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Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL held at BEECHWOOD HALL on Thursday 14th September 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 Cllr.A.Suttie

Apologies:

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. Cllr.Isabelle Linnington (LDC)

		Action
43	Apologies for absence - None	
44	Questions from the public. LDC Cllr.Linnington had no questions and was in attendance in case the parish council had any items she may be able to assist with.	
45	Declaration of interest by Councillors on any agenda items and update of interests. Cllr.Dodd declared an interest in item 7a SDNP/17/04576/TCA Pippins	
46	Minutes of the meeting held 20 th July 17 were agreed & signed as a true record	
47	Update on any matters arising from last meeting (not elsewhere on the agenda) <i>None</i>	
48	Financial matters	
48.1	<i>Council approved the following payments (including VAT):</i> Cheque No.300246 – SPOILT CHEQUE *Cheque No.300247 £44.99 Solar centre – light for phone box Cheque No.300248 £596.86 Clerk salary/expenses for July Cheque No.300249 £1449.00 DH Solar – part payment for heating works Cheque No.300250 £30.00 Sussex sign centre – Dogs on a lead signs *Cheque No.300251 £829.20 Barcombe landscapes - mowing *Cheque No.300252 £26.93 KPS contractors – mowing Malthouse park *Cheque No.300253 £1449.00 DH Solar – part payment for heating works *Cheque No.300254 £577.06 Clerk salary/expenses for August *Cheque No.300255 £26.93 KPS contractors – mowing Malthouse park *Cheque No.300256 £240.00 PKF Littlejohn – external audit fee	
48.2	Council noted the current financial situation.	
48.3	Council considered the budget as circulated by the clerk	
48.4	Council considered purchasing new football goals for Beechwood Park and noted the old goals were now past their best. These would be funded by grants and council agreed the clerk should order new goals once all grant funds had been received.	
48.5	Council noted that the external audit is now complete	
49	Planning matters - to receive any report from the planning committee:	
49.1	LW/17/0685 Unit 2 Knights Court South Road South Common - Change of use from office (Use Class B1) to residential (Use Class C3) Cllr. Linnington advised that she would be meeting the developers and LDC but that HPC were not invited. Cllr.Dodd said that during a meeting with LDC regarding the site, the parish council had been assured they would be included in any future discussions. Chair will contact LDC to insist HPC be involved. Council is very	Chair

