

## Hamsey Parish Council

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### Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL held at BEECHWOOD HALL on Thursday 20th July 2017 7.15pm

**Present:** Cllr.D'Arienzo, chair  
Cllr.Ian Ginn, vice chair  
Cllr.K.McBrown  
Cllr.R.Baughan  
Cllr. M.Dodd  
Cllr.J.Harmer

**Apologies:** Cllr.A.Suttie  
Cllr.Isabelle Linington (LDC)

**In attendance:** Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. 2 members of the public

		Action
22	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Council noted that Cllr.Suttie was away and that Cllr.Ginn would try to arrive later but was attending a rail users meeting.	
23	<b>Questions from the public.</b> A resident asked how the Covers development was progressing and asked if residents could be allowed more interaction in the council meeting. The chair had explained the council procedures and that meeting had to be adjourned to allow the public to speak outside of item 2.	
24	<b>Declaration of interest by Councillors on any agenda items and update of interests.</b> None	
25	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 were agreed and signed by the chair.	
26	<b>Update on any matters arising from last meeting</b> <i>min.no.20.1</i> Cllr.Dodd gave an update on the Rainbow pub, which is presently for sale. He outlined some of the ways communities can run pubs (over 80 in the country). Council noted the Blacksmith's Arms, Offham is also for sale.	
27 27.1 27.2 27.3	<b>Financial matters</b> <i>Council approved the following payments (including VAT):</i> Cheque No.300237 £636.88 Clerk salary/expenses May Cheque No.300238 £100.00 Plumpton fencing services. Repairs at Beechwood. *Cheque No.300239 £13.46 KPS mowing malthouse park. 5.5.17 *Cheque No.300240 £36.00 CPRE subscription *Cheque No.300241 £93.60 LDC empty dog bin *Cheque No.300242 £599.51 Clerk salary/expenses June *Cheque No.300243 £40.39 KPS mowing malthouse park. 2,14,29/6/2017 *Cheque No.300244 £191.50 Upperbridge. Annual web fees *Cheque No.300245 £42.00 Sussex Sign centre. Phone box signs *Cheque No.300246 – SPOILT CHEQUE <b>Council noted the current financial situation.</b> <b>Council agreed the chair should be added as cheque signatory</b>	
28 28.1 28.2	<b>Planning matters - to receive any report from the planning committee:</b> <b>SDNP/17/02060/ADV</b> – National park signage. park boundary - <i>no comment</i> <b>SDNP/16/06226/FUL</b> Land adjacent to Offham Barns. 2 additional pitches and conversion of 2 stables to day rooms ancillary to Gypsy site – <i>council had no objection to 4 pitches only.</i>	

