

## Hamsey Parish Council

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### **Draft Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL held at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park on Thursday 27 October - 7.15pm**

#### **Present:**

Cllr T d'Arienzo, Chair  
Cllr K McBrown  
Cllr C Henry  
Cllr D Pearson  
Cllr J Redwood  
Cllr I Linington (LDC)

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr L McKendrick  
Cllr C Croft  
Cllr M Milligan (ESCC)  
Natalie Kinch

#### **In Attendance:**

Marie Owen (Parish Clerk) Minutes  
No members of public

*The meeting started at 7.15pm*

		Action
	<i>Chair welcomes everyone to this meeting of the Parish Council</i>	
<b>27.10.1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Were received from Cllrs Croft, McKendrick, Cllr Milligan (ESCC) and Natalie Kinch	
<b>27.10.2</b>	<b>Questions from the Public</b> There were no questions from the public.	
<b>27.10.3</b>	<b>Declarations of interest from any Councillor regarding items on the agenda.</b> There were none	
<b>27.10.4</b>	<b>Minutes of the council meeting</b> held on 22 September 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.	Parish Clerk
<b>27.10.5</b>	<b>Update on any matters arising from last meeting - action log</b> All actions on the action log are in progress or completed.	

### 27.10.6 Financial matters

**a) To approve the Invoice payments made since the last meeting (including VAT).**

All payments were approved.

**b) To note the Councils current financial position**

The current financial position was noted and agreed. The clerk informed the meeting that the updated bank balances as at 19 October 2022 for the current account was £39,867.98 and the balance on the savings account was £12,028.12

**c) Standing Orders**

The updated standing orders were proposed by Cllr Henry and seconded by Cllr Pearson.

**Action: Parish Clerk to post the new standing orders on the website.**

**d) Budget**

The Clerk went through the proposed budget for 2023/2024 and it was proposed by Cllr Redwood and seconded by Cllr McBrown.

**Action: Parish Clerk to apply for a precept of £18,215 to LDC.**

**e) Grass cutting**

The council opted for option 2 for grass cutting. This is a total of 6 cuts per year at a cost of £344.00.

**Action: Parish Clerk to inform ESCC**

### 27.10.7 Planning matters

All planning applications in progress, refused and determined since the last meeting were noted.

It was noted that a new application had been received after the agenda had been sent out. Case LW/22/0688. McBeans Nursery. Cllr d'Arienzo hopes for close engagement with the owners.

**Action: Cllr Redwood to draft a response on the parish council's behalf.**

Cllr Linington noted that she hadn't received any update on 'The Big Three' potential development sites in the area, which include Cooksbridge. Cllr d'Arienzo advised that East Chiltonton Parish Council has requested from LDC sight of the guidance given to AECOM to produce a new Landscape Character Assessment. We await the response.

#### **27.10.8 Beechwood Hall working group – update**

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Cllr McBrown for her excellent report which was noted.

#### **27.10.9 Bevernbridge update**

The Chair thanked Cllr McKendrick in her absence for her comprehensive report and the work of the residence's association. She told the meeting of the parish council's offer to OHLBA to provide a name sign if the residents association come up with three proposals by the January meeting. The designs for the new bus shelters have been shared with the residents association.

**Action: Cllr McKendrick to provide sign details.**

#### **27.10.10 Highway and traffic issues**

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Cllr McBrown for her report.

Cllr McBrown reminded the council of the upcoming road closures due to firework celebrations.

#### **27.10.11 Rail and bus issues**

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Cllr Henry for her report and shared with the council Robert Baughan's report which includes the rerouting of the proposed opening of the old Lewes to Uckfield Line. The new route would be through Ringmer and not through Hamsey.

Cllr Henry spoke of the issues when the railway crossing was last closed and is having a meeting with Robert Baughan to discuss the issues and make improvements for further closures.

**Action: Cllr Henry to meet with the railway committee.**

#### **27.10.12 Police/Neighbourhood watch issues**

Cllr McBrown informed the council of two new incidents of anti-social behaviour that had been reported to Sussex Police and to Housing.

Cllr Linington offered to speak to Neighbourhood First about the matter.

**Action: Cllr d'Arienzo to get update from PCSO on other measures of action**

**Action: Cllr McBrown to investigate bollards in Chandlers Mead.**

### 27.10.13 Environment

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Cllr Croft in her absence for her excellent report and the environmental work that she has been undertaking.

Cllr Henry had been to Love Our Ouse Festival had heard about about rainwater harvesting. She wondered if this was a possibility on Beechwood Hall.

**Action: Cllr Henry to ask Cllr Croft more detail on rainwater harvesting.**

### 27.10.14 To discuss general improvements to the Parish

Cllr d'Arienzo updated the council on her meeting with Plumpton College and the agreed design budget of £20,000 for students to redesign the Phone Books area opposite Cooksbridge railway Station to provide an accessible communal area. Cllr d'Arienzo stated that grants would have to be obtained and permission granted from LDC Housing.

**Action: Cllr Linington to provide Cllr d'Arienzo with a contact from Housing Estates or Neighbourhood First. Cllr d'Arienzo to follow up with Housing/Neighbourhood First.**

### 27.10.15 Reports from meetings attended

Cllr d'Arienzo updated the meeting on the 20's Plenty meeting that she attended. It was discussed how well it is working in areas such as Cornwall, Wales and Spain, with lower pedestrian accidents and more cycling. The data mapping showed that people arrive at the same time even though they are driving at a slower speed in urban areas.

Cllr Redwood noted that ESCC would only take up the initiative if it was a National Scheme and that our efforts should be demonstrating to ESCC how successful and beneficial it is.

**Action: Cllr d'Arienzo to share the slides of the meeting when they are available.**

Cllr McBrown had been to a meeting with Sussex Police and informed the meeting that the police would soon be starting their annual drink driving campaign in November.

Cllr McBrown and Natalie attended the Community Partners Conference and learnt about schemes to teach people how to use the trains and environmental issues regarding trains, including solar strips on railway buildings.

**Action: Cllr McBrown to take the environmental information to the Rail Committee meeting.**

**27.10.16 Footpaths and rights of way**

Cllr Redwood noted that the Malthouse bridge repairs had taken place. Also, a fingerpost sign had been damaged in the farmers hedgerow clearing.

**Action: Cllr d’Arienzo to speak with the landowner about a potential contribution to restoration.**

Cllr Pearson stated that two more fields had been recently fenced ready for livestock and therefore, there were less areas to dog walks.

**27.10.17 Correspondence list**

Cllrs McBrown and d’Arienzo stated that they were already on the distribution list for Neighbourhood Watch and the Police.

**Action: Parish Clerk to stop forwarding on these emails.**

**27.10.18 Future agenda items**

The Neighbourhood Plan and A.I.R.S. This was discussed but will be added to the next agenda for further discussions.

**27.10.19 Date for future Council meetings in 2023**

Thursday 12 January 2023 at 7.15pm

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The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 8.45pm

Signed .....Chair

Date.....

Minutes taken and prepared by Marie Owen, Parish Clerk/RFO