	<p>concerned that the site was granted planning permission for mixed use but without the employment use this will become purely residential, which would have been refused permission originally. Council will object to the loss of employment use, over development and residential on contaminated land.</p>	
49.2	<p>LW/17/0697 Land At Gradwell End South Chailey - Care accommodation (C2) comprising 65 extra care units, clubhouse and social area, other care and associated facilities together with landscaping and parking Although this application is in Chailey, the extra traffic generated will affect Cooksbridge. Council will object on grounds of traffic, change to the character of the area, poor design and the proposed change from dementia care to residential as well as requiring the site to be C3 rather than C2 if permission is granted.</p>	Chair
49.3	<p>SDNP/17/04576/TCA Pippins The Street Offham - Yew hedge - reduce to boundary wall 1x Sycamore - trimmed to boundary fence Laurel shrub - reduce to 8ft in height Council was confused about this application since some of the trees appeared to be on neighbouring land and the definition of trim to wall was unclear as to height or width. Chair will call LDC tree officer Daniel Winn for advice.</p>	
49.4	<p>Planning matters - to note any decisions by LDC or SDNP No decisions had been made since July</p>	
49.5	<p>Cllr.Baughan expressed concern over the loss of trees on the boundary of the Covers site. Clerk had spoken to LDC regarding this and they were aware and partly in agreement with the developers that new trees should be planted. It was understood that 14 spaces would be provided for workers at the site. Cllr.Baughan would monitor any traffic problems.</p>	
50	<p>Recreation ground and Beechwood Hall</p>	
50.1	<p>Cllr.McBrown gave an update on progress toward new play equipment for Beechwood Hall. This would be purchased with grant funding and £9000 from council reserves. Installation may have to wait until early 2018 unless ground conditions are favourable. The new equipment will be sited on the main field freeing the present play area for future conversion to a green car park. Council discussed the proposals and agreed that the parish council would be prepared to purchase and insure the new equipment, which will be suitable for all abilities including disabled. Trustees of the park will also contribute £9000 and be responsible for the ongoing maintenance.</p>	
50.2	<p>Following acts of vandalism at the park the parish council and the hall trustees have reluctantly decided CCTV cameras will be installed before the end of the year.</p>	
50.3	<p>There is one new trustee who lives in Cooksbridge.</p>	
51	<p>Council noted all correspondence received since the last meeting Council discussed the request from SDNPA for infrastructure projects. They were keen to see a cycle way between Cooksbridge and Lewes.</p>	
52	<p>Any update on the parish council logo Chair asked for this to carry forward to the next meeting</p>	
53	<p>Reports from meetings attended by Councillors or Clerk None</p>	
54	<p>Council considered rail and bus issues. The station partnership have responded to the 2nd phase of the 2018 weekday timetable. There will be some minor improvements to services. Hamsey and Cooksbridge crossings are to be upgraded. Cllr.Baughan to monitor. McNicholas will be working in Cooksbridge again. Cllr.Baughan has requested better working practices from them – no litter and no damage please.</p>	Cllr.Baughan
55	<p>Highway and Traffic issues including parking and speedwatch Chair asked for Speedwatch to come off the agenda as there were not enough volunteers to operate this. Cllr.Baughan has contacted ESCC regarding damage to the pavement and to no</p>	Cllr.Baughan

	parking bollards, caused by McNicholas. ESCC is not prepared to carry out repairs. Cllr.Baughan will pursue this. Another post has been broken by a vehicle parking on the verge outside Downsview, this is damaging the verge. ESCC started to put double yellow lines at the junction of Malthouse Way/A275 but this needs finishing. Cllr.Ginn to contact ESCC.	Cllr.Ginn
56	Council considered Waste and Recycling Issues A report had been circulated.(attached). Next litter pick 14 th October from Beechwood Hall. All welcome. LDC now collect Green Waste in Cooksbridge.	
57	Update on the parish emergency plan Cllr.Suttie plans to circulate a list of questions. Cllr.Harmer is reviewing the plan.	Cllr.Suttie Cllr.Harmer
58	Council considered the meeting dates for 2018 and agreed that the second Thursday of every other month at Beechwood Hall is acceptable to all.	
59	Any update on a defibrillator for Offham Chair contacted the British Heart Foundation but it is only 0.8mile to the nearest unit. Chair felt it would be useful to arrange some training in the use of the machines.	Chair
60	Update on clearance at Offham bus shelter Cllrs Baughan, Harmer, Dodd and Ginn plan to clear rubbish from around the bus shelter on September 30 th .	Cllr.Baughan Cllr.Dodd Cllr.Harmer Cllr.Ginn
61	Items for noting None	
62	Meeting dates for 2017 -16 th November – at Beechwood Hall, 7.15pm Dates for 2018 - 11 th Jan,8 th March,10 th May, 19 th July, 13 th Sept., 8 th Nov.	

Meeting closed at 9.03pm.

JT 18/09/16

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

Litter, Waste and Recycling Report – September 2017

Litter Strategy for England – Work continues with reviewing this government published strategy document and, in particular, what we can take from it now to apply here in Hamsey parish.

Parish Litter Picks – The next parish litter pick will be held on Saturday 14th October, meeting at 10.00 at Beechwood Hall. All are welcome and we hope very much to see as many of you as possible taking part in this quarterly opportunity to keep our parish clean!

LDC Garden Waste Service – The LDC Garden Waste service was successfully introduced to Hamsey Parish from August 2017.

Vision - 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