28.3	<b>Planning matters - to note any decisions by LDC or SDNP</b>	
28.4	<b>SDNP/16/06226/FUL</b> Land adjacent to Offham Barns. 2 additional pitches and conversion of 2 stables to day rooms ancillary to Gypsy site – <i>refused on highway safety concerns</i>	
28.5	<b>SDNP/17/02060/ADV</b> – National park signage, park boundary – <i>approved</i>	
28.6	<p>Council discussed a meeting between Cllrs.Dodd, Ginn, D'Arienzo and Andrew Hill, LDC Planning. HPC was assisted by resident J.Redwood.This was regarding the Covers development which had received planning approval despite objections from HPC. The parish council had pointed out that design is a major policy in their neighbourhood plan but with the Covers development design has slipped in order to accommodate more properties.</p> <p>The developments at Hamsey Brickworks were also discussed and HPC were told they would be involved in any future discussions. It was conceded that the Hamsey Neighbourhood plan should be of primary consideration. LDC presently have 3 years stock of housing land available.</p> <p>HPC raised the question of surveys on land next to Hamsey Lane but LDC were not aware of these.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding CIL (community infrastructure levies). 25% of the levy should come to the parish council and more could be bid for if certain items of infrastructure were needed. The meeting adjourned at 7.36 to hear from J.Redwood regarding the importance of the HNPlan and how to ensure that any LDC planning committee were aware of its importance (reconvened 7.41pm)</p>	
29	<p><b>Recreation ground and Beechwood Hall</b></p> <p>Cllr.McBrown reported that Michael Bell and Ailsa Suttie had resigned as hall trustees. Natalie Kinch has become a trustee but there is still room for anyone interested in joining the team. Jenni had not managed to secure a grant from Veolia but had received two other grants enabling the project to provide new play equipment to go ahead. Waitrose and Tesco have both supported grants to provide new goals at the park. Sadly, vandalism is still occurring and CCTV cameras will have to be installed. The parish council have heard suggestions of who may be behind this spate of damage and Cllr.McBrown and the chair will contact Inspector Rob Lovell to ask what can be done. There have been some problems at the station with damage and abusive behaviour. The station is private property and Cllr.Baughan will look into this. Some of the problems seem to be caused by youngsters arriving by train. The hall hot water tank has become furred up with limescale and needs replacing. As part of the work, trustees propose to install a much larger tank to take advantage of the solar heated water and to soundproof the heat pump. Total cost is around £2,500 +vat. The parish council agreed to fund the work. Hall trustees agreed to give a grant of £2000 towards the cost.</p>	<p>Cllr.Baughan</p> <p>clerk</p>
30	<p><b>Council noted all correspondence received since the last meeting</b></p> <p>The chair asked to be sent regular newsletters from the Rural Services Network</p>	clerk
31	The competition for a new parish logo has received just two entries. The deadline has been extended.	
32	<p><b>Reports from meetings attended by Councillors or Clerk</b></p> <p>The meeting with LDC planning had been covered under item 7</p>	
33	<p><b>Council considered rail and bus issues.</b></p> <p>The 2018 timetable for weekday services has been published. “ extra early morning trains will stop at Cooksbridge. These will be helpful for commuters. The new timetable gives some hope for a better daytime and weekend service however, the Gibb report into problems with Southern suggests less stops will build in resilience to Southern services.</p>	
	Cllr.Ian Ginn arrived at 8.14pm	
34	<p><b>Highway and Traffic issues including parking and speedwatch</b></p> <p>No volunteers came forward to help with speedwatch.</p>	

	Damage to the pavement in front of Downsview cottages had been reported to ESCC who felt it did not merit repair. ESCC also declined to replace the wooden bollards that prevent inappropriate parking. Cllr.McBrown said the damaged pavement was a problem for her wheelchair and cars parking on the pavement blocked also caused her problems. Cllr.Baughan will take this up with ESCC.	Cllr.Baughan
35	<b>Council considered Waste and Recycling Issues</b> A report had been circulated.(attached)	
36	<b>To consider updating the parish emergency plan</b> The plan was assembled in 2008 and is out of date now. Cllr.Suttie has offered to update it. Cllr.Harmer offered to assist her with any contact details needed.	Cllr.Suttie Cllr.Harmer
37	<b>To consider the condition of the bus shelter at Offham</b> Cllr.Baughan will organise a working group to clear vegetation from around the bus shelter at Offham. Cllrs. Dodd, Harmer, Ginn and D'Arienzo offered their assistance. The chair will try to get a date for removal of the defunct phone box.	All Chair
38	<b>Any update on a defibrillator for Offham</b> Maria Caulfield has informed HPC that there is no funding available through her. The owners of the Blacksmith's Arms had agreed to house a defibrillator but as the pub is now for sale this will need to be agreed by any new owners.	
39	<b>To consider the Rural Services Network survey &amp; Housing allocations survey requests</b> The chair and Cllr.Harmer will now receive the Rural Services network updates. Chair will respond to their survey request. Council discussed the LDC housing allocations survey request. Council is concerned that not everyone in need of housing is on the housing register or understands fully the banding system and this could lead to housing being allocated to people with no connection to the area. There is also a lack of smaller properties for those wishing to downsize. Cllr.McBrown will respond to the survey and the chair will respond on behalf of the parish council	Chair  Cllr.McBrown Chair
40	<b>To consider the future production of the parish newsletter</b> Cllr.Suttie is finding it difficult to continue with collecting together the articles needed for the quarterly newsletter. Council wished to thank her for helping with the newsletter for the past 3 years. Cllr.McBrown has agreed to take this on.	Cllr.McBrown
41 41.1	<b>Items for noting</b> Council will consider the dates for meetings during 2018	
21	<b>Meeting dates for 2017 -14<sup>th</sup> Sept., 16<sup>th</sup> November – all at Beechwood Hall, 7.15pm</b>	

Meeting closed at 8.47pm.

JT 24/07/16

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