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Draft Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL
held at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park on Thursday 9th January 2025, 7.15pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

In Attendance:

Marie Owen (Parish Clerk) Minutes
Natalie Kinch Inclusion Officer
2 members of the public

The meeting started at 7.15pm

		Action
09.01.01	Apologies for absence There were none.	
09.01.02	Questions from the Public There were none	
09.01.03	The Co-option of a new Councillor David Miles was proposed by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr McBrown. We welcome Cllr Miles to Hamsey Parish Council.	
09.01.04	Declarations of interest from any Councillor regarding items on the agenda. There were none.	
09.01.05	Minutes of the council meeting held on 14 th November 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.	Parish Clerk
09.01.06	Update on any matters arising from last meeting - action log All actions on the action log are in progress or completed.	

09.01.07 Financial matters

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

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

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 1st January 2025 for the current account was £26,186.02 and the balance on the savings account was £12,701.30.

c) Urban Grass Cutting 2025/20026

The quotations for Barcombe Landscapes and East Sussex Highways were reviewed, along with the work that was carried out by Barcombe Landscapes in 2024. It was proposed that we use East Sussex Highways and agree to Option 2 with the extra cuts within the period for 2025.

Cllr Sanders will monitor grass cutting dates, standards and inform East Sussex Highways of areas not to be cut due to planting.

Proposed: Cllr Sanders. Seconded: Cllr McBrown.

Action: PC to inform East Sussex Highways and Barcombe Landscapes of decisions.

09.01.08 Policies

The Parish Magazine policy was reviewed and not agreed at this time.

Action: PC to readdress the policy and include maximum page number, total printing costs and the Parish Council having final approval.

09.01.09 Planning matters

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

New Developments

Cllr Henry explained the Local Plan to Cllr Miles and to the member of the public. It was stated that responses are needed by 28th February 2025 and there will be a display by LDC at Beechwood Hall on 6th February 6:30pm to 9pm.

It was agreed that we would be using Happening Projects to help with our response. There is a need to engage the community.

Action: Cllr Cadwallader to contact Happening Projects.

Action: PC to send out the Parish Council's previous response.

09.01.10 Grant Applications

The grant application from Lewes, Glynde & Beddingham Brass Band (LGB Band) was not agreed as it wasn't felt that it was a benefit to large number of the Parish.

Proposed to not approve: Cllr McBrown. Seconded: Cllr Osborne.

The grant application from The Monday Group was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Sanders. Seconded: Cllr Miles.

Action: PC to inform both groups and pay grant to The Monday Group.

09.01.11 Beechwood Hall working group – update

Cllr Cadwallader thanked Cllr Henry for her report on Beechwood Hall. It was noted that there is a