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**Draft Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL
held at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park on Thursday 11th January 2024, 7.15pm**

Present:

Cllr T d'Arienzo, Chair

Cllr M Cadwallader

Cllr A Sanders

Cllr C Henry

Apologies:

Cllr K McBrown

Cllr J Saunders (LDC)

In Attendance:

Marie Owen (Parish Clerk) Minutes

Natalie Kinch Inclusion Officer

Three members of the public

The meeting started at 7.15pm

		Action
11.01.01	Apologies for absence Cllr McBrown and Cllr Saunders (LDC)	
11.01.02	<p>Questions from the Public</p> <p>A local resident gave the Council their thoughts on the Draft Policies Consultation document for the LDC Local Plan. The resident has many years of knowledge in this area. It was noted that the documents distributed from LDC were extensive and may well be complicated for members of the public to understand.</p> <p>It was stated that this is the stage to question the policies of the LDC plan and whether the proposed development, known as Conyboro, should have been excluded from The Local Plan on the same grounds that New Barn Farm was. They quoted paragraph 180 (b) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and stated that this demonstrates the unsuitability of this level of housing in Cooksbridge.</p> <p><i>180(b). Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:</i></p> <p><i>b) recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other</i></p>	

	<p><i>benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland;</i></p> <p>It was noted that there are no plans for services to be provided within the new development and that the size of the development (1100 homes) was detrimental to the small size of the village, with the development being six times that of the existing village. Therefore, it should not be classed as an 'extension' of a village. It was stated that the location of the development would result in more traffic through the bottleneck of the prison traffic lights in Lewes and this should be a limiting factor on the development.</p> <p>The resident spoke about the settlement hierarchy, with Cooksbridge being a village without the Services.</p> <p>Two residents called into question the apparent acceptance by the current Green Party Leadership of Lewes District Council with regards to the Conyboro proposed development at Cooksbridge. The residents had hoped a District Councillor would have been present at the meeting.</p>	
11.01.03	The Co-Option of Neil Osbourne. Mr Osbourne gave a brief introduction to himself and Cllr d'Arienzo proposed his co-option. Cllr Sanders seconded. The whole Council voted and declared Mr Osbourne a member of the Council.	
11.01.04	Declarations of interest from any Councillor regarding items on the agenda. There were none.	
11.01.05	Minutes of the council meeting held on 9 th November 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.	Parish Clerk
11.01.06	Update on any matters arising from last meeting - action log All actions on the action log are in progress or completed.	

11.01.7 Financial matters

a) To approve the Invoice payments made since the last meeting (including VAT).

All payments were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Henry. Seconded: Cllr Cadwallader**

b) To note the Council's current financial position

The current financial position was noted and agreed. The clerk informed the meeting that the updated bank balances as at 30th December 2023 for the current account was £20,672.81 and the balance on the savings account was £12,274.81

C) NALC Pay Increase

For the Clerk's salary to be increased in line with the NALC 2023 pay scales and for the Clerk to be moved up to spine point 22. **Proposed: Cllr d'Arienzo. Seconded: Cllr Cadwallader.**

Action: PC to inform payroll company

d) New Website Provider

The PC talked through the four companies and quotations that had been received for the setting up a new parish council website and in the process changing to a .gov.uk domain. It was agreed that the .gov.uk was the recommended way forward and the company Parish Council Websites would be used after good feedback from other local parishes, their proposal and after looking at their accounts online.

Proposed: Cllr Henry. Seconded: Cllr Cadwallader.

Action: PC to inform Parish Council Website and start the process.

11.01.08 Policies

a) The Biodiversity Policy was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr d'Arienzo. Seconded: Cllr Sanders.

11.01.09 Planning matters

All planning applications in progress, refused and determined since the last meeting were noted.

LW/23/0743 - 8 Chandlers Mead – No Objection

SDNP/23/05125HOUS – Swallow Cottage The Street Offham – No Objection

Action: PC to update planning Portal.

11.01.10 Grant Applications

There were none.

11.01.11 Beechwood Hall working group – update

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Cllr Henry for her comprehensive report and noted that the Beechwood Hall meeting will be held on the 8th February 2024.

11.01.12 Environment

Nothing to note.

11.01.13 Highway and traffic issues

Cllr Henry spoke about the ongoing issues with school children crossing the road and the reluctance of Highways to propose any solutions. Cllr Henry had asked Cllr Milligan for the opportunity to speak with the Road Safety Officer. This has not been arranged. Cllr Henry will now approach Maria Caulfield to arrange this.

Action: Cllr Henry to speak with Maria Caulfield.

<https://live.eastsussexhighways.com/report-problem> - to report highways issues.

11.01.14 Rail and bus issues

Cllr d'Arienzo thanked Robert Baughan for his comprehensive report.

Cllr Sanders stated the after numerous emails and telephone calls, Compass had finally updated the bus time tables.

11.01.15 Police/Neighbourhood watch issues

It was stated by a resident on the local Facebook page that a car had been broken into. It is not known if this has been reported to the Police.

11.01.16 General Improvements to the Parish

The new noticeboard in Offham to be erected.

The new accessories for the phonebooks to be fitted.

The new noticeboard in Bevernbridge to be erected when it is delivered.

Action: Cllr d'Arienzo to arrange fitting with a local contractor. Cllr d'Arienzo to email Antler Homes regarding the Bevernbridge noticeboard.

11.01.17 Reports from meetings attended

There were none.

11.01.18 Events

Meet up with Minis – 16th February

Easter Trail with the school PTA on Good Friday.

11.01.19 Footpaths and rights of way

Nothing to report.

11.01.20 Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

11.01.21 Communication

Nothing to add.

11.01.22 Correspondence

Action: PC to contact the Monitoring Officer at LDC.

11.01.23 Future agenda items

Nothing to add

11.01.24 Date for next meeting

Thursday 14th March 2024 7.15pm.

It was agreed to change the July meeting from the 11th July to the 4th.

The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 9.34pm

SignedChair

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Minutes taken and prepared by Marie Owen, Parish Clerk/RFO

Appendix 1 – Action Log

January 2024 Meeting		Responsibility	Completed
1	Changing Places unit and bike racks - explore other possible funding pots	Td'A	Waiting to hear from SDNP – Funding not available. Dec 23 asked TdA to reapply.
2	Lost woods Project – proposals to move forward the project	Td'A/MC	Talks with new representatives from The Woodland Trust to take place.
3	Lack of signage near Bevernbridge	MM	
4	Phone Books funding	KMcB/AS	Benches in place from TOLD grant. Not illegible for Chalk Cliff Grant. Looking at other funding options.
5	Book police enforcement van	KMcB	Wait for spring
6	Speak with Antler Homes re issues and opportunities	Td'A/MC	On going
7	Email ESCC School Patrol Officer	CH	CH to recontact Maria Caulfield re Road Safety Officer.
8	Find out from Development and Control about double yellow lines	Td'A	On going
9	Find out listing status on Curry Cottage	Td'A	Some scaffolding has been removed.
10	Leaflets to Bevernbridge residents	MC/CH	Yes
11	Defibrillator Trainers	PC	Yes
12	2024 event dates	All Cllrs	Moved to Beechwood Hall Meeting
13	Instagram training	CH	
14	Review Grant Policy	PC/CH	On going
16	Jim Redwood to be asked to provide basic planning training.	Td'A	
17	Update Planning Portal	PC	Yes
20	Contact bus company regarding new timetables	AS	New timetables now in place.
21	Salary Increase to payroll provider	PC	Yes
22	New Website provider	PC	Yes
23	Fitting of noticeboards & phonebooks	Td'A	To speak with contractor and Antler Homes
24	To contact Monitoring Officer at LDC	PC	