

## Hamsey Parish Council

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### Minutes of a meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL held at BEECHWOOD HALL on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Present:** Cllr.Ian Ginn, chair  
Cllr.D'Arienzo  
Cllr.A.Suttie  
Cllr. J.Harmer  
Cllr.K.McBrown

**Apologies:** Cllr.R.Baughan  
Cllr. M.Dodd  
Cllr.Isabelle Linington (LDC)

**In attendance:** Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. 1 member of the public

		Action
82	<b>Apologies for absence – As noted above</b>	
83	<b>Questions from the public.</b> There were no members of the public present at the start of the meeting	
84	<b>Declaration of interest by</b> Councillors on any agenda items and update of interests. None	
85	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Minutes of the parish council meeting held 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 were agreed and signed by the chair.	
86	<b>Update on any matters arising from last meeting</b> None	
87	<b>Financial matters</b>	
87.1	<i>Council approved the following payments (including VAT):</i> Cheque No.300200 £150.00 Grant to Station Partnership Cheque No.300201 £17.00 Offham church - Poppy wreath (s.137) Cheque No.300202 £6146.40 Oakhill construction Base and path for toilet Cheque No.300203 £192.00 Southdown engineers – track matting Cheque No.300204 £624.99 Clerk salary/expenses November Cheque No.300205 £240.00 Arbeco – hedge cutting Malthouse park Cheque No.300206 £180.00 Southdown engineers - Labour Cheque No.300207 £88.92 LDC Dog bin empty Cheque No.300208 £598.68 Clerk salary/expenses December Cheque No.300209 £1360.80 Barcombe Landscapes. Mowing Cheque No.300210 £52.51 Zurich Insurance – extra premium for new toilet Cheque No.300211 £1 B.T. – Phone Box in Cooksbridge Cheque No.300212 £630.00 T.W.Plummer. Transport for toilet	
87.2	Council noted the current financial situation.	
87.3	Council discussed a request for a grant to cover the cost of mowing at Hamsey old church. The chair proposed £500, seconded by Cllr.Harmer and agreed by all.	
87.4	Council considered a donation request from CPRE Sussex. Cllr.D'Arienzo proposed £25.00, seconded by the chair and agreed by all.	
87.5	Council agreed to appoint Steve Brentnall as the internal auditor for 2017	
88	<b>Planning matters - to receive any report from the planning committee:</b>	
88.1	<b>LW/16/0935</b> Chatfields Yard, Cooksbridge – Erection of 27 dwellings with landscaping, access and parking - objection <b>SDNP/16/03729/PA16</b> Telecommunications poles. Offham Road, Offham – objection	

88.2	<b>Planning matters - to note any decisions by LDC or SDNP</b> <b>SDNP/16/05289</b> The Old Wheelwrights Shop, Offham BN7 3QD -Installation of an emergency escape rooflight to the southern roof slope of the garage- <i>withdrawn</i>	
88.3	<b>Council noted the response made</b> to the SDNP sites and settlements consultation confirming that The Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan limits pitches at the Offham site to those presently with permission.	
89	<b>Recreation ground and Beechwood Hall</b>	
89.1	Only one mowing contractor had submitted their tender in time for the meeting. Barcombe landscapers were chosen to mow the Beechwood park for 2017.	
89.2	Council noted that the public convenience has now been installed. It was not possible to change the unit to a free facility so there will be a 20p charge for use. This will be used to offset some of the running costs.	
89.3	Council noted that Jim Edwards had retired from the trustees after many years of dedicated assistance to the hall and grounds. He will be greatly missed. This leaves a vacancy of the board of trustees for someone willing to offer their time to help with the running of the community hall and recreation area.	
90	<b>Council noted all correspondence received since the last meeting</b> Maria Caulfield had circulated details of funding for community defibrillators. Cllr.D'Arienzo will contact her to see if one might be available for Offham.	Cllr.D'Arienzo
91	<b>Council considered whether</b> the parish council logo needed updating. Cllr.D'Arienzo there might be a competition run to source a new design. This was agreed by all.	Cllr.D'Arienzo
92	<b>Reports from meetings attended by Councillors or Clerk</b> The chair attended an AIRS meeting on community housing and gave a report.	
93	<b>Council considered rail and bus issues.</b> The chair had met with a local land owner to discuss a possible bus waiting shelter for North bound journeys. Council agreed the shelter would be desirable but felt that a shelter with back and roof (no side panels) could go in line with the present pole (which would be removed). This would mean it was not necessary to lease or purchase any private land. Council agreed to the purchase of a 2 bay cantilever shelter from Shelter Solutions, with perch seat, timetable case and flag pole bracket at a cost of £2595. Chair will speak to compass about them providing the timetable case and will arrange a site visit with shelter solutions. Cllr.D'Arienzo will contact local businesses to see if there are any willing to sponsor a shelter. The chair reported that one of the hatched 'no parking' areas in the station car park has been removed to allow one more parking space. He was told there are no plans to introduce charging. Chair had spoken to representatives from Barcombe and South Chailey and hoped they would be joining the station partnership.	Chair Cllr.D'Arienzo
94	<b>Highway and Traffic issues including parking and speedwatch</b> No speedwatch possible until springtime.	
95	<b>Council considered Waste and Recycling Issues</b> A report had been circulated.	
96	<b>Any update on the problem of increased dog fouling</b> Council felt the amount of dog mess now littering the recreation ground was worse than ever. The chair said he felt the problem had got far worse. People are letting dogs run loose on the field and are not cleaning behind them. Council agreed that trustees of the park would be asked to put up notices insisting all dogs should be kept on a lead in Beechwood park.	
97	<b>Report on fundraising activities for Hamsey church</b> The Christmas raised funds of over £1100. The website was now active and a grant had been given for some repairs to the roof. These will start in March.	

98	<b>Adoption of the telephone box in Cooksbridge</b> Clerk will send off the agreement and cheque. Hartley Quinn Wilson have very kindly agreed to fit shelving for a book swap and a community noticeboard.	Clerk
99	<b>Update on Community Newsletter</b> Council noted that Kevin Froude, who kindly delivered the community news to houses and businesses in Offham for a number of years, will steps down after the February issue. Council wished to thank him for his help over the years and to welcome Rupert Radford Hardy who has offered to take over the round. Council noted, with regret, that there were still no reports from the school or PTA available for the newsletter.	
100	<b>Update on improvements in parish council website/communication</b> The new website is now live. There are still some sections waiting for input. Council gave a warm vote of thanks to Cllr.D'Arienzo for all her hard work on this.	
101	<b>Items for noting</b> Council asked for the cost of cctv cameras to be considered in March	
102	<b>Meeting dates for 2017</b> – 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 16 <sup>th</sup> November – all at Beechwood Hall, 7.15pm	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

JT 23/01/16

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