

	<p>residents had no idea what was going on but now they know, they feel supportive. More details have been requested by LDC and there is likely to be another consultation period.</p> <p>Cllr.Dodd asked about the retrospective nature of the application caused by LDC saying it was just change of use. He felt this should have been sorted by the landowner before the business moved in.</p> <p>A resident said the landowner had been very engaged with the project and done a lot of clearing on site and had improved the drainage.</p>																									
9183	Declaration of interest by Councillors on any agenda items and update of interests. None																									
9184	Minutes of the council meeting held 19 th July 2018 were agreed & signed as a true record																									
9185	Update on any matters arising from last meeting (not elsewhere on the agenda) None.																									
9186 9186.1	<p>Financial matters</p> <p><i>Council approved the following payments (including VAT):</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Cheque No.300305 £20,130.00</td> <td>Sports Courts UK</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No.300306 £211.20</td> <td>Barcombe landscapes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No.300307 £638.20</td> <td>Clerk salary/expenses – July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Cheque No.300308 £36.00</td> <td>CPRE subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No.300309 £489.50</td> <td>Broxap – cycle barriers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Cheque No.300310 £20.00</td> <td>LdALC – subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No.300311 £150.00</td> <td>Monday seniors group – grant s.137</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Cheque No.300312 £104.40</td> <td>Replacement de-fib.pads</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Cheque No.300313 £264.00</td> <td>Cosmo Construction. Soil. Beechwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Cheque No.300314 £640.80</td> <td>Clerk salary/expenses – August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Cheque No.300315 £2,700.00</td> <td>Knightguard. CCTV at Beechwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Cheque No.300316 £60,270.00</td> <td>Sports Courts UK</td> </tr> </table>	Cheque No.300305 £20,130.00	Sports Courts UK	Cheque No.300306 £211.20	Barcombe landscapes	Cheque No.300307 £638.20	Clerk salary/expenses – July	*Cheque No.300308 £36.00	CPRE subscription	Cheque No.300309 £489.50	Broxap – cycle barriers	*Cheque No.300310 £20.00	LdALC – subscription	Cheque No.300311 £150.00	Monday seniors group – grant s.137	*Cheque No.300312 £104.40	Replacement de-fib.pads	*Cheque No.300313 £264.00	Cosmo Construction. Soil. Beechwood	*Cheque No.300314 £640.80	Clerk salary/expenses – August	*Cheque No.300315 £2,700.00	Knightguard. CCTV at Beechwood	*Cheque No.300316 £60,270.00	Sports Courts UK	
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9186.2	Council noted the current financial situation.																									
9187 9187.1	Planning matters - to receive any report from the planning committee SDNP/18/03124/HOUS 2 Bretts Cottages, Whitfeld Lane, Hamsey - Alterations to existing brick outbuilding (attached to main house) to create a conservatory – the PC had no comment to make on this application.																									
9187.2	LW/18/0577 21 Malthouse Way, Cooksbridge - porch extension -- <i>objection</i>																									
9187.3	LW/18/0394 Copyhold Farm, Hamsey Lane, Cooksbridge - Section 73A retrospective application for reinstatement of existing barn and change of use from farm storage to light steel fabrication and storage - <i>objection</i>																									
9187.4	Planning matters - to note any decisions by LDC or SDNP LW/18/0328 Knights Court, Unit 2 - Two storey side extension incorporating garage on ground floor and glazed porch link, dormers and solar panels to roof – <i>approved</i> LW/18/0486 Bouverie Cottage Cooksbridge Road Cooksbridge - Sympathetic repair to property following vehicle impact damage – <i>approved</i> LW/18/0577 21 Malthouse Way, Cooksbridge - porch extension -- <i>refused</i>																									
9188	<p>Recreation ground and Beechwood Hall</p> <p>Cllr.McBrown said the multi use court and the overspill car park were now complete but the contractors need to return and mark parking bays and lay a green non slip surface to the court.</p> <p>A company had contacted the PC to ask if they could put a textile recycling bin on site. They would keep the area in good order and pay a monthly rent. Council thought this could be trialled and may fit well with the recycling bin that the chair is looking into with LDC. Trustees will need to agree. Cllr.Ginn was not keen to have any bins and he felt they may encourage fly tipping.</p> <p>Council considered three quotes received for upgrading the hall kitchen. These were £11,220, £9,642.91 and £8,150. Cllr.Baughan proposed accepting the lowest quote, seconded by Cllr.McBrown and agreed by all. The contractor was know to be reliable and competent.</p>																									

