

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL  
ON 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 HELD IN EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Day (Chair) Cllr Dryland  
Cllr Helmer Cllr Hill  
Cllr Jakeman

Borough Cllr Betty and the Clerk.

		To be actioned by
<b>1.</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b>	
	There were no apologies for absence.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.</b>	
	There were no declarations of interest made.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>TH</sup> September 2023</b>	
	The minutes were signed as a true record.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.</b>	
	The situation in Becketts Close has calmed down at present.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>To receive reports from the Borough Councillor</b>	
	Cllr Betty had circulated his report. The Stodmarsh issues were discussed. Residents are encouraged to complete the questionnaire regarding Eurostar. Electrical Repair workshops were discussed. There was one in Wye and is a permanent Repair Cafe in Singleton. Kent Highway Services winter maintenance was discussed.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Public Session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item</b>	
	There were no members of public in attendance.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the Football Field/Pond</b>	
	Cllrs Dryland and Jakeman will undertake the work on the assets at the Pond and Football field. Benches to be oiled in the Spring. The hedge has been cut at the Football Field.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Planning matters: to authorise a response to any application(s) and to note any recent planning decisions by Ashford Borough Council or any correspondence on planning matters</b>	
	PA/2023/0821 – this application had been discussed at Planning Committee, it was refused there but has since been withdrawn.  NOT/2023/1869 – this notification was discussed. The Parish Council will respond in a similar vain to 19/01453/AS.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Financial matters:</b>	
	<b>To approve the following financial documents:</b>  <b>To note the Parish Council’s financial position.</b> The Parish Council noted it had £2,575.07 in the bank account.  <b>To authorise any payments</b>	

	<p>The payments were authorised:  Expenses - £38.35  Clerk salary (November) - £186.85  HMRC - £124.60  Clerk's salary (December) - £311.85</p> <p><b>To approve the budget for 2024-25</b>  The Parish Council discussed the budget for 2024-25 at length.</p> <p><b>To agree the precept for 2024-25</b>  The Parish Council agreed to precept for £6,000 following a lengthy discussion.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.</b>	
	The Parish Council considered the Risk Assessment and there were no changes to be made.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Any Other Business (for information purposes only):</b>	
	The Beacon will be lit for D-Day 80.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.</b>	
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	

Signed: .....

Date: .....