</b>
Cambridge & Counties Reserve	£	60,000.00
Lloyds Current	£	10,263.70
Lloyds Access Reserve	£	135,392.86
Petty Cash	£	210.35

##### 9.2

Payments were examined and voted for unanimously.

##### 9.3

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

#### 10.

### Planning

#### 10.1 Planning & Highways Information:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
-	KCC	A229 The Moor	08.01.15 Road Closed 1 day
ENF/14/50070	Caravans	Heartenoak Farm	Investigating requirement for planning permission
-	KCC	Heartenoak Road from Whites Lane to Bridge	11.02.15 Road Closed 8 days

#### 10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
14/500140/FULL	Retrospective application for enlarged windows	The Old Mill, Northgrove Road	
14/501684/FULL	Single Storey Side extension	12 The Beeches, Horns Road	
14/502459/TCA A	50% reduction of some limbs on eucalyptus	East Elford, Hastings Rd	
14/504331/FULL	Proposed single and rear extensions (retrospective)	1, Kent Cottages, Park Cottages	
14/54097/FULL	Erection of flat roofed dormers to front and rear elevations	Hillbury, Cranbrook Road	
14/504770/FULL	Demolition of existing side porch and erection of 2 storey side extension and front porch	Invicta House, Queens Road	

#### 10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
14/503171	Construction of bungalow	Heartenoak Farm	Outside LBD, impact

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			detrimental on surroundings
14/503346	Construction of 62 dwellings and associated landscaping	Land West of Lorenden Park, Highgate Hill	Outside LBD, no compelling argument of public interest to rebut presumption in favour of protection of the AONB.

10.4 Planning Applications

Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
59	14/504878/ FULL	Proposed restoration of barn and partial conversion to provide home office and ancillary accommodation	Beals Green Farm, Hearten Oak Road		Agree	9		3	
60	14/505130/ FULL	Proposed single rear and two storey side extensions. New front porch and raised terrace to the rear.	Meadow Bank, Cranbrook Road		Agree	10		BF, AH	
61	14/505225/ TPO	Trees: Remove up to 3 Scots Pine out of a group of 8	Cowden Park Farm, Horns Road	The Council will support the decision of the Tree Officer	Agree	9		BF, AH, MA	
62	14/504011/ LBC	Listed Building Consent - Internal and external alterations (works carried out) and construction of a garage	Lower Conghurst Oast, Conghurst Lane		Agree	10		BF, AH	
63	14/505790/ FULL	Single Storey rear extension with accommodation in roof and attic conversion with dormer window on front elevation.	The Nook, Copthall Avenue		Agree	6	2	4	
64	14/505561/ FULL	Alterations to garage, including addition of dormers and external staircase for studio/workshop and ancillary first floor accommodation	Sisley Farm, Sopers Lane	The Council would like to see a condition that the accommodation be permitted for ancillary use only.	Agree	10		BF, AH	
65	14/505678/ FULL	Minor Material Amendment to 13/02764 to increase the width of the northern part of the building, add 3 dormer windows,	Frith Farm, Park Lane		Agree	8	BW	3	

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Number	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Plan Cttee
		amend windows, provide 2nd floor and basement accommodation							
66	14/505808/FULL	Single storey flat roof rear extension and detached pitched roof garage to side of property	Highclere, Heartenoak Road		Agree	10		BF, AH	
67	14/505371/LBC	Listed Building Consent - Replacement front doors to flats 1,2,3 and 4 Dunks Almshouses	Dunks Flats, Rye Road		Agree	10		BF, AH	
68	14/505898/FULL	Single storey extension to south elevation	Cockshot Barn, Highgate Hill		Agree	10		BF, AH	
69	14/505647/FULL	Demolition of an existing brick bungalow and the construction of a replacement two-storey detached dwelling, alongside associated landscaping	Random Acres Slip Mill Lane Hawkhurst Cranbrook Kent		Agree	5	3	4	

### 11 Burial and Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
	None	

### 12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	07/11/14	Eliza Springett Trust	Accounts 2013
2	09/11/2014	Fete Committee	Summer Fete Accounts 2014
3	01/12/2014	Kent Police	Shutting the Gate on Rural Crime

<b>13</b>	<b><u>Confidential:</u></b>
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Closure</u></b>
14.1	The meeting closed at 21.51
<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 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 commencing at 19:45.

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