

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 8th OCTOBER 2013**

Present: Cllr Gardener (Chair) Cllr Mrs Helmer
 Cllr Mrs Day Cllr Mrs Boxall

In Attendance: Mrs Bacon

To be actioned by

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr Johnson

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

The War Memorial Fund account has been closed and the money transferred to the Parish Council. This money is to be used solely for the upkeep of the War Memorial and will be kept separate.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda

4 Outcome of the investigation into the barn at Cold Blow

The Clerk had corresponded with Ashford Borough Council regarding the barn and had received the following response:

"The building in question is however a large building and was granted permission in 2011 (11/00129/AS). The application was not a formal application for planning permission but an application for agricultural prior approval. The applicant demonstrated that the barn was reasonably required for the purposes of agriculture on the holding and the development complied with part 6 of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order. As such the applicant was allowed to go ahead with the development without the need to apply for planning permission (permitted development rights for farmers).

The building approved is high (over 6 metres to the eaves) but this is quite normal for modern farming buildings."

The Parish Council is satisfied that procedures were followed for this construction. The Parish Council agreed to write to Ashford Borough Council and ask that communication be sent to the Parish Council regardless of the type of application submitted. It was proposed that some trees could be planted to screen the barn from the surrounding areas. Additional correspondence had been received regarding the lack of footpath signs on the land. Mr Beale is to be asked if he would be prepared to plant some trees and when he intends to reinstate the footpath signs.

A response to the communications received by the Clerk from Mr Beale is to be formulated. The Parish Council is concerned that there would seem to be confusion over firework costs as there has never been any obligation that individuals should put money towards fireworks. The Parish Councils are not in a financial position to put in additional funding towards fireworks and ECP have already promised to cover the original shortfall.

5 Fireworks

The fireworks are planned for the 2nd November. The Clerk is to communicate to the firework sub-committee that everything will be done to validate the insurance for the event again this year. TB

6 DCLG consultation

The Parish Councillors will consider the document and will pass any comments to the Clerk by the end of the week.

7 Risk Assessment

There are no changes to the Risk Assessment.

8 Financial Statement

A copy of the financial report was distributed to all Councillors.

9 Correspondence

Cllr Jane Martin had sent a report to the Parish Council as she was unable to attend the meeting.

10 Any Other Business

There was some discussion regarding the war memorial and whether a planter could be purchased for the crosses to be placed in to ease maintenance of the area. Cllr Mrs Day is to contact the War Graves Commission to enquire whether this is possible. KD

Cllrs Mrs Boxall and Mrs Helmer will be attend the speed watch meeting on 16th October. Cllr Gardener will attend the Highways meeting on 22nd October.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12th 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed:

Date: