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Minutes of a meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL held at BEECHWOOD HALL on 9th March 2017

Present: Cllr.Ian Ginn, chair **Apologies:** Cllr.Isabelle Linington (LDC)
Cllr.D'Arienzo vice chair
Cllr.A.Suttie Cllr.R.Baughan
Cllr. J.Harmer Cllr. M.Dodd
Cllr.K.McBrown

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. 6 members of the public

		Action
103	Apologies for absence – As noted above	
104	Questions from the public. There were no questions from the public present at the start of the meeting	
105	Declaration of interest by Councillors on any agenda items and update of interests. None	
106	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes of the parish council meeting held 19 th January 2017 were agreed and signed by the chair.	
107	Update on any matters arising from last meeting None	
108	Financial matters	
108.1	<i>Council approved the following payments (including VAT):</i> Cheque No.300213 £25.00 CPRE Sussex donation Cheque No.300214 £607.59 Clerk salary/expenses January Cheque No.300215 £20.00 National trust – Beacon licence fee Cheque No.300216 £642.96 Oakhill construction – path and landscaping Cheque No.300217 £1560.00 Healthmatic – public toilet assistance Cheque No.300218 £600.39 Clerk salary/expenses February Cheque No.300219 £330.00 Healthmatic – public toilet service	
108.2	Council noted the current financial situation and noted that a grant of £7,000 had been received from the trustees of Beechwood Hall toward the cost of the public convenience but this does not yet appear on the bank statement.	
108.3	Council considered funds available toward play equipment at Beechwood Rural park. Cllr.McBrown explained that the play equipment was beyond repair and a group of hall trustees, councillors, parents and the school had put together a bid for funding. Trustees of the hall offered £9,000 and Cllr.McBrown proposed the PC match that amount. Seconded by Cllr.Ginn and approved by all.	
108.4 108.5	Council discussed a request for a grant from the Sussex Air Ambulance and a request for a grant from the Lewes Citizens Advice and agreed that all grant requests would be held on file and grants awarded at the November council meeting.	
109	Planning matters - to receive any report from the planning committee:	
109.1	The meeting was adjourned (7.25pm) to hear comments from resident Jim Redwood, a retired planning officer. Regarding LW/16/0935 he said the Hamsey Neighbourhood plan required new buildings to be of excellent design and 0935 is	

109.2	<p>not. There were still concerns regarding the siting of the electric substation. Amendments to this application are for converting two of the houses into four flats but this provides no more bedrooms throughout the site. This is a poor design and the site is too tight to squeeze in 27 houses. LDC should take the Hamsey plan seriously.</p> <p>Regarding LW/16/0030 and 0117 he said this is a policy issue since the site is a mineral/waste site not residential. Housing was allowed to support business use, which allowed less affordable housing to be provided. An appraisal from the developer states that business use is not viable but as this is not a housing site, development here would be against LDC policy and as LDC has sufficient land available for housing this should be refused</p> <p>Cllr.Dodd arrived (7.40pm) meeting reconvened (7.45pm)</p>	
109.3	<p>LW/17/0126 4 Chandlers Mead, Cooksbridge - Erection of a log cabin to rear garden to run a dog grooming business. Council had visited the site and spoken to neighbours – no objection</p>	
109.4	<p>LW/17/ 0030 Knights Court South Road South Common - Redevelopment of the site with six residential units to replace business units - <i>objection</i></p>	
109.5	<p>SDNP/16/06376 The Old Wheelwrights Shop The Street Offham - retrospective application for replacement of conservatory – <i>support</i></p>	
109.6	<p>SDNP/17/00397 - 7/8 Offham Cottages The Street Offham BN7 3QA -Retention of doorway on ground floor and partial removal of first floorstud partition – <i>no comment</i></p>	
109.7	<p>LW/17/0117 Former Hamsey Brickworks, South Road South Common - Removal of condition 27 attached to planning approval LW/14/0712 – <i>council will object that this is against planning policy and there is no shortage of housing land in Lewes District.</i></p>	Clerk
109.8	<p>LW/16/0935 Chatfields Yard, Cooksbridge – Erection of 27 dwellings with landscaping, access and parking – <i>still pending – council will comment on the submitted amendments.</i></p>	Clerk
109.8	<p>Planning matters - to note any decisions by LDC or SDNP</p>	
109.9	<p>SDNP/16/03729/PA16 Telecommunications poles. Offham Road, Offham - <i>refused</i></p>	
109.10	<p>SDNP/16/06376 The Old Wheelwrights Shop The Street Offham BN7 3QD - retrospective application for replacement of conservatory – <i>granted</i></p>	
	<p>Following a request from a resident council agreed to contact LDC regarding telegraph poles in Wickham Lane.</p>	Clerk
110	<p>Recreation ground and Beechwood Hall</p>	
110.1	<p>Council noted that Cllr Suttie has volunteered as a trustee</p>	
110.2	<p>Council noted hall trustees have agreed that dogs should be kept on leads when in the recreation ground as the problem with dog mess has become extreme. Also, someone is taking away all the dog waste bags provided by the trustees.</p>	
110.3	<p>Cllr.McBrown gave a report from the last trustees meeting</p>	
111	<p>Council noted all correspondence received since the last meeting</p>	
111.1	<p>Following a request from a resident council had asked ESCC to clean Whitfeld Lane. This had been done but not very well. Cllr.Harmer said the hedge at Yeomans overhung the lane to an extent which forced vehicles off the road. Clerk would contact the owners asking for the hedge to be cut back.</p>	Clerk
111.2	<p>A resident had raised non-specific concerns about tree clearance in Offham. Council requested reports on any tree clearing. Reports attached.</p>	
112	<p>Cllr.D'Arienzo reported that just 2 people had come forward offering to produce a new design for a parish logo.</p>	

113	Reports from meetings attended by Councillors or Clerk The chair attended an ESCC meeting and gave a report.	
114 114.1	Council considered rail and bus issues. No response yet on the 2018 timetable changes but one success in that the 22.47 from Victoria will now stop at Cooksbridge. Cllr.Baughan had a copy of the London-Brighton rail study which includes the Lewes-Uckfield link and concludes investment must be in the existing line and the Lewes-Uckfield link will not be considered for re-opening for 30-40 years unless private investment comes forward. The station partnership still needs new members from the parish or neighbouring parishes. Cllr.Baughan has contacted network rail regarding the Sunday crossing closures. Traffic diverted down Beechwood and Hamsey Lanes has ruined the verges and was dangerous. He will contact Annabelle Harvey at ESCC since they issue the diversion route.	
114.2	Chair reported that Compass have donated £75 toward the new Cooksbridge bus shelter and BBM have offered £150 for which the PC is most grateful.	
115	Highway and Traffic issues including parking and speedwatch Nothing to report	
116	Council considered Waste and Recycling Issues A report had been circulated.(attached).	
117	To consider a Neighbourhood watch group for Chandlers Mead Cllr.D'Arienzo has contacted the Lewes NW but is not getting much response. Perhaps a notice asking for indications of interest could go up at the jumble sale.	
118	Report on fundraising activities for Hamsey church Cllr.D'Arienzo said work will start on the roof this month but fundraising continues for other repairs.	
119	Update on the telephone box in Cooksbridge Cllr.D'Arienzo said Hartley Quinn Wilson have agreed to fit shelving for a book swap Volunteers are needed to thoroughly clean the box. She will get a quote for 4 signs for the top of the box and clerk will also get a quote.	Cllr.D'Arienzo Clerk
120	Any update on a defibrillator for Offham Cllr.D'Arienzo said owners of the Blacksmith Pub are considering hosting one.	
121	To consider installing cctv cameras at Beechwood hall This was discussed. Council wanted more information about what security measures are available/appropriate. Clerk will ask AIRS. Council will ask local PCSO officers.	Clerk
122	Items for noting Cllr.Ginn will attend the SSALC first aid course Cllr.Ginn has offered to keep dispensers at Offham and Cooksbridge topped up with the Hamsey walk leaflets. Cllr.Dodd agreed to check the Offham hill bench monthly.	
123	Meeting dates for 2017 Council agreed the Annual Parish meeting would be at 7pm on May 18 th followed no earlier than 7.30pm by the annual council meeting. Other meetings for 2017: 20 th July, 14 th Sept., 16 th November – all at Beechwood Hall, 7.15pm	

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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

116 - Litter, Waste and Recycling Report – March 2017

Mixed Recycling Bin for Cooksbridge – Lewes District Council (LDC) Waste & Recycling installed the new mixed recycling waste bin in Cooksbridge on 03 February. It consists of four compartments (general waste, cans/plastic bottles, glass bottles and paper) and will be emptied by LDC. The bin was supplied in a blue colour and located between the bus shelter and the telephone box in the centre of Cooksbridge.

The bin, which is the only parish public recycling bin in our district, has been snapped by fans and shared across the 'green networks' on Twitter.

LDC agreed the recycling collection for this bin on our request, as a pilot scheme as we were keen to provide a more ecological solution to our parish waste. Hopefully the bright new eco- looking bin also sends a message to queuing motorists that we expect responsible disposal of waste, ie not thrown from their vehicles into bushes and laybys. We are grateful to LDC Waste and Recycling managers for agreeing to go the extra mile for us.

Bin for Bevern Bridge Layby - The A275 lay-by where cherries are sold is currently being kindly cleared by Chailey Litter pickers, although it falls in Hamsey parish. Although approval for a new bin was granted at the Parish Council meeting of 17 November 2016, we are currently targeting this area with scheduled and 'ad-hoc' litter picks to bring this litter 'hot-spot' back under control while we review the best way forward.

Dog Fouling – This issue, which is becoming an increasing problem within our parish, was addressed in the editorial of the Winter edition of Hamsey News. The Parish Council will be evaluating in due course a number of potential options suggested by LDC including the possibility of imposing/collecting fines and reviewing the dog policy at Beechwood Hall.

Litter Heroes – We are doing all we can to encourage more residents to adopt their local areas as a key initiative to complement the quarterly parish litter picks.

Parish Litter Picks – Seven hardy souls braved the cold to walk off the mince pies and address the litter on 14 January. Between us we managed to cover the A275, Hamsey Lane, The Drove and Beechwood Lane. Included in the A275 was the Cherry Seller layby 'hot-spot' near to the junction with Wickham Lane where two full bags of litter were recovered. All in all a very successful morning with a large collection of full black bags and associated bits of cars, etc that were collected by our friends at LDC Waste & Recycling. The next parish litter pick will be held on Saturday 8th April, meeting at 10.00 at Beechwood Hall. All councillors who are able to are asked to attend and also to encourage as many more members of our community as possible to take part.

Vision - Tamsyn and Robert are continuing to talk with neighbouring parishes to share information and join forces on litter and waste initiatives. We have many really exciting initiatives now in progress and more ideas in the pipeline and we would always welcome contributions and suggestions for consideration. We continue to share a vision of Hamsey parish as a community working together to ensure a clean and sustainable environment for present and future generations.

Councillors Robert Baughan and Tamsyn D'Arienzo