

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 9th JULY 2013**

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

In Attendance: Cllr William Howard

To be actioned by

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllrs Mrs Boxall and Jane Martin

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda

4 Plan-It Ashford

The Parish Councillors agreed the wording of a questionnaire that is to be distributed to all parish residents. The questionnaire responses will be collated and returned by 1st September.

5 Risk Assessment

There are no changes to the Risk Assessment.

6 Financial Statement

A copy of the financial report was distributed to all Councillors.
A cheque was signed for Lawncare for £152.00.

7 Correspondence

The Rural Conference will take place on 24th September 2013 at the Rare Breeds Centre.

8 Any Other Business

Cllr Johnson would like to express a vote of thanks to ECP for the boundary lane improvements and the lovely event on Sunday 7th July. Cllr Johnson would love to see some inter-village bat and trap games/football matches.

There was some concern over the car-stop that had been placed at the entrance to the field. This has been done to stop cars driving round the field in bad weather and damaging the field surface. Parking is available at the hall for cars to be parked if people wishing to play on the field are driving to the village.

The Clerk is to put a note in the magazine that she is available between 10am and 3pm Monday to Friday as she is currently receiving telephone calls over the weekend and in the evenings. The Clerk can be contacted on clerk@hastingleighpc.kentparishes.gov.uk out of office hours.

Lawncare have passed a complaint to the Council that the amount of dog mess on the playing field makes strimming a very difficult and messy job. Could residents with dogs please not allow their dog to mess on the field.

Cllr Howard:

Cllr Howard is going to put a regular article in the parish magazine.

He has a ward members grant of £4,000 to be spent across his 18 parishes.

The new waste collection system has now begun. The Clerk informed him of some properties having not received their bins yet. He needs a house name and postcode and then he can chase.

The new John Lewis store is under way and will open at Christmas time.

Ashford Borough Council now has a seat on the education decision board.

The Outlet is now working with the Town Centre and more shops should soon be opening in town.

There will be a supermarket in town soon.

The Borough Council is hoping to encourage executive business' to come to Ashford along the High Speed Line and have relaxed the density requirements of new builds.

The railway works is going to be made in to be housing/business and may be light industrial units too.

The Dance Company and St Mary's Church are providing some culture for the town and there are still some plans for a theatre.

Park mall remains too expensive for companies. Ashford Borough Council are looking at trade properties with additional housing in parts of the town centre.

9 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 10th 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed:

Date: