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**Draft Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.15pm**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr R Bates

**In Attendance:**

Marie Owen (Parish Clerk) Minutes  
Natalie Kinch Inclusion Officer  
District Cllr M Slater  
District Cllr J Saunders  
2 members of the public

*The meeting started at 7.15pm*

		Action
<b>14.11.01</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cllr Bates apologies were accepted.	
<b>14.11.02</b>	<b>Questions from the Public</b> Cllr Cadwallader welcomed District Cllr Slater, District Cllr Saunders and two members of the public.  Member of the public one, introduced himself to the Council and stated that he had recently moved to the parish. He is interested in becoming a Cllr. PC stated that he would have to live in the parish for a year before becoming a Cllr. Member of the public one stated that he would be happy to join the Council meetings as a member of the public until then. He is concerned about the housing plans for the parish.  Member of the public two, introduced herself as the County Green candidate and stated that she wished to have an understanding of the issues in the parish.  District Cllr Slater spoke about the recent meeting with Antler Homes regarding the community unit. He will speak to District Council about ownership and the building being completed.	

	District Cllr Saunders stated that there was still an issue with bus passes for children in the parish and it was agreed that there would be a notice placed in Hamsey News to find children still without a bus pass.	
<b>14.11.03</b>	<b>Declarations of interest from any Councillor regarding items on the agenda.</b> Cllr Bush stated that he had an interest in planning LW/24/0625.	
<b>14.11.04</b>	<b>Minutes of the council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.</b>	Parish Clerk
<b>14.11.05</b>	<b>Update on any matters arising from last meeting - action log</b> All actions on the action log are in progress or completed.	

#### **14.11.06 Financial matters**

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

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

**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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 for the current account was £29,666.22 and the balance on the savings account was £12,616.80. The Clerk stated that £14,000 had been received for a CIL award for the repairs to the zipwire and to replace the rubber matting at Beechwood Hall playground.

**Action: PC to arrange quotes for replacing matting.**

**c) To review and agree the Precept for 2025/2026**

The Clerk talked budget details and questions by the Cllrs were answered. It was agreed that the precept for 2025/2026 would be £21,000 and any extra spending would come from general reserves.

**Action: PC to inform LDC of requested precept.**

**Proposed: Cllr Cadwallader. Seconded: Cllr Henry**

**d) To approve the use of Happening Projects for ongoing planning issues.**

**Proposed: Cllr Henry. Seconded: Cllr Sanders.**

**e) To agree the NALC pay award and increase in scale point for the Parish Clerk.**

**Proposed: Cllr McBrown. Seconded: Cllr Bush.**

#### 14.11.07 Policies

There were none

#### 14.11.08 Planning matters

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

It was noted that there would be a lack of local storage due to the demolition of the Chandlers Mead garages.

Cllr Cadwallader asked District Cllr Slater to update the Council on the Local Plan. Cllr Slater stated that the planning department were working hard to get the local plan out to Section 18 consultation by January 2025. There is still an issue with the transport assessment that hasn't been completed by East Sussex Highways. The result of this is that assessment for developments sites cannot be completed.

Cllr Henry asked the best way for the Parish Council to be involved with the planning process and to ensure that items are included in the Section 106 agreements. Cllr Slater stated that he will "introduce" the Cllrs to the planning department and will help facilitate this process.

Cllr Henry spoke about the cycle routes and how to move it forward. Cllr Henry and Cllr Slater will discuss this out of the meeting.

**Action: Cllr Henry and Cllr Slater to discuss regarding cycle routes.**

#### 14.11.09 Grant Applications

- a) Offham Church grant of £600. **Proposed: Cllr Bush. Seconded: Cllr Sanders**
- b) Lewes District Citizens Advice granted the use of Beechwood Hall if needed.
- c) Hamsey School PTA grant of £270 for pavement signs. **Proposed: Cllr Henry. Seconded: Cllr Osborne.**

#### 14.11.10 Beechwood Hall working group – update

Cllr Henry stated that there is now a general rubbish bin for hall users.

She stated that she is in the process of updating the job description of the Hall Manager and she will be emailing councillors for their opinions.

It is noted that the wind turbine has been decommissioned as the main bearing has broken and it not cost effective to be repaired. The Hall Manager is obtaining a quote for it to be removed.

Cllr Henry stated that she had been approached by residents regarding an adult Christmas party. The residents would organise and be responsible for this event. They are asking Beechwood Hall for the use of the hall and a donation towards music for the event.

#### 14.11.11 Environment

The water leak on the A275 has been reported a number of times and it is awaiting highways permits before the work can take place. Councillors will continue to report.

#### 14.11.12 Highway and traffic issues

The Council stated their disappointment with the SLR meeting with East Sussex Highways and the negative responses that have resulted from the meeting. It was noted that the next meeting is online only.

**Action: Clerk to book a date in May for SLR meeting.**

Cllr Cadwallader asked member of the public one if he had any information on the Speed Watch Group. He stated that they were waiting for the final piece of equipment and then training and he hoped that it would be scheduled by the end of November.

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

#### 14.11.13 Rail and bus issues

Cllr Cadwallader thanked Robert Baughan for his report. It was noted that the next rail committee meeting is February 2025.

Member of the public one had permission from the Chair to ask a question and asked why there isn't a ticket machine on both sides of the station. Ms Kinch stated that this had been brought up with the Rail Committee previously but she would ask again.

#### 14.11.14 Police/Neighbourhood watch issues

Nothing to note.

Please report any issues of fly tipping using the address below:

<https://lovecleanstreets.info>

#### 14.11.15 General Improvements to the Parish

At the SLR meeting the erection of white village gates was recommended for highlighting to traffic that they are entering a village. We are still waiting for Highways to inform us of the correct process for obtaining the gates but the Clerk has spoken to other Clerks in the area. They have noted that the manufactures of these gates cannot meet the British Standard and therefore East Sussex Highways will not allow them to be erected. There is also an issue with getting them insured. The price is also prohibitive at this time. We will await information from Highways and look at the issue regarding a village sign.

#### 14.11.16 Reports from meetings attended

Cllr McBrown to attend a webinar on Changing Places.

#### 14.11.17 Events

Meet up with Minis Christmas Special 6<sup>th</sup> December

Sleigh ride 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Light Trail 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Jigsaw Afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

**Action: Cllr Henry to print leaflets.**

**Action: Cllr Cadwallader to look into the Tree of Lights.**

**14.11.18 Footpaths and rights of way**

There were none.

**14.11.19 Neighbourhood Plan**

After discussions, it was noted that the Council do not need a Village Design Statement.

**14.11.20 Communication**

Nothing to add.

**14.11.21 Correspondence**

Nothing to add.

**14.11.22 Future agenda items**

Nothing to add.

**14.11.23 Date for next meeting**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7:15pm.**

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The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 21:26

Signed .....Chair

Date.....

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	Cllr Slater and Cllr Saunders to investigate
3	Phone Books funding	KMcB/AS	Looking to apply to TOLD for another bench. A working party to be held 3 times a year.
4	Speak with Antler Homes re issues and opportunities	MC	Cllr Slater will speak with District re the building.
5	Email ESCC School Patrol Officer	CH/KMcB/MC	Ongoing. Awaiting reply for Highways. Mims Davies informed.
6	Find out from Development and Control about double yellow lines		Awaiting decision for the consultation.
7	Review Grant Policy	PC/CH	Ongoing
8	Crash barriers in Bevernbridge	MC/KMcB	Awaiting Highways.
9	Quotes for playground matting	PC	
10	Inform LDC of precept	PC	
11	Talk to Cllr Slater re Cycle Path	CH	
12	Print Christmas Leaflets	CH	
13	Tree of Lights	MC	
14	Book SLR Meeting	PC	