

Hamsey Parish Council

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Members of the **HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL** are required to attend a **meeting** of the Hamsey Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.15 pm at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge. BN73QG** Please share transport where practical.

Up to fifteen minutes only, are available at the start of the meeting for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda. It would be helpful to inform the clerk of any questions in advance. Public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
- 2 **Questions from the public**
- 3 **Declaration of interest** by Councillors on any agenda items
- 4 **Minutes** of the meeting held 17th November 2016 (to be agreed & signed as a true record)
- 5 **Update on any matters arising from last meeting** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) to note actions taken and note any further action:
- 6 **Financial matters**
 - a) **To approve payment of invoices as detailed** (including v.a.t)

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 Beechwood park
Cheque No.300210	£52.51	Zurich Insurance – extra premium for new toilet
Cheque No.300211	£1	British telecommunications – Phone Box in Cooksbridge

b) To note the Council's current financial situation

Unity Trust statement 036 **£17981.03** less cheques not yet drawn (£8328.73)
Co-Op Account: 30/09/2016 **£5,293.33** (£2,165 is ring fenced)

c) **To consider a grant** request for mowing at Hamsey old church

d) **To consider a donation** request from CPRE

e) **To appoint an internal auditor** – Steve Brentnall (£140)

7a. Planning matters - to receive any report from the planning committee:

LW/16/0935 Chatfields Yard, Cooksbridge – Erection of 27 dwellings with landscaping, access and parking - *objection*

SDNP/16/03729/PA16 Telecommunications poles. Offham Road, Offham - *objection*

7b. Planning matters - to note any decisions by LDC or SDNP

SDNP/16/05289 The Old Wheelwrights Shop, Offham BN7 3QD -Installation of an emergency escape rooflight to the southern roof slope of the detached garage- *withdrawn*

7c. Hamsey parish council has responded to the SDNP sites and settlements consultation confirming that The Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan limits pitches at the Offham site to those presently with permission.

8. **Any report from Beechwood Hall trustees**
To appoint a mowing contractor for 2017/18
To note that the public convenience has now been installed.
9. **To note correspondence received since the last meeting and any action required**
10. **To consider the parish council logo – Cllr.D'Arienzo**
11. **To receive any reports from meetings attended by Councillors or Clerk**
12. **To consider rail and bus issues** and purchase of a new North bound Cooksbridge bus shelter
13. **Highway and Traffic issues including parking and speedwatch**
14. **To consider Waste and Recycling Issues – Report attached**
15. **Any update on the problem of increased dog fouling** in the parish and on the recreation ground at Beechwood Park.
16. **Report on fundraising activities for Hamsey church** - – Cllr.D'Arienzo
17. **Update on adoption of the telephone box in Cooksbridge**
18. **Update on Community Newsletter**
Kevin Froude, who has kindly delivered the community news to houses and businesses in Offham for a number of years, steps down after the February issue. We are very grateful for his help over the years and welcome Rupert Radford Hardy who has offered to take over the round.
19. **Update on improvements in parish council website/communication**
20. **Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda**
21. **Meeting dates for 2017** – 16th March, 18th May, 20th July, 14th September, 16th November – all at Beechwood Hall, 7.15pm

Signed ----- Dated-----Mrs. J. Toomey, clerk to Hamsey Parish Council

Agenda Item 9 -Relevant correspondence received since last meeting

- 8.11.16 CPRE news November
- 8.11.16 ESCC Waste & minerals Inspectors report
- 9.11.16 PSC – Defibrillators in the community
- 9.11.16 SSALC News – emailed to all
- 9.11.16 CPRE request for funds
- 9.11.16 David Cranmer – possible development at The Platt, Cooksbridge – emailed to all
- 10.11.16 Biosphere meeting minutes
- 10.11.16 SSALC Police precept consultation - emailed to all
- 14.11.16 LDC results of recycling survey
- 17.11.16 Crime report from Sx.Police
- 28.11.16 SDNP re. Parish workshop on proposed sites
- 29.11.16 SALC report from meeting with chief constable
- 1.12.16 SALC update on 3 counties devolution – emailed to all
- 2.12.16 SALC Fire service inclusion strategy
- 8.12.16 CPRE Newsletter- emailed to all
- 12.12.16 LDC Tracey Hills – Dog fouling initiative

15.12.16 SDNP Local plan newsletter
16.12.16 NALC funding bulletin
16.12.16 NHS Stroke services engagement events
16.12.16 LDC consultation on street trading deregulation
16.12.16 AIRS community planning workshop – emailed to all
16.12.16 SDNP Highlights newsletter
20.12.16 Biosphere news – emailed to Cllr.D'Arienzo
3.1.17 Maria Caulfield re. Covers application
5.1.17 Maria Caulfield rail update
6.1.17 Biosphere news – emailed to Cllr.D'Arienzo

From Residents:

13.12.16 Resident concerned about state of Whitfeld Lane – reported to ESCC
15.12.16 Copy of letter to LDC re. Covers application

Item 14. Litter, Waste and Recycling Report – January 2017

Mixed Recycling Bin for Cooksbridge – Lewes District Council (LDC) Waste & Recycling have agreed that a recycling waste bin can be installed by the Cooksbridge bus stop. At the Parish Council meeting of 17 November 2016, it was agreed that Hamsey Parish Council will pay £697.38 for the bin plus £66 for the installation to be carried out by LDC. The mixed waste and recycling bin, manufactured by Wybone, is currently being procured on our behalf by LDC. It will consist of four compartments (general waste, cans/plastic bottles, glass bottles and paper) and will be emptied by LDC. The bin will be coloured dark blue and will be located between the bus shelter and the telephone box in the centre of Cooksbridge.

Bin for Bevern Bridge Layby - The A275 lay-by where cherries are sold is currently being kindly cleared by Chailey Litter pickers, although it falls in Hamsey parish. We are investigating options regarding a bin, to tackle the problem of littering by motorists, and approval was granted at the Parish Council meeting of 17 November 2016 for the associated costs.

Dog Fouling – This issue is becoming an increasing problem within our parish with the actions of a thoughtless minority affecting the quality of life of the majority of residents. This issue was discussed at the Parish Council meeting of 17 November 2016 when it was agreed that the LDC dog warden service would be contacted to see what might be done. LDC have responded to advise that their policy is to educate rather than fine dog owners with respect to this issue. The parish Council will be evaluating in due course a number of additional potential options suggested by LDC including the possibility of imposing/collecting fines. In the meantime, residents are advised that if you see anyone with a dog, not clearing up, and they have a vehicle - take the number. LDC will issue a fine and are especially keen to crack down on commercial dog walkers who rarely clean up due to having several dogs to manage.

Litter Heroes – We have had a very encouraging start following the appeal in the Summer 2016 edition of Hamsey News for individual members of the community to adopt their local patches, with 3 residents having now come forward to adopt their patch. These residents clear their area weekly or daily, picking up the rubbish as it builds and what a difference they make. Other residents are picking up rubbish on an ad-hoc basis, which is very encouraging. We will be doing all we can to encourage more residents to adopt their local areas as a key initiative to complement the quarterly parish litter picks.

January Parish Litter Pick – The next parish litter pick will be held on Saturday 14th January, meeting at 10.00 at Beechwood Hall. All councillors who are able to are asked to attend and also to encourage as many members of the more members of our community to take part. This will be a great opportunity to participate and to 'blow away the cobwebs' of the festive period with some gentle exercise in the great outdoors of our stunning parish. Since the last litter pick in October, volunteers have been out addressing some 'hot-spots' like Deadmantree Hill, but this time of year, with the hedges cut back and trees bare, the litter looks far worse and the lanes around the parish will all require attention from as many volunteers as we can muster at the next meet up.

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