

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 13th OCTOBER 2020 HELD VIRTUALLY VIA SKYPE

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

Ahead of the meeting beginning, the Parish Council were saddened to lose our colleague, Les Johnson, who had served on the Council for 17 years. We will miss his expertise and genial presence.

		To be actioned by
1.	Apologies	
	There were no apologies for absence.	
2.	Declaration of Interest	
	Cllr Mrs Helmer declared a personal interest re: planning application at No. 13 Becketts Close.	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
4.	Matters Arising	
	The September meeting had been postponed out of respect for Les Johnson. The problem with the cesspool at Little Coombe has been resolved.	
5.	Public session	
	There were no members of the public present.	
6	Vacancies	
	We have 2 vacancies, Cllr Gardener had served for 25 years. It was agreed that a mug would be ordered and paid for out of the Chairman's Allowance. The Clerk is to organise.	TB
7.	Financial matters	
	a) To approve the following financial documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note the Parish Council's financial position. <i>The Parish Council has £5520.55 in the bank, a financial statement had been circulated to support this figures and the bank account was signed.</i> ii. To authorise any payments <i>There were no payments to be made.</i> 	
8.	To consider Adoption of the Co-option Policy.	
	The co-option policy was discussed. It was agreed that the policy should be adopted. There was a discussion surrounding the 2 vacancies and how to get the Council on the agenda. There is little opportunity to informally discuss the vacancies with the public. We hope that someone will come forward who might be interested in local democracy. It was agreed that the Parish Council would advertise the vacancies and see whether there is any local interest.	

9.	The Pond/Trees	
	<p>The pond area will be reseeded in the spring. The pond edge has been strimmed, It needs to be cut twice a year instead. Ask an Arboreal Specialist to look at the trees. There is a big sycamore, an ash and possibly an oak. Trees at the pond assessed annually and discuss the trees at the field with the owners because we are concerned about the danger these pose. Suggest a site meeting with Mr Powell or his representative. The Chairman will contact Ms Powell and the Clerk will obtain quotes from Arboreal Specialists.</p> <p>The reading frame pane needs work undertaking, Clerk to discuss with Mr Dryland. The duckweed on the pond was discussed, a frost is hoped for. It is Hastingleigh PC's responsibility this year to clean up the War Memorial.</p>	<p>KD/TB</p> <p>TB</p>
10.	NALC/CPRE Planning Meeting	
	<p>Cllr Mrs Day had attending a meeting with regard to the White Paper proposal regarding planning. The new proposals take away the devolution of powers. AONB classification offers little protection and there are concerns of what this would mean for the future for the parishes. The Government is putting forward this legislation as the planning process is so slow but the developers land banking is actually where the issues lie.</p> <p>Suggest joining CPRE to be our advocate as they and KALC have the expertise and they should hold the Government to account. The Clerk is to circulate a letter for the Parish Council to send in response.</p>	TB
11.	To consider changes to the Risk Assessment	
	There were no changes to the Risk Assessment. The trees that the Parish Council are noted as requiring looking at.	
12.	Planning matters: to approve the responses to any recent planning applications.	
	<p>Planning applications were received and discussed. Lyddendane Farm application for a barn has been approved as an agricultural building, there were no objections to raise. Lyddendane House application for a garden barn, there were no objections to raise. 13 Becketts Close – dormer window, there were no objections to raise.</p>	
13.	Any Other Business (for information purposes only)	
	<p>There was a discussion with regard to the poppy appeal and how that might work this year.</p> <p>There was concern raised about the extra containers etc that have been placed in the rear gardens in some properties. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the Housing Department.</p>	TB
14.	Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.	
	<p>Tuesday 10 November 2020 Tuesday 9 February 2021 Tuesday 9 March 2021 Tuesday 12 April 2021 Thursday 14 May 2021</p>	
15.	Date of the Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 th November at 7.30pm	
	The meeting closed at 8.45pm	

Signed:

Date: