

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2012**

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

The broadband letters have been distributed, thanks to those who helped. The closing date for the DEFRA bid has now passed and we wait for the outcome following the submission of the bid for faster broadband.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda

4 Adopting the new Code of Conduct

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the new code of conduct.

5 Signing the Declaration of Members' Interests forms

The Parish Councillors were given their forms to sign. The Clerk will return these in good time.

6 The pond

The pond is covered in duck weed and does not look very nice. The Clerk was asked to contact KSCP to ask for any advice on clearing this.

7 Policing the Area

The Chairman asked why we no longer have police statistics or news of the Police Forum. Who is the local PC? The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

Football Field Maintenance

Jeff at Lawncare has quoted 5 hours at £36 per hour to cut the hedge back on the football field. The Parish Council have agreed to fund this although Cllr Mrs Boxall is to ask ECP if they might contribute towards this cost. The entrance lane to the field is in need of some repair, the Chairman offered to contact Mr Dryland about this. The Clerk has asked Cllr Wickham if he will fund these repairs from the pot of £60 million pounds he has available for highways and footpaths.

Fireworks/Bonfire

Cllr Johnson is to ask the fireworks sub-committee about whether they are happy to continue as they have in the past with running the fireworks evening. There was some discussion about funding the event in other ways.

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 and the Audit Commission.

8 Correspondence

The Clerk circulated the correspondence. It was noted that the waste site in Ashford is to close for 6 months from the 1st October.

9 Any Other Business

Verges in the area have still not been cut. The Clerk will contact the liaison officer again.

10 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 9th 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed:

Date: