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Draft Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL held at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park on Thursday 12 January - 7.15pm

Present:

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

Cllr L McKendrick
Cllr C Croft
Cllr M Milligan (ESCC)
Cllr J Redwood

In Attendance:

Marie Owen (Parish Clerk) Minutes
Natalie Kinch
Resident

The meeting started at 7.15pm

		Action
	<i>Chair welcomes everyone to this meeting of the Parish Council</i>	
12.01.1	Apologies for absence No apologies received.	
12.01.2	Questions from the Public A resident asked about the PC's Neighbourhood Plan with regards to sustainability and renewable energy. Cllr Croft will add resident to the Sustainable Hamsey group.	Cllr Croft
12.01.3	Declarations of interest from any Councillor regarding items on the agenda. There were none	
12.01.4	Minutes of the council meeting held on 27 October 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.	Parish Clerk
12.01.5	Update on any matters arising from last meeting - action log All actions on the action log are in progress or completed.	

12.01.6 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 2 January 2023 for the current account was £36,391.35 and the balance on the savings account was £12,067.10

c) Pay award

The NALC recommended back dated pay award for the Parish Clerk was proposed by Cllr d'Arienzo and seconded by Cllr Henry

Action: Parish Clerk to send details to the payroll company and to send details to previous Parish Clerk

d) Spare Laptop

It was agreed to purchase a spare laptop for the council, to be held by the Inclusion Officer.

Action: Cllr Pearson to advise on model. PC to purchase.

e) Malthouse Way Playground

The Grant Agreement was proposed by Cllr McBrown and seconded by Cllr d'Arienzo.

f) Football Nets

The purchase of new football nets at 15% discount was agreed and the missing nets care of Evri regretfully should be written off. Proposed Cllr Redwood and seconded by Cllr Henry.

Action: New nets to be purchased.

12.1.7 Planning matters

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

It was noted that the Section 106 agreement for planning application LW/21/0622 did not include the community building and playground. Cllr Milligan checked, and found that the Playground is instead included under Conditions. Cllr McKendrick stated her disappointment on behalf of the Bevernbridge residents, as s.106 obligations are a legal requirement, whereas conditions can be negotiated. There seems to be no mention of the community building.

The Planning Officer unfortunately has responded to no recent communications from the council. Cllr Linington stated that she would be willing to speak on behalf of the Parish Council on future planning concerns.

Action: Cllr d'Arienzo and Cllr McKendrick to contact Antler Homes

Planning application SDNP/22/05804/LIS

Action: Cllr Redwood to draft a response.

12.1.8 Beechwood Hall working group – update

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Cllr McBrown and Cllr Henry for their excellent reports which were noted.

12.1.9 Bevernbridge update

The Chair thanked Cllr McKendrick for her comprehensive report.

12.1.10 Highway and traffic issues

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Cllr McBrown for her report.

There are a number of issues:-

Offham Pathway unpassable due to mud and water.

Manhole cover lifting near McBeans.

Road flooding on bridge in Bevernbridge.

B2116 flooded opposite Pickets.

Action: Cllr McBrown to report to Lewes District Council and Highways.

Cllr McKendrick stated that she is concerned about the lack of road signage from South Chailey to Bevernbridge.

Action: Cllr Milligan to report.

Cllr Pearson is concerned about the parking on the road outside Chatfield Close.

Action: Cllr Henry to discuss with Chatfield Close residents.

Cllr McBrown stated that there should to be a Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting in February

Action: Cllr McBrown to arrange SLR meeting with Highways.

12.01.11 Rail and bus issues

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Robert Baughan for his report and asked that all Cllrs answer questions on Facebook regarding rail issues.

Cllr Croft reminded everyone of the £2 single bus fare until the end of March and to add it to the Facebook page.

12.1.12 Police/Neighbourhood watch issues

Cllr McBrown informed the Parish Council that there hadn't been any new issues.

12.1.13 Environment

Cllr Croft spoke about the work that she had been carrying out with the school on environmental issue, flower bombs, helping with a bat project and she is arranging a talk with the children on hedgehogs.

Ex- councillor Sue Flemming with Transition Town Lewes is to visit the school to talk about air quality.

Cllr d'Arienzo is keen for the children to know more about the environment and landmarks in the parish and asked the Cllrs if they knew of knowledgeable people that could help with this.

Cllr Croft was going to ask members of Sustainable Hamsey about becoming Tree Wardens, but Cllr Pearson said he can take on this role.

Cllr d'Arienzo spoke about the tree planting on the 22 January 10am until 2pm and Cllr Croft will invite the school children to attend.

Action: Cllr Croft to invite the school to the tree planting.

12.1.14 To discuss general improvements to the Parish

a) Cllr d'Arienzo proposed that Kevin Ashdown be awarded the Community Award for all the path clearing, hedge cutting, help with the Christmas sleigh and Christmas lights. This was agreed by all and the Parish Council would like to thank Kevin for all the wonderful work that he quietly does for the Parish

b) Warm Hub. Cllr d'Arienzo stated that the warm hub had not been well attended in its current format and it was agreed that Wednesday 18 January would be the last one. Future events would happen instead, e.g. The Digital Inclusion workshop to help people get online, a workshop of Voter ID setup. It was suggested by Cllr Pearson that the local pubs could be used as a meeting place for the community. Cllr Henry asked that a list of future events be placed in Hamsey News.

Action: Cllr Pearson to liaise with the local pubs regarding community events.

c) Malthouse Playground. Cllr McBrown and Natalie Kinch have a meeting with the contractors on Friday 20 January to finalise plans and agree a start date for the works. The tree works need to be completed before the works begin.

d) Phone Books. Cllr Pearson met with the group from Plumpton College regarding redesigning the area. It was a productive meeting and the students are now working on their designs.

Action: Cllr Pearson to look into funding for the project.

12.1.15 Reports from meetings attended

There were no reports from meetings attended.

12.1.16 Footpaths and rights of way

Cllr Redwood noted that there was a new clearance team for the footpaths.

Cllr Pearson stated that he had had reports of aggressive behaviour being aimed at people walking on the footpaths by the Rainbow Pub.

Action: Cllr d'Arienzo to speak with the gamekeeper and report back with the full story

12.1.17 Neighbourhood Plan

Discussions were had about how to approach the revising of the Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that an all Councillor meeting was needed to be held to decide the way forward. Date to be confirmed.

12.1.18 Correspondence

All Councillors wish to express thanks to Sally Edwards for her three years editing Hamsey News. It has been humorous, smart and entertaining, and the Parish Council wish her well on new adventures. They also wish good luck to and look forward to working with Helen Clegg.

12.1.19 Future agenda items

Local pubs and businesses community events.

12.1.20 Date for next meeting

Thursday 16 March 2023 at 7.15pm

The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 10.25pm

SignedChair

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