9189	Council noted all correspondence received since the last meeting Council noted an email from a resident who felt the parish council precept charge was higher than neighbouring areas however the precept for Hamsey parish is just £17,226 compared to £30,524 in Barcombe and £54,963 in Plumpton where the average for band D is £83.04 compared to just £69.54 in Hamsey.	
91810	To receive any reports from meetings attended by Councillors or Clerk Any reports are attached below	
91811	Update on any plans for 11th November – Beacon lighting etc. The chair will liaise with Cllr.Smith of East Chiltington PC as the lighting will be a joint event at 7pm. All councillors will try to attend the service at St.Peters, Offham at 10.30am on Armistice Day. Cllr.Ginn will lay the wreath on behalf of the council.	Cllr.Ginn
91812	Update on repairs to fence at Malthouse Way Park Despite Lewes District Council Housing dept. informing the parish council that the fence was the responsibility of the adjoining property owner, further correspondence from their parks superintendent in 2008 would indicate that actually, the District and subsequently the parish have responsibility for its maintenance. Quotes have been received for putting braces on the loose uprights and council accepted a quote of £40 per post. Chair to arrange the repair and contact the adjoining property owner.	Chair
91813	Highway, Parking and Traffic issues A report from Cllr.Baughan had been circulated (attached). Speedwatch has a new online training system. Chair will give an update in November. Cllr.McBrown had contacted ESCC about the damaged pavement between Cooksbridge/Lewes and they have now said they may consider repairs next year. She agreed to contact them about the flashing road sign by the school. Cllr.Baughan said ESCC budget cuts are leading to a lack of response from them.	Chair Cllr.McBrown
91814	Rail and bus issues. A report from Cllr.Baughan had been circulated (attached). Attempts are being made to get two more stopping services added to the timetable. Despite protests from HPC, after the 17.20 train (16.16 from London Victoria) there will be no service stopping at Cooksbridge on November 5th	
91815	Any update on parish event to be held in November The chair reported that plans for the event were going well. Invites will go out to all residents, including new residents at Chatfields. £200 has been donated by the Malthouse Way residents association.	
91816	Council considered any environmental issues A report from Cllr.Baughan had been circulated (attached). Cuts are planned to the Lewes tip opening hours. Reduced to 9-4pm. There are problems with ESCC refusing to pay the grant of £169 offered to the parish council when they had to appoint a contractor to cover the mowing of verges in Cooksbridge after ESCC announced in April that they were cutting just twice each year instead of the necessary six cuts. HPC appointed a contractor who is struggling to meet the requirements ESCC laid down in June. Chair and clerk to meet with ESCC as the parish will need to fund the mowing again next year.	Chair and clerk
91817	Council considered GDPR requirements Council will produce a simple one page of advice on GDPR requirements for councillors. Chair is looking into the costs of using an outside service.	Chair
91818	Update on the parish emergency plan Chair and Cllr.McBrown have looked at the document which was started earlier in the year. They will arrange a meeting with the ESCC resilience officer.	Chair Cllr.McBrown
91819	Council considered Police/Neighbourhood watch issues Diesel was syphoned from a vehicle in Downsview car park. Chair met with a	

	security expert and concerns were raised over safety of individuals as well as vandalism. The hedge is considerable higher than the 1.2 metre max. height as recommended by the 'secure by design' rules for public car parks. Cllr.Kinch will speak to residents whose property surrounds the area to get opinions. Chair will speak to LDC about the lamppost which could convert to a security light on a PIR.	Cllr.Kinch Chair
91820	Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda Town & parish Conference 11 th Oct.5.30-9.00pm Pelham House – Chair and Cllr.Ginn to attend. Wednesday 21 November - East Sussex Parishes Workshop, Linklater Pavilion, Lewes: 21 st Nov. 18:30 – 21:30. Chair and Cllr.Baughan will attend.	
91821	Meeting dates for 2018 - 8 th November. At Beechwood Hall	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

JT 17/09/18

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

Min 91813 Highways Report – September 2018

It has been a challenging period for highways matters within our parish and below is a brief summary of the status of current issues involving East Sussex Highways:

Issues Resolved Since Last Report

- Case 234586 - Road name falling off sign of Chandlers Mead** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 25-04-18. The repairs have been carried out and accordingly this case can be considered as closed.
- Case 234587 - Little Mead road sign broken and fallen down** - Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 25-04-18. The repairs have been carried out and accordingly this case can be considered as closed.

Pending Issues

- Case 167567 - Bridge railings at North End** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 22-10-17. The latest update was received from East Sussex Highways on 13-08-18 when they advised that they are having to arrange for a specialist contractor to carry out the repair works. As soon as a date/time scale for the works has been confirmed, they will advise Hamsey Parish Council. We are continuing to raise this issue on a frequent basis and a date for these repairs to be carried out is still awaited.
- Case 207892 – Damage to footpath south of Cooksbridge alongside the A275** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 20-02-18. The damage caused to the footpath by a contractor's vehicle has been raised on many occasions with East Sussex Highways and on 25-04-18 they advised that the local Highway Steward had inspected the site and, although they have noted areas where the pavement is untidy, these were not at the level at which they were causing a safety issue.

Representatives from Hamsey Parish Council met on 27-06-18 with Cllr. Sheppard of East Sussex County Council and the local Highway Steward when we jointly inspected the damaged footpath and explained our position that repairs must be undertaken given the safety implications alongside the busy A275 road. Cllr. Sheppard agreed to escalate this issue within East Sussex County Council for resolution and we are currently awaiting a response. We wrote again on 25-08-18, alerting East Sussex Highways to the fact that significant vegetation is now growing through the broken surface of this footpath, thereby further increasing the risk to users.

Following a further exchange of correspondence and additional lobbying by local residents, East Sussex Highways wrote to Hamsey Parish Council on 11-09-18 advising that one of their engineers has inspected the path and has asked that the path is considered for larger scale works in the next financial year. They also advised that the local Highway Steward will

continue to monitor the pavement here and, should there be any safety issues, arrange for the appropriate repairs to take place.

We are continuing to push for this safety related issue to be addressed as soon as possible.

□ **Case 263624 - Speed sign outside Hamsey Community Primary School out of alignment** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 26-06-18 – The flashing 30 mph speed sign has been knocked out of alignment and this issue was reported to the East Sussex Highways traffic safety team for rectification on 26-06-18. We also requested that the possibility of changing the sign to show 20 mph during school times be investigated to determine viability and associated costs.

East Sussex Highways are now being chased on an almost daily basis to rectify this issue given that school-children attending Hamsey Community Primary School are now being put at unnecessary risk from speeding motorists and local residents living opposite the sign are continuing to have to put up with constant red and white flashing LED light being projected into their homes at all hours of the day.

We last wrote to East Sussex Highways on 09-09-18 to express our extreme dissatisfaction with this ongoing situation and the complete lack of any response from East Sussex Highways. We are continuing to push for this safety related issue to be addressed as soon as possible.

□ **Case 250259 - Damaged / decaying wooden posts at junction of A275 and Beechwood Lane** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 31-05-18. We took the opportunity to discuss this issue with Cllr. Sheppard of East Sussex County Council and the local Highway Steward during their visit to Cooksbridge on 27-06-18. It was explained to us that, due to financial constraints, individual missing or decaying posts could be replaced by East Sussex Highways with a plastic alternative and this is something that Hamsey Parish Council will consider carefully given the aesthetic implications. However, an option exists for Hamsey Parish Council to arrange to procure and arrange for the installation of replacement wooden posts to match those existing and East Sussex Highways will provide the necessary information to facilitate this.

□ **Case 260218 – Damaged fencing on A275 between the Chalkpit Inn (Curry Cottage) and Landport Fork** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 02-07-18. East Sussex Highways wrote on 18-07-18 to advise that a permanent repair to the fence is being arranged but that they do not currently have a date for the works.

□ **Defect to southbound carriageway of A275 adjacent to traffic island to north of Beechwood Lane** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 02-07-18. There is a defect (a depression in the road surface) that could be associated with drainage issues at this location and the opportunity was taken to raise this issue with Cllr. Sheppard of East Sussex County Council and the local Highway Steward during their visit Cooksbridge on 27-06-18. A date for repair of this defect is still to be advised.

New Issues

□ **Case 275581 - Hamsey AHB Level Crossing - Approach Signage on The Drove** – Reported to East Sussex Highways for resolution on 29-08-18 as vegetation is beginning to obscure the approach signage advising motorists on the approach to Hamsey Automatic Half Barrier (AHB) Level Crossing.

East Sussex Highways wrote to Hamsey Parish Council on 11-09-18 advising that the local Highway Steward has recently inspected the site and advised that some areas of vegetation have been cut back recently. However, more still needs to be done and so they have contacted the relevant land owner, asking for more vegetation to be cut back. The Steward will re-inspect the site within the next few weeks to ensure the vegetation has been cut back sufficiently.

General

Hamsey Parish Council continues to try to maintain a positive relationship with East Sussex Highways, working in partnership to ensure that highways issues affecting Hamsey parish are appropriate addressed. However, It has been a frustrating period for highways issues within our parish over the past two months, with limited progress made with East Sussex Highways on a number of outstanding issues against a backdrop of increasing budget constraints. For any issues requiring the attention of East Sussex Highways, please don't hesitate to let me know. I will add the details to our log and ensure that they are raised with the appropriate department. **Councillor Robert Baughan**

Min.91814 Rail Report – September 2018

There have been a number of developments relating to rail issues since the last Parish Council meeting and a brief summary is provided below for your information:

□ **GTR May 2018 Timetable** – The new Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) timetable was implemented across the network on 20th May including the addition of two new early morning weekday trains from Cooksbridge at 06.06 (to London Bridge) and 06.22 (to London Victoria), an earlier train from Cooksbridge to Lewes at 06.48, two evening services from London Bridge instead of the current one, as well as other enhancements incorporated in the re-cast timetable.

Although there have been significant issues across the GTR network since the introduction of this new timetable, particularly affecting Thameslink and Great Northern services as a result of driver availability / training, so far the new timetable has generally performed well at Cooksbridge. In particular, the anticipated overcrowding due to the proposed new train formations has to date not materialised, although we are still continuing to monitor this situation.

In response to requests from Cooksbridge rail users, the Cooksbridge Area Rail Action Group (CARAG) has now written to GTR requesting an additional stop at Cooksbridge on the 15.16 train from London Victoria to provide an afternoon return service for Cooksbridge customers within the Super Saver window. We have also written requesting an additional stop at Cooksbridge on the 17.45 train from London Victoria to address a gap of 51 minutes in service at a time of peak demand by commuters. The aspiration is that these enhancements will be implemented with effect from the December 2018 timetable change.

□ **Full 7 Days per Week Train Service** - The Cooksbridge Area Rail Action Group (CARAG) campaign for a full off-peak weekday train service from Cooksbridge, as well as at weekends, is continuing and a meeting is being planned at the earliest opportunity with Phil Hutchinson, GTR's Head of Strategic Planning, and Maria Caulfield MP to progress this initiative. We are also planning to seek the assistance of Maria Caulfield MP in providing contacts within the Department for Transport to start the process of

influencing the train service specification for Cooksbridge for the next franchise which is due to be awarded in 2021.

□ **Railfuture** – The Cooksbridge Area Rail Action Group (CARAG) continues to be represented at meetings of Railfuture (the UK's leading independent organisation campaigning for better rail services for passengers and freight) to harness the support of that organisation for improvements to the rail service at Cooksbridge.

□ **Brighton Line 'Blockade'** – Network Rail have agreed with GTR, which operates Southern, Thameslink and Gatwick Express services, to close the lines between Three Bridges and Brighton and Three Bridges and Lewes for a nine-day period coinciding with the February 2019 school half-term, in addition to a number of weekend closures. This is to enable Network Rail to implement a number of enhancements to the existing rail infrastructure with the aim of improving long term reliability.

□ **Lewes Bonfire** – Hamsey Parish Council and CARAG (Cooksbridge Area Rail Action Group) were alerted to the fact that the Lewes District Council (LDC) and Sussex Police led Tactical Coordination Group were planning to stop trains to a number of stations including Cooksbridge after 17.00 on Bonfire night, in an effort to reduce crowds in Lewes and so improve safety. Hamsey Parish Council and CARAG objected to this and the decision was escalated to the Scrutiny Committee at LDC, where a case for both sides could be heard.

Hamsey Parish Council and CARAG were very ably represented at the Scrutiny Committee meeting by Cllr. Tamsyn d'Arienzo who put across our case to persuade the committee that this was not the best course of action. County Cllr Sarah Osborne and District Councillor Isabelle Lington also made representations on our behalf.

After the meeting, an update was issued by the Tactical Coordination Group stating that the station closures (including Cooksbridge) will still be implemented as planned from 17.00 but that they will be stopping the 16.16 train from London Victoria at Cooksbridge at 17.20 to allow commuters an opportunity to return home. Hamsey Parish Council has since responded stating that the proposals are still unacceptable and re-stating our position that a full train service should be provided from Cooksbridge on 5th November.

□ **Cooksbridge Level Crossing Upgrade** – The existing life-expired level crossing equipment, commissioned in 1985, will be renewed and replaced with a modern equivalent controlled from Network Rail’s Regional Operating Centre at Three Bridges. These works, being undertaken on behalf of Network Rail by their contractor Atkins, will be continuing throughout the rest of this year in preparation for the commissioning of the new level crossing equipment in March 2019.

Network Rail’s contractor Atkins have now started work from their site compound on land adjacent to the Malthouse Way footpath and a series of enabling works are now in progress leading up to the main commissioning period in March 2019. There has been a delay over the summer with the design of the REB (relocatable equipment building), meaning that this will now be delivered to site at Cooksbridge during the weekend of 20th /21st October instead of during September as originally envisaged. Over the next few weeks, construction of the base for the this equipment building will take place as well as installation of some on-track equipment.

Details of the arrangements for the final commissioning period, including any associated road closures, are still being developed by Network Rail, and their contractor Atkins, and we will be sharing full details with residents as soon as they are known.

If any of the above requires further clarification please don’t hesitate to let me know and I will do all I can to assist.

Councillor Robert Baughan

Min. 91816 Environment Report – September 2018

ESCC Household Waste Recycling Site Service consultation – East Sussex County Council (ESCC) carried out a consultation on proposed changes to the provision of Household Waste Recycling Site services throughout the county with residents and organisations were asked to consider the proposals through a 12-week public consultation. With a requirement to reduce the annual waste and recycling budget by £720,000, the proposed changes include:

- The introduction of charging for certain waste types that are not ‘household waste’ (i.e. rubble, soil, plasterboard, tyres and asbestos) at the Household Waste Recycling Sites
- A review of recycling site opening hours against demand for the service
- The possible closure of the part-time recycling sites at Forest Row and Wadhurst

We have responded to this consultation on behalf of Hamsey Parish Council, paying particular attention to how much coordination with district councils has gone into the proposed changes, how demand for services has been determined and the potential increase in fly-tipping as a result of these proposals.

Following the consultation, the responses were discussed at the East Sussex County Council’s Cabinet meeting of 17th July 2018 at which it was agreed to proceed with implementing the following key changes:

- Charges are introduced for rubble and soil, plasterboard, asbestos and tyres at

all Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRS)

- Closure of the two part time HWRSs at Forest Row and Wadhurst with effect from 30 September 2018
- Reduction in opening times at Lewes and Mountfield HWRSs to 9-4pm

ESCC will continue to closely monitor levels of fly-tipping and take appropriate action with all relevant partner authorities and agencies to ensure implementation of any proposals does not have a negative impact on the environment.

Litter Heroes – We are really grateful that more and more local residents are joining this scheme and adopting their local areas to complement the quarterly parish litter picks. Many areas of the parish have already been adopted by ‘Litter Heroes’ and if you, or any one you know, wish to join them and take part in this initiative to ‘adopt’ your own part of our parish please do let us know.

Dog Fouling – CCTV has now been installed at Beechwood Park, to address recent issues of theft and vandalism, and this will also be used to monitor compliance with the requirement to keep dogs on leads and to avoid dog fouling.

Parish Litter Picks – Litter is building up again around the verges and lay-bys of the parish and the next litter pick now scheduled to take place on Sunday 14th October meeting at 10.00 at Beechwood Hall.

All litter picks will continue to be publicised in the Hamsey News, the community website and by posters. We will publish the dates for 2019 and we hope very much to see as many of you as possible taking part in this regular opportunity to keep our parish clean!

Cooksbridge level Crossing Upgrade – The works associated with the Cooksbridge level crossing upgrade have now commenced and we are continuing to work closely with Network Rail to ensure that all environmental measures are appropriately addressed, both during the works and for the new level crossing installation that will enter into service in March 2019. We are pleased to confirm that new 'anti-pollution' signs have now been ordered by Network Rail for installation as part of the permanent new level crossing infrastructure.

The next significant works involving rail-mounted equipment / plant will take place over the weekend of 29th/30th September, and we will be working closely with Network Rail to ensure that affected local residents are appropriately informed by letter before these works and that sound levels are kept to the lowest possible level whilst maintaining the safety of staff involved.

Vision - Tamsyn and Robert are continuing to talk with neighbouring parishes to share information and to join forces on environmental 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