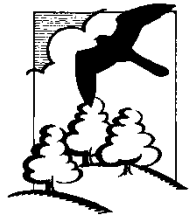


# HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at The Copt Hall, Copthall Avenue commencing at 19:45

**Present: Cllr Escombe (Chair), Cllr Taylor-Smith (Vice-Chair), Cllr Appleby, Cllr Pyne, Cllr Lusty, Cllr Cory, Cllr Green, Cllr Whittle, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Jones and Cllr Weeden**

### **1. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

- i) A resident requested that the area around the War Memorial is tidied up, she was happy to volunteer but it did not want to get into trouble. (Cllr Jones and the Clerk to liaise and arrange clear up)
- ii) Cllr Palmer said that following the elections, TWBC Cllrs will be selecting who does what in their Committees in the next few weeks.
- iii) Cllr Bland said that the biggest challenge to Hawkhurst was the range of planning issues. That TWBC was now near the 5-year housing supply and that would enable the Hawkhurst NDP to have more protection for the village against excessive housing.

### **2. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Fitzpatrick – away on holiday

### **3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** *To receive notice of personal interests, whether of a prejudicial nature or otherwise, in respect of items on this agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.*

Cllr Cory, personnel interest and Cllr Weeden prejudicial interest.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### 5.1 Approval

- i) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were amended to include the grant sum of £250 for the Poppy Knitters. The minutes were then approved.

#### 5.2 To note

- i) The minutes of Building Committee 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and the Fete Committee notes 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 were noted.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- i) Feedback from Annual Parish Assembly

The Clerk stated that there had been significant positive feedback; advertising, mix of presentations and venue. Also suggestions that a microphone is used next time and that more information on the Parish Council.

Cllr Jones stated that he had attended a number of Parish assembly's and this was the best attended so far – well done.

Cllr Appleby stated that several people requested that the Cllrs should have sat at the front facing the audience.

Also next year the Chair of Committees should be able to answer specific questions.

## 7 PLANNING

7	19/00698/FULL	Proposed single detached dwelling with detached garage	The Hexagon, Oakfield, Hawkhurst, Kent. TN18 4JR
<p>Given that outline planning permission was given in November 2016, we recognise that this land has been approved for development in principle. The site is within the LBD and within walking distance of shops and other amenities, therefore it complies with HD1 of the NDP. This proposal does look larger than the design in the outline application and we do have some reservations as to whether it is may now be too big for the plot. However, we recognise that this is an extremely difficult plot to build on due it's topography and feel that the proposal makes good use of the available land.</p> <p>It appears that the proposed house will be well-screened from the road, although some members were concerned about the potential for damage to the hedge resulting in a lack of screening. We trust that this will be addressed through conditions, together with appropriate screening for other neighbouring properties.</p> <p>In terms of HD3, we note the wheelchair access direct from the garage to the middle storey, which provides living and sleeping accommodation. We were disappointed with the lack of explicit detail in terms of resource efficiency, but noted the use of PV panels in the plans.</p> <p>There was some discussion over the design. The design is clearly not influenced by the traditional form, character and style of the parish's vernacular architecture (HD4 1). Therefore, it needs to comply with HD4 2 and be a thoughtful modern design. Members felt that this was an interesting one-off dwelling and would sit well in its location near The Hexagon which also is an unusual design.</p> <p>Vote – In favour 7, Against 1 (Cllr JP) Abstained 1 (Cllr CE) and Cllr Weeden had left the meeting.</p> <p>We support this application.</p>			

## 8 MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

### 8.1 Hawkhurst Temporary Road Closure – A268 Rye Road, Hawkhurst – from 17 June 2019 for up to 11 weeks.

The Clerk started by updating the meeting on information received this afternoon.

The Closure is due to a 1.1km stretch of the Rye Rd (Water Lane) having a main gas pipe installed, 45 services and 8 connections. This is a major piece of work.

The road is closed to "Through traffic", but local properties will be able to access their own properties and deliveries / post will also so be able to access the properties

The company is liaising with TWBC refuse regarding refuse collection and the bus companies regarding the introduction of a shuttle bus to the nearest bus stop.

