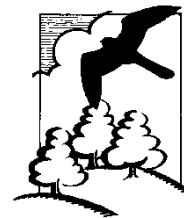


HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held Monday 15 January 2024, at the Copt Hall.

Chairman: Cllr Michael Anderson

In Attendance: Cllr Ros Cory, Cllr Jeremy Cross, Cllr Paul Green (8.09pm), Cllr Clare Escombe, Cllr David Lloyd-Owen, Cllr Lisa Ridley, Cllr Simon Paish, Cllr David Veale

- 213/23 (a) Apologies for absence received and confirmed by the Council** There were no such apologies.
- (b) Declaration of Changes to the register of interests.** There were no such declarations.
- (c) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or other Interests as defined by the Kent Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011 on any items on the agenda** There were no such declarations.
- (d) Requests for dispensation** There were no such declarations.
- (e) To confirm whether anyone in attendance intends to film or record the meeting.** Miss Lisa Rackett declared her intention to record the meeting.

214/23 Public Session (meeting Adjourned – minute book closed). The public session took place.

215/23 To note the following reports;

- (a) The Ward Councillors reports were received and noted.
- (b) The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

216/23 To agree the minutes of the Full Council Meeting 18.12.2023. This item was deferred to the next meeting as the Locum Clerk needs to review the recording prior to the minutes being agreed.

217/23 To note the update list. The update list was received and noted.

218/23 To discuss and decide whether the Parish Council will host a litter pick in the pre growing period. A discussion took place and the Council decided a plan will be put together by the Chairman and the Locum Clerk, this will be brought to Council in February to agree the date and structure.

219/23 Committees

- (a) The Council agreed to elect Cllr David Veale and Cllr Michael Anderson to the Planning Committee.
- (b) The Council agreed to defer electing a Councillor to the Facilities and Services Committee till the next meeting.

- (c) The Council agreed to defer electing a Councillor to the Finance Committee to the next meeting.
- (d) The Council agreed to elect Cllr Ros Cory to the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

220/23 To agree the budget and precept for the financial year 2024/2025. A discussion took place and the Council agreed a precept of £256,113 which will be an increase of 1%, and agreed the budget for the 2024/2025 financial year.

221/23 To note the resignation of Cllr Laurence Faulkner and the sad passing of Cllr John Hunt. The resignation of Cllr Faulkner and the sad passing of Cllr Hunt was noted, the Council agreed to leave both seats vacant to be filled at the election on 2 May 2024.

222/23 To discuss and agree how best to honour the memory of Cllr John Hunt. A discussion took place and the Council unanimously agreed to name the Woodland Cemetery the John Hunt Glade. The Council also agreed to launch a photograph competition in Cllr Hunts name, this will be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2024.

223/23 Finance

- (a) The Expenditure Against Budget Report December 2023 was received and noted
- (b) The Bank Reconciliation Report December 2023 were received and noted
- (c) The Council unanimously agreed to add Cllrs Anderson and Cory as bank signatories to all Parish Council bank accounts.
- (d) The payments list for December 2023 was received and noted

Meeting Closed at 8.24pm