

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 31ST JANUARY 2012**

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

William Howard was in attendance

To be actioned by

1 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Day sent her apologies for her absence.

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

- The fence on New Barn Hill has been replaced, thanks are extended to George Jessel for undertaking this.

3 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Mrs Boxall declared an interest in the planning application along the Wye Road.

4 Pond Update

The pond work has been completed and the launch was very well attended. The finances are soon to be finalised. William Howard reported back that the Mayor had enjoyed the event.

Jubilee Beacon

Evington Community Project are organising a "Big Picnic" to be held at Cold Blow, this will then go on until the beacon is lit (and beyond). The question of wood for the beacon was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss this with Crispin and an advertisement be placed in the magazine, if required.

TB

5 Planning Applications

After some discussion about the application, it was agreed that the Council will oppose this application. Cllr Johnson is to draft a response and circulate to all.

LJ

6 Letter from D Holman re: Parish Farm, Hassell Street.

A letter received by the Clerk regarding agricultural buildings at Parish Farm was discussed. It was agreed that Mr Holman should be invited to the meeting on 6th March to outline his proposal.

TB

6 Risk Assessment

There are no changes to the Risk Assessment.

7 Financial Statement

A copy of the financial report was distributed to all Councillors.
A cheque was signed for T Block for reimbursement of the helium for the balloons for the pond launch event for £31.99.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be discussed.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business from the Parish Councillors.

William Howard updated the Parish Council on the latest news:
He has been focussing on the issues at the kennels that Crispin Beale is experiencing.
He has also been busy with problems that Brabourne Parish council are having with farm traffic.
The caravan park in Ruckinge has also been an item on his agenda recently.
The future of Ashford is progressing, the market will be returning in 2012.
The Borough is focussing on the Olympics and the Jubilee.
The plans for Conningbrook also look very exciting and should break ground by the end of 2012.

10 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 6th 2012.

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm

Signed:

Date: