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Minutes of a meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL
held at BEECHWOOD HALL on 12th January 2012 from 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. J.Harmer (chair)
Cllr.Ian Ginn
Cllr. M.Dodd (vice chair)
Cllr B.Bates
Cllr.W.Rendall
Cllr.R.Armstrong

Apologies:
Cllr. D.Edmunds
pcso Sally-Ann Reed

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council.
Kevin Froude, 1 members of the public

97	**Apologies for absence** As above	**Action**
98	**Questions from the public** A resident presented copies of letters he had written and replies received, regarding his request to make Chandlers Mead and Little Mead restricted parking for residents only. He asked that this be an agenda item for the council to consider in March. As this would entail residents purchasing parking permits for each of their vehicles and a charge for visitors, the clerk advised the resident to seek support from neighbours. A resident raised his concerns about the waste treatment site in Offham. It is not attractive and lacks any natural screening. Council asked the clerk to write and request some hedgerow be planted. A copy should go to SDNP. 7.45. Cllr. Rendall arrived.	clerk
99	**Declarations of interest** and update of interests. None	
100	**Minutes of the last meeting** Minutes of the meeting held 10th November were agreed and signed by the Chair	
101	**Council considered co-option to fill the vacancies on the council.** There had been no volunteers to join the council. Councillors were urged to encourage community minded residents to put their names forward.	All
102.0 102.1 102.2	**Update on any matters arising from last meeting** Council noted actions taken and noted any further action: *min.no.76.1 – Council noted that there is a new oak noticeboard at Offham* *min.no.80.1 – Council noted that Cllr.Rendall has registered the Beacon for firing*	
103.0 103.1 103.2	**Financial matters** *Council approved the following payments (including VAT):* *Cheque no.22014 Spoilt Cheque no.22015 £38.45 Station partnership, improvements (s.137) *Cheque no.22016 £88.92 LDC Dog bin empty *Cheque no.22017 £593.40 Clerk, salary and expenses Nov. *Cheque no.22018 £449.40 Covers – guttering for Beechwood Hall *Cheque no.22019 £471.18 Clerk, salary and expenses December *Cheque no.22020 £22.45 Grant to station partnership for plants – s.137 **Current financial position:** Council noted the current financial situation.	
104.0 104.1 104.2	**Planning matters - to receive any report from the planning committee:** The planning committee had considered the following application: **LW/11/1389/NP,** Pellbrook House The Drove Offham - Section 73A Retrospective application for demolition of existing concrete garage and erection of two bay oak framed garage with catslide roof. - *no comment* **LW/11/1441/NP** Hamsey Place Barn, Old Church Lane - Creation of basement, balcony to SE elevation and alterations **LW/11/1442/NP** Hamsey Place Barn, Old	

	Church Lane - Listed Building Consent Application - Creation of basement, balcony to SE & alterations - *no comment*	
104.3	**LW/11/1391/NP** Land North East Of Racecourse House, Motor Road,Old Racecourse - Section 73A Retrospective application for retention of a cross - *no comment*	
104.4	**LW/11/1545** The Pump House Cooksbridge Road Cooksbridge - Amendments to planning approval LW/10/1521, including minor variations to footprints, materials, window and door positions. Council discussed the application and inspected the plans. *There was no objection to the application.*	
104.5	**LW/11/1559** Sequoia Cooksbridge Road Cooksbridge - Removal of existing conservatory and formation of a two storey, side extension with a link to dwelling. Council discussed the application and inspected the plans. A sited visit was felt to be necessary and council delegated the decision to a planning committee of Cllr. Armstrong, Cllr.Harmer and Cllr.Rendall.	Cllr. Armstrong, Harmer and Rendall.
104.6	**LW/11/1498** Hamsey Community School, Cooksbridge - Single storey extension to front SW corner. - *no objection but request that adequate parking be provided.*	
104.7	**Planning matters - to note any decisions by LDC** **LW/11/1294/NP** 89 Highdown Road, Lewes – Application to replace extant planning permission for two storey extensions – *granted*	
105.0	**Recreation ground, Beechwood Hall and update on Beechwood Lane footpath** The chair adjourned the meeting to receive a report from the secretary to the trustees (attached to the agenda)	
106.0 106.1	**Council noted correspondence received since the last meeting** Council felt no correspondence needed attention.	
107	**To receive any reports from meetings attended by Councillors or Clerk:** No meetings had been attended since November 2011 Cllr.Ginn will attend the affordable housing meeting January 24th	Cllr.Ginn
108	**Council considered a request for grant funding** for maintenance of Hamsey Churchyard 2012 **and agreed £500 to be granted after April 1st.**	clerk
109.0	**Website**– www.hamsey.net & **Newsletter.** Clerk reported that there are still very few names on the data base for residents to receive alerts by email even though a request went out in the newsletter asking for email addresses. The next newsletter will be early Feb. Produced by the clerk and K.Froude.	
110	**Police & NHW issues** Clerk read out the report from the pcso (attached)	
111	**Traffic issues including footways and parking** Work to improve Landport fork will commence in March	
112.0 112.1 112.2	**Council considered rail services to Cooksbridge.** Cllr.Ginn gave an update on improvements at the station and informed council that the station partnership would be getting a grant for materials etc. **Council considered a grant request** from the Cooksbridge station Partnership. £22.45 was requested to pay for plants. This was agreed.	
113	**There were no issues from the South Downs National Park.**	
114.0	**Rights of Way issues** Footpaths champion Jenny Millington does not walk the footpaths as much now she has no dog. A volunteer is now needed to take over the role.Council thanked her for all the assistance in the past. Cllr.Rendall offered to act as the footpaths champion and residents noting any problems with rights of way should either contact ESCC rights of way, the parish clerk or Cllr.Rendall at bill.rendall@hotmail.co.uk A resident reported that locked gates were blocking footpath Barcombe 37 (opposite the Rainbow). Clerk has reported this to RightsofWayteam @ ESCC	

115.0 115.1	**Minutes of the meeting held 24th November were agreed and signed by the Chair** **Minutes** of the public meeting held 24th November were agreed and signed by the Chair	
116.0	**Council considered Village signs or 'Gateways'.** Cllr.Armstrong had some phoptos of other gateways in the area at Rye, and Laughton. Clerk has spoken to ESCC. Costs for 'gateways' like those at Laughton – they cost between £2,500-£5,000 depending on limitations of the site. Clerk to speak to ESCC.	Clerk
117.0 117.1 117.2	**Council considered support for Village Day 2012** **C**llr. Dodd gave an update on preparations for the Village Day - 14th July. Volunteers are needed both on the day and with planning the event. Cllr.Armstrong will help with parking, Cllr.Harmer with the Tug-of-War. Help is needed with the PA System. **Council considered a request to support the day with a grant of up to £2,000** and agreed support up to £1,500	
118.0 118.1 118.2	**Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda** Council noted that the annual litter pick will take place on February 12th from 10.0am. Meet at Beechwood Hall. Volunteers needed. Cllr.Dodd gave an update on his campaign to reduce the use of plastic bags and hoped the parish would follow his lead. Offham Farm shop uses bio-degradable bags and the garage shop will hopefully follow suit when it re-opens.	All
119	**Council discussed a date for the annual parish meeting** Clerk was asked to contact LDC and ask for member of the planning policy team to come and talk to residents about the proposals for Cooksbridge. Date to be agreed but probably April.	Clerk
120.0	**Date of next meeting – 8th March 2012** Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.	

JT 16/1/12

Signed……..(Chairman) Dated……

Min. No. 110 - Hamsey Parish Council PCSO Report

For the period of Oct to Dec there were 11 recorded crimes

	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
THEFTS	2	1	1	4
VEHICLE CRIME	1	1		2
BURGLARY	1	1	1	3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE				
VIOLENCE	1			1
OTHER			1	1
TOTAL	5	3	3	11

UPDATES:

The burglary that occurred in November was on Town Littleworth Road on the 3/11, there are no lines of enquires at present. The theft was of a vehicle in Bevernbridge on the 28/11, the vehicle was recovered on the same day. The vehicle crime involved damage to a vehicle in Cooksbridge on the 9/11.

The theft in December occurred between the 10th & 11th to a business on Resting Oak Hill, there are no lines of enquires at the moment. The burglary occurred around the 15th/16th, a lawn mower, bikes & various tools were taken, enquires are still ongoing.

The guttering at Beechwood Hall was ripped off between the 1st & 3rd January 2012. As it was made of metal it's presumed that it was taken for scrap purposes, NHW has been updated & all residents are asked to keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles getting the registration details where possible.

SPEEDWATCH:

Speed checks done in Cooksbridge on the 29/11 resulted in 3 drivers being sent letters with regard to their speed.