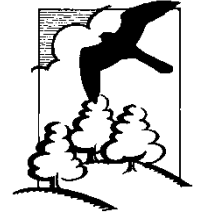


HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

Monday 10th January 2022 at Copt Hall 19:45.

Present: Cllr Escombe (Chairman) Cllr Taylor-Smith (Vice Chairman) Cllr Weeden, Cllr Green, Cllr Paish, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Lloyd-Owen, Cllr Ridley, Cllr Anderson and Cllr Cory

Note Cllr Faulkner commented via zoom

1. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

i) Update from KCC Member Sean Holden, KCC were looking at a 2.99% budget increase, currently out for consultation. Some reductions in service and increase in charges, due to the cost of the pandemic.

Consultation on future of Household waste concluded to retain booking system.

ii) Update from Cllr Palmer, TWBC Ward Member, noted that the Garden Waste collections were starting again – Mondays this week and Tuesday to follow.

iii) Cranbrook Rd / Heartenoak junction – Cllr Holden -currently with TWBC (Cllr Palmer) Cllr Weeden raised the point of another accident this week, Cllr Hunt requested the Parish Council write a strongly word letter - agreed

iv) Lillesden Speed Signage – Planning condition - Cllr Thompson to follow up

2. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Blake and Cllr Pyne.

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. NA*

4. MINUTES:

4.1 Minutes of the 13th December 2021 carried to next meeting.

i) Note Planning Committee meeting minutes 2nd and 16th December 2021

5. OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- i) **Hawkhurst Broadband - Community Interest Company** – (14.12.20/5.7) – Clerk arranging meeting with KCC and report to SAP.
- ii) **Update on KGV boiler (17.6.2021/6.6)** - Cllr Paish led a discussion that conclude with the need for a report to FAS – January 2022.
- iii) **Verbal update on the Hawkhurst Golf Club planning appeal (19.7.21/6.2)** – Cllr Escombe awaiting decision.
- iv) **Update on Chairman’s Group meeting (16.8.21/6.2)** – Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Committee Terms of Reference – Clerk final refinements, will report to next meeting

6. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

6.1 **Council Budget 2022/23** – Cllr Escombe introduced the report and following a discussion which noted the Precept increased by 7% but due to the increase in the Tax Base the impact on resident’s / tax bands was 3.8%.

Cllr Escombe proposed and Cllr Weeden seconded to approve 2022/23 budget as attached and the Parish Precept of £249,321.

Agreed unanimously

Note Clerk submitted request to TWBC and acknowledged on 11th January 2022

6.2 **Council Reserves update** – Cllr Escombe introduced the report and following a discussion

- Ring Fenced reserves – KGV Trust £8,911.47 are earmarked for the KGV boiler replacement
- Allocated reserves – Football pitches £40,000, some of these reserves may need to be used for the appointment of a Drainage Consultant
- General reserves - £45,000, of which £4,000 has been allocated for legal advice

The setting of the 2022/23 budget has an impact on the reserves;

- General Reserves use £32,052 for the Parish Office in 2021/22, this to be replaced in 2022/23
- Any underspend of the Cemetery Restoration project in 2021/22 should be set aside for the completion of the project in earmarked reserves
- Any other underspend in the KGV drainage project in 2021/22 should be set aside for the completion of the project in earmarked reserves
- Any other underspend in the War Memorial 2021/22 budget should be set aside for the War Memorial earmarked reserves
- Any general underspend at the end of the 2021/22 financial year is allocated to General Reserves to be re-allocated

Cllr Escombe proposed and Cllr Green seconded to note the above Council Reserves as;

Item	Project	August 2021
Ring Fenced		
War Memorial	War Memorial refurbishment	£3,375.00
KGV Trust	Work to KGV	£8,911.47

Allocated		
Community and Sports Centre building	Project costs	£86,687.45
Football pitches	Work to football pitches	£40,000.00
General Reserves		
General Reserves		£45,000.00
Total		£183,973.92
Agreed unanimously		

- 6.3 **KALC Community Awards** – Clerk noted that the closing date was the 14th February 2022, we can consider them at the Council meeting 21st February 2022 and then forward to KALC.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND UPDATES

- 7.1 Facility and Services Committee – next meeting 17th January 2022
- 7.2 Planning Committee – 2nd and 16th December 2021 - Cllr Escombe nothing to add.
- 7.3 Community and Sports Centre Committee – next meeting 20th January 2022
- 7.4 Strategy, Administration and Projects – next meeting 14th February 2022

8. Finance

- 8.1 Financial position

Accounts for payment	£	1,358.99	to 10.01.21
Payment received	£	1,399.92	to 30.10.21
Net Expenditure	£	40.93	
Cambridge & Counties	£	89,379.55	to 30.04.21
Cambridge Building Society	£	84,635.37	to 31.12.20
Lloyds Current	£	10,100.00	to 30.11.21
Lloyds Access Reserve	£	107,819.06	to 30.11.21

- 8.2 Agreement to pay payments schedule – the payment schedule was circulated plus 3 contractor's payments and the hedge trimming payment.

Cllr Taylor-Smith proposed and Cllr Green seconded to approve the payments schedule as circulated plus the 4 extra payments discussed

Agreed unanimously

9. CORRESPONDENCES

No	From	Issue	Action
1	Various residents	Complaints about state of Cemetery burial plots	Suggest we give general notice, then remove and store the "plastic items" in Cemetery store for collection. Discuss at FAS

10. NOTES & INFORMATION

11. BURIALS AND MEMORIALS

Name	Burial	Date
Mr Brown	Burial	20.12.21
Mrs Hislop	Burial	21.12.21
Mrs Acland	Burial	22.12.21
Mrs Kingshott	Ashes	24.12.21

12. CONFIDENTIAL:

12.1 Personnel Committee – Cllr Green led a discussion

CLOSURE:8:45pm

Signed.....

Dated.....