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Draft Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL
held at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park on Thursday 12th September 2024, 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr M Cadwallader
Cllr A Sanders
Cllr D Bush
Cllr N Osborne
Cllr C Henry

Apologies:

Cllr K McBrown, Cllr R Bates, District Cllr J Saunders

In Attendance:

Marie Owen (Parish Clerk) Minutes
Natalie Kinch Inclusion Officer
District Cllr M Slater

The meeting started at 7.15pm

		Action
12.09.01	Apologies for absence Cllr McBrown and Cllr Bates' apologies were accepted. District Cllr Saunders sent her apologies.	
12.09.02	Questions from the Public Cllr Cadwallader welcomed District Cllr Slater. Cllr Slater stated that he would like a good working relationship between the parish and district Councils. He then spoke about the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the changes that it will bring about. Cllr Henry stated that the parish council wanted the correct number, design and amenities for the parish if there were to be new houses build. The parish would like more involvement throughout the whole process and not just at the start. The frustration was noted with the Old Hamsey Lakes development that "promises" were not turned into Section 106 agreements and the parish and community of OHL felt let down by the developers and the planning department. It is hoped that lessons can be learnt and progress made. Cllr Slater stated that the NPPF should give the planning departments more control over the Section 106 agreements and will allow them to charge greater amounts for planning applications which should allow for more staff.	

	<p>Cllr Slater stated that he was working with Cllr Saunders regarding surface water flooding and the run off created from new developments. They don't believe that the SUD department at East Sussex is providing a true record of what drainage problems there are. They are working to replant riverbanks to allow for the dissipation of surface water.</p> <p>Cllr Cadwallader thanked Cllr Slater for his time and knowledge.</p>	
12.09.03	<p>Declarations of interest from any Councillor regarding items on the agenda. There were none.</p>	
12.09.04	<p>Minutes of the council meeting held on 18th July 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	Parish Clerk
12.09.05	<p>Update on any matters arising from last meeting - action log All actions on the action log are in progress or completed.</p>	

18.07.06 Financial matters

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

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

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 5th September 2024 for the current account was £18,846.05 and the balance on the savings account was £12,529.95.

c) To review and agree the accounting regulations

The Clerk talked through the new accounting regulations and the changes that had been made so that the Council could work efficiently.

Proposed: Cllr Sanders. Seconded: Cllr Osborne

d) To note and approve the external auditors comments on the 2023/2024 AGAR.

The Clerk stated that the external auditors had not commented on the audit and had signed off without question.

Proposed: Cllr Henry. Seconded: Cllr Sanders.

12.09.07 Councillors' Roles

Continuing from the previous meeting, it was felt that the current roles were working well. Cllr Sanders agreed to take on the role of Tree Warden with the aid of Cllr Osborne.

12.09.08 Policies

There were none

12.09.09 Planning matters

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

Cllr Cadwallader and Cllr Henry spoke about the increase demand on Cllrs to respond to planning policy, with the NPPF, the SDNP Plan, the Blue/Green infrastructure report. It was suggested that the Council pay an external company to help with these timely and niche projects. A quote has been received from Happening Projects and the Parish Clerk will go out for further quotes. It is noted that these projects are time sensitive and a knowledge of the parish is needed.

Proposed: Cllr Cadwallader. Seconded: Cllr Bush.

Action: PC to provide quotes.

12.09.10 Grant Applications

There were none.

12.09.11 Beechwood Hall working group – update

Cllr Cadwallader thanked Cllr Henry report. Cllr Henry stated that she hoped to arrange a Meet up with Minis for Halloween and a Christmas bouncy castle.

12.09.12 Environment

It was noted that any surface flooding to be reported via the Clerk to Cllr Slater and Cllr Sanders.

12.09.13 Highway and traffic issues

Cllr Cadwallader stated that the Speedwatch Group was waiting to be trained and they hoped to have some data by the end of the month.

There is an SLR meeting on the 24th September where a comprehensive list of highways issues will be addressed.

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

12.09.14 Rail and bus issues

Cllr Cadwallader thanked Robert Baughan for his report. It was noted that the next rail committee meeting is the 26th September. A joint meeting with the Parish Council, rail committee, East Sussex Highways and GTR will be postponed until after the SLR meeting and when a clear achievable outcome has been realised.

12.09.15 Police/Neighbourhood watch issues

Cllr Cadwallader stated that she was in contact with PC O'Conner regarding the Speedwatch programme. Please report any issues of fly tipping using the address below:

<https://lovecleanstreets.info>

12.09.16 General Improvements to the Parish

The Parish Council had been requested by the Church to support the window display in aid of the foodbank. It was decided that we would not decorate a window but would supply drop off points for the parishioners to leave donated food. These will be advertised and then the food taken to the church on the 12th October.

Action: Cllr Cadwallader to design a poster.

Cllr Sanders has kept a note of the dates that the urban grass cutting has taken place and it was felt that this current practice will continue until further notice.

Cllr Sanders stated that there was unfortunately a lack of volunteers for the gardening mornings for the phone books area. They hope to have another one before the end of the year. A budget of £200 was agreed for bulbs.

Proposed: Cllr Henry. Seconded: Cllr Osborne.

Action: Cllr Henry to ask gardener Sarah about purchasing bulbs.

12.09.17 Reports from meetings attended

There were none.

12.09.18 Events

Theatre 25th October.

Remembrance Day 10th November.

Sleigh ride 7th December.

Christmas Light Trail 14th December.

Action: NK to provide Cllr Henry with stop details for the sleigh ride. Cllr Henry to design a poster. Cllr Henry to send out theatre ticket link to Cllrs.

12.09.19 Footpaths and rights of way

The issue regarding the shooting near the footpath at Copyhold Farm was discussed and it was concluded that if the resident felt threatened then they should contact the police.

12.09.20 Neighbourhood Plan

After discussions, it was noted that the Council do not need a Parish Policy Statement as we have a robust Neighbourhood Plan in place. A Parish Policy Statement would undermine the Neighbourhood Plan.

12.09.21 Communication

Nothing to add.

12.09.22 Correspondence

It was agreed to terminate the vexatious policy that has been in place for the previous six months.

Proposed: Cllr Osbourne. Seconded: Cllr Bush.

12.09.23 Future agenda items

Nothing to add.

12.09.24 Date for next meeting

Thursday 14th November 2024 7:15pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 21:23

SignedChair

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

Appendix 1 – Action Log

September 2024 Meeting		Responsibility	Completed
1	Bike racks	CH	Chase up.
2	Lack of signage near Bevernbridge	KMcB	SLR Meeting on 24 th September
3	Phone Books funding	KMcB/AS	Looking at other funding options.
4	Speak with Antler Homes re issues and opportunities	MC	Emailed District Cllrs and will email MP Mims Davies
5	Email ESCC School Patrol Officer	CH/KMcB/MC	Ongoing. KMcb to discuss at SLR meeting. MC to find out who owns the land and to speak to Highways re a pull in.
6	Find out from Development and Control about double yellow lines	RB	The consultation opens 13 th September 2024
7	Review Grant Policy	PC/CH	Ongoing
8	Crash barriers in Bevernbridge	MC/KMcB	SLR Meeting
9	Quotes for planning policies	PC	
10	Foodbank poster	MC	
11	Ask gardener Sarah re bulbs	CH	
12	Provide CH details on sleigh stops	NK	
13	Design poster re Christmas events	CH	
14	Provide theatre ticket link to Cllrs	CH	