**There will be a public question and answer session at the Hawkhurst British Legion, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 between 4 – 7pm where representatives will be available to answer questions.**

Cllr Whittle made the point that it was an 18.1-mile diversion – it will cause chaos to the village. KCC will need signage along A21 to help divert traffic and contact local bus /haulers.

Cllr Weeden was concerned about the disruption to the school buses.

Cllr Hunt questioned the need for a closure, was it the full width of the road being dug up?

Cllr Green asked has there been any traffic surveys regarding the diversion and is there an Environmental Impact assessment of the diversion?

Cllr Weeden asked about working hours?

Cllr Lusty asked was it closed completely or just sections?

Cllr Pyne stated something similar had happened in Flimwell and it was complete chaos.

Cllr Holden (KCC ward member) stated that he was aghast at the proposal, he cannot believe that there is a need to close the road. Surely it could be kept open with rolling traffic control, small bridges etc. He was seeking a meeting to challenge the need for the closure and asked for Parish Council support. It was not acceptable just to close roads, the economic impact on Hawkhurst could be considerable (several shops went bust when something similar happened in Cranbrook)

In addition, the diversions turn in to long term rat runs after the road is re-opened.

Cllr Escombe said that the Council would support Cllr Holden and write to KCC.

## **8.2 Hawkhurst Gang Bonfire Society request to use King George V Playing Field – 23 November 2019**

The request to use King George V Playing Field was approved unanimously.

## **8.3 Hawkhurst Community Hall - Architects Client Brief and Invitation to Tender Document.**

The Clerk explained that the drafting had raised the issue of the shop. The HCT 2018 objectives restricted retail of this nature. Therefore, the Council would need to retain this space and sublet it to someone / retailer to manage. Therefore, what sought of space should be requested? It could vary from a retail outlet to a pop up space.

The general consensus was a pop up space rather than a designed retail outlet.

## 9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND UPDATES

- i) Buildings – noted the Kino works going ahead.
- ii) Land – now merged with buildings into Facilities and Services, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- iii) Finance & General Purposes – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 cancelled
- iv) Personnel – TBA
- v) Community Hall Working Group – next meeting 14.5.2019
- vi) Fete Committee – on file, next meeting Wednesday 15.5.2019
- vii) Transport and Highways – none

## 10. FINANCE: 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

<u>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE APRIL 2019 for FCM</u>		<u>13.05.19</u>
Accounts for payment	£ 10,874.68	to 13.05.19
Payment received	£ 78,065.24	to 30.04.19
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 67,280.56</b>	
Cambridge & Counties	£ 77,400.90	to 30.04.18
Cambridge Building Society	£ 75,339.40	to 31.12.18
Lloyds Current	£ 10,124.00	to 29.03.19
Lloyds Access Reserve	£ 74,086.01	to 29.03.19

The council unanimously approved the payments and accounts.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE – see file

	Date Received	From	Subject	Comment
1	8.4.2019	North Ridge Patient Participation Group	Request for Hawkhurst Parish Council to request section 106 – see response	We are aware that potential sites are being considered with TWBC and will come forward in the draft Local Plan
2	15.4.2019	HCT 2018	Thank you for Grant	

## 12. NOTES & INFORMATION

- Hawkhurst Village Magazine – May 2019
- Watch on the Weald April 2019

## 13. BURIALS AND MEMORIALS - None

## 14. CONFIDENTIAL: None

## CLOSURE: 8:45

Richard Griffiths, Clerk to the Parish Council

**Agenda Notes for Members:**

Item 3 on the Agenda, Declaration of Interests. If a Member has a prejudicial interest, this should be declared at the start of the meeting. Personal interests may be declared at this point or alternatively can be declared at the time when the specific item is being discussed, if a Member wishes to speak on an item in which s/he has a personal interest. Members in doubt about such a declaration are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the date of the meeting. This may also be used by Members to advise the Council of any relevant changes that may have occurred since they first completed the register of interests.