Hawkhurst Parish Council Meeting: F&GP Committee

Date: 21st September 2015

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**PRESENT** 

Mr P Dartnell (Chairman), Mrs M Brinsley, Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mr P. Jones, Mrs J Newman, Mr C Williamson

## ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

All other Members, Mr G Bland, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. N Gray, Mr. S Holden, K&SC, KM

## 1. Adjournment for public speaking.

- 1.1 No public were in attendance.
- 2. Apologies for absence
- 2.1 None
- 3. Declaration of interests
- 3.1 None
- 4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
- 4.1 It was agreed to approve of the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- 5. Matters arising.
- 5.1 None
- 6. Matters for Further Discussion
- Review of budget performance. A full report dated 9<sup>th</sup> September of actual spend and receipts to date versus budget and previous year was considered by all present. There were no areas of special concern.
- 6.2 The report was also considered for budget targets for 2016-17 in general and particular areas were also identified:
  - Caretaker wages. It was agreed to increase them in principle by 25p per hour, taking them beyond the Living Wage Foundation Outside London Rate of £7.85 per hour and also the anticipated mandatory National Living Wage of £7.20 per hour, applicable from April 2016.
  - It was agreed in principle to make £500 provision towards a Borough-wide fund for the legal and bailiff costs of traveller incursion onto parish land.
  - It was agreed to make £5,000 provision as in 2015/16 towards the Kent Pension Scheme deficit.
  - It was agreed to review charges for Cemetery Field, Cemetery Fees and Allotment fees, determination to be made by the Land Committee.
  - It was agreed to aim to make provision for painting the interior and exterior of the Copt Hall
  - It was agreed to make £10,000 provision as in 2015/16 for NDP costs.
  - It was agreed to approach the Bonfire Society to quote for marshalling at Remembrance Day 2016.
  - It was agreed to reduce the S.137 budget to allow for other higher costs.
  - It was agreed to seek a second quote to replace the front office windows due to wood rot and consider budgeting for it in 2016/17 if possible.
  - It was agreed to wait until after meeting KCC Youth Services to determine that budget but make temporary provision of £2,500 for 2016/17.
  - It was agreed to consider a provision for a spedd camera but to wait and see what progress is made on Speedwatch/ Rural Speeding meetings coming up.
  - It was agreed to consider a provision for a Skate Park in the 2016/17 budget. Approx. £4-5k for drawings could be required before quotes can be obtained for the park. This would need to be agreed by Full Council.
- .6.3 Risk Assessment Members agreed that the April 2015 review was adequate to April 2016 when a further review should be made.
- 6.4 Development Plan it was agreed to review this on November 16<sup>th</sup>, following release of the

	Draft NDP in early November	
7. 7.1.	Councillors questions and comments None	
9. 9.1	Confidential: None	
10. 10.1	Closure The meeting closed at 18.48	
10. 10.1	Date and time of next meeting The next meeting will be held on 21st September 2015.	

Signed......Date......
Mr P Dartnell, Chairman F&GP Committee