

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 13th NOVEMBER 2012**

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

To be actioned by

1 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Cllr Mrs Boxall has approached ECP regarding the hedge cutting and they have agreed to give £90 towards the costs cover 50% of the hedge cutting costs. The hedge cutting has taken place and the field looks much better.

The Clerk had contacted the local Police Officer, Bill Waterman. He had attended the coffee morning and was making himself known to the residents. It is his intention to attend a Parish Council meeting in the future.

The Clerk had contacted the KSCP and they had confirmed that the duck weed on the pond will die back in the winter months following a few frosts. Their response has been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Gardener is yet to approach Mr Dryland about the entrance to the Football Field. WG

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda. During the meeting, Cllr Boxall declared an interest in the magazine and the planning application for the siting of a mobile home on land at the junction of Wye Road and Staple Lees Lane.

4 Bonfire and Fireworks

The Bonfire and Fireworks had taken place again this year. £95 was raised from the sale of food and will be sent to Kent Air Ambulance by Evington Community Project.

5 Budget for 2013/14

A copy of the budget had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

The proposal to accept the budget and to precept for £3000 was unanimously agreed.

6 Update from Kent Highways Meeting on 10th October

As Cllr Johnson had not been able to be present at the Parish Council Meeting, he had sent an email to cover this point, "Highways meeting: Nothing too exciting - at pains to point out 20% cut to budget. Lots of talk on the portal and planned changes - improvements. They were going to send out guide to using portal to all Clerks as many there didn't really know how to use it. Should be copy of presentation on KCC web site".

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.
Cheques were signed for Lawncare for the hedge cutting and Mr Day for the fireworks.

9 Correspondence

A Planning Application has been received for placing a timber clad mobile home on the site at the junction of Wye road and Staple Lees Lane. The Parish Council respond stating that all of our previous comment still apply. LJ

10 Any Other Business

Cllr Johnson sent his comments following the recent Parish Forum Meeting he had attended on 24th October.

Significant points:

- 1. Universal budget - big changes and details will be posted on ABC web site as this may affect some of our parishioners;
- 2. Waste Collection: Changes planned for April 2013. Recycling; weekly food waste collection and two weekly other. Should be a survey issued to all households - end of November.
- 3. Council Tax Benefit - ABC carrying out calculations for new tax base - watch that space.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed:

Date: