



112.0	<b>Planning matters</b>	
112.1	<b>Council received reports from the planning committee on proposals:</b> LW/10/1465 Cosy Dene, Cooksbridge- Erection of extension – no objection	
112.2	<b>Council discussed the following applications:</b> LW/10/1521 The Pump House, Cooksbridge - Demolition of former public house and adjacent bungalow and erection of six dwellings with associated parking and access Council discussed the above application and had no objection. However, there were concerns regarding gates to the driveway as shown on the plans. Councillors felt that vehicles having to stop on the main A.275 in order to open/shut gates, would cause a hazard to other traffic with regard to vehicles coming across the level crossing, turning into Chandlers Mead and accessing both the station and the bus stop. Council would prefer to see the gates removed or at the very least, set back by the length of a vehicle. There was also concern about where contractors would park during construction and contractors using nearby roads for parking leaving litter. Clerk to respond	Clerk
112.3	<b>Council noted the following decisions by LDC:</b> LW/10/1279 The Old Orchard, Beechwood Lane, – two storey extension - <i>granted</i> LW/10/1236 Old School House, Offham - Installation of an oil tank - <i>granted</i> LW/10/1465 Cosy Dene, Cooksbridge- Erection of a two storey extension – <i>granted</i>	
113.0	<b>Recreation ground and pavilion and Beechwood Lane</b> The chair reported that M.Hughes had resigned as chair of trustees and Jo Hughes (Vice chair) has taken over until the AGM. There was also a vacancy for a new hall manager. The post will be advertised on the website. Hall revenues were steady and the chair has asked trustees for a forecast for ongoing expenditure. The Village Day is planned for July 2 <sup>nd</sup> and an action group will be formed involving the school, church and parish council. Fist group meeting possibly Feb.15 <sup>th</sup> . Cllr.Dodd agreed to represent the PC and as there were no further offers of help, the chair agreed to be a back-up to Cllr.Dodd. The clerk will arrange a playground safety inspection through LDC at a cost of £61.75. Council will approve new by-laws at the March meeting.	Cllr.Dodd Clerk
114.0	<b>Council received reports from the following meetings:</b>	
114.1	The clerk had attended a very useful renewable energy event held at Beechwood Hall in November. This covered a number of topics including the cash available for energy generation. The south facing roof of the hall would be a good site for this. Details had been emailed to all councillors.	
114.2	Details of the next LDALC meeting had been emailed to all. Currently Hamsey is not represented at these meetings. Clerk will send details again in case there is a councillor who might attend.	Clerk
115	<b>Council noted correspondence received since the last meeting</b>	
115.1	Barcombe had sent a copy of their response to the Local Transport Plan (emailed to all). Hamsey had asked Cllr.Baughan to respond on their behalf with respect to rail services and cycle routes and this has been done.	
115.2	The ESCC Environment Strategy for East Sussex consultation had been emailed to all councillors but no one wished to respond.	
115.3	Cllr.Baughan had received an email regarding the litter schedules.	
116	<b>Rights of Way issues (Jenny Millington)</b> Nothing to report from JM other than that the public have a right to use the off-road route from Picketts to Courthouse Farm – the highways land on the North side.	
117	<b>Youth issues – report attached</b>	
118	<b>Website– <a href="http://www.hamsey.net">www.hamsey.net</a> &amp; Newsletter</b> Council thanked Lewes resident Donna Edmunds for her offer to assemble the articles for the newsletter ready for printing.	
119	<b>Traffic issues including footways and parking</b>	
119.1	A resident had contacted the PC regarding continuing drainage problems in Ivors Lane – clerk contacted Ruth China, ESCC but has had no reply as yet. Council feel there is little more that can be done and that it is quite minor flooding.	
119.2	Clerk wrote to Hamsey school on Nov.18 <sup>th</sup> , asking for a meeting to discuss the problems of school parking but no reply was received. Cllr.Pinder had spoken to the	Cllr.Bell

119.3	headteacher but could get no date for a meeting. Council agreed that the chair would write to the school's chair of governors, with a copies to the school, ESCC and Cllr.R.St.Pierre. Clerk wrote to ESCC in November regarding the danger at Landport Fork. A reply from ESCC stated that there had been too few accidents at the junction to justify the expense. Council heard from a resident that Lewes Town Council does not agree with this and is looking into a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph. Clerk was asked to reply to Kelly Burr, ESCC and copy LTC, offering support for lower speeds.	clerk clerk
119.4	The chair advised that some councils pay farmers to clear the snow from rural roads. Clerk was asked to contact ESCC to find out their policy on this.	
<b>120</b>	<b>Council considered rail services to Cooksbridge.</b> Cllr.Baughan reported that Southern have now installed cctv at the station and will soon be installing a "help-point". The Station Partnership group are now trying to get a firm commitment from Southern for a programme for the works they have agreed to carry out. Volunteers are needed to help with small jobs like watering planters etc. Cllr.Baughan will go back to Southern with the Action Plan results as well as the customer usage survey results. If necessary, Cooksbridge would be prepared to trial train service improvements as is currently the case at Plumpton, with a new hourly service. The clerk wrote to LDC in November asking for support for increased services but has received no reply yet. Cllr.Baughan advised that current rail industry feedback suggests that the BML2 project (Lewes - Uckfield line) is very unlikely to proceed to implementation.	Cllr.Baughan
<b>121</b>	<b>Council discussed the progress of the parish action plan</b> The results were available on the community website. Council will progress a short list of action to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. Council will meet on Feb.3 <sup>rd</sup> to take this forward. Clerk was asked to advertise in the newsletter and on the website for residents to supply their email so details of meetings could go out by email as well as through existing channels	clerk
<b>122.0</b>	<b>Any update on SDNP</b> Council thanked R.Winter, who has has agreed to represent Hamsey parish council at any SDNP meetings and report back.	Cllr.Baughan
<b>123</b>	<b>New grit bin in Cooksbridge</b> Clerk explained that the bin was installed and filled just in time for the first snowy weather but all the grit was quickly used up and clerk ordered a refill (£70) just before Christmas after Mr Harwood used the last of it to kindly de-ice the pavements outside the homes of elderly and vulnerable residents in Chandlers Mead. Cllr.Pinder reported that the bin was now empty again and had blown over. Clerk will ask ESCC to improve the base. Clerk asked if council felt some form of notice saying something like -Please contact the parish council if this bin is less than a quarter full – and advising what the grit should be used for, might be necessary but council did not want any notice.	Clerk
<b>124</b>	<b>Council considered a request for funding, from the Monday Group</b> who repair and replace styles etc. on footpaths in the area and agreed a grant of £256. Clerk will ask for a list of projects in the parish.	Clerk
<b>125</b>	<b>Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda</b> The Localism Bill will be discussed at the March meeting (details of Bill sent to all) The hire charges to the PC of Beechwood Hall will be discussed at the next meeting Cllr.Baughan stated that the Litter Pick will be on Feb.6 <sup>th</sup> starting at 10am from Hamsey school. <b>Volunteers are needed.</b>	
<b>126</b>	<b>Date of next meetings –10<sup>th</sup> March 2011.</b> The Annual Parish Meeting will be 6pm on 19 <sup>th</sup> May. Followed by the Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm 19 <sup>th</sup> May. Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.	

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Signed.....(Chairman ) Dated.....

**Item 109: PCSO Report** - For the period of August to October there were 12 recorded crimes

On the 14/10 a vehicle in Cooksbridge had parts stolen from its engine, enquires regarding this are still ongoing & patrols have been increased by myself & other rural pcso's as this has been a problem in the past.

Other problems in the parish are what is regarded as community issues, these are being dealt with in the long term by the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Parking outside the school at drop off & pick up times has been monitored & appears to be improved. There are usually only one or two offenders who I move on when I see them parked up. As we are now in a new school year I haven't taken in a letter for the school to hand out to all parents with regard to parking when dropping off & collecting their children.

I have been contacted by a Cooksbridge resident with regard to speeding vehicles through the village. I am not myself permitted to do speed checks in the village but I am going to contact our Road Policing Unit to whether they can start to do some speed checks as this has been mentioned to me on more than one occasion.

### **Item 117 - HCO Youth Report**

Puppet Workshop Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 11

There will be a free puppet making project for the over 7s at Beechwood Hall during the half term holiday. Starting on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Feb young people will make up a story, design and make puppets and the sets and perform to the public on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6.15 pm. The workshops will run from 2.30 –4.30 pm Mon to Thursday, and on Friday rehearsals begin at 4pm for the show at 6.15 pm. Everyone from the community is invited to see the performance on Friday, refreshments will be on sale. We hope to see you there.

#### Playground

The new playground has been a great success with lots of Parish residents using the facilities. The new equipment is a hit with old and young alike and adds value to the village hall by attracting people to use the facilities and hire the hall. Marion as Chair of the Village Hall Trustees and Jeanette O'Connor as chair of HCO Youth have shown what can be done when people work together. They are currently getting all the information together to win a maintenance grant that will help us care for the playground in years to come.

#### Action Plan

The action plan makes interesting reading and provides vital information and evidence for those interested in providing more community resources. HCO Youth particularly welcomes the desire for tennis and improved football facilities and hope to replicate the playground success by working jointly with the Trustees of the Village Hall to raise the funds for a multi-court and other outdoor facilities.

#### HCO Youth needs Committee Members

The present group of officers at HCO Youth feel that they have done their bit and it is now time for new people to come forward to take on the role of Chair, Sec and Treasurer. As Secretary I have stayed on for 2 extra years and it is time to stand down. If you want to take on these roles we can say, yes it can be hard work but it is also very rewarding and is a chance to learn new skills and build up that CV! You will inherit an organisation that has sorted out all the policies and procedures necessary for working with young people and a modest amount of funds. The chance to fund-raise for a multi-court should attract parents who want to see their children have access to these facilities. Current and former members of HCO Youth will continue to offer help. Please contact Fiona [Morton@zen.co.uk](mailto:Morton@zen.co.uk) or call on 07841162540. Your community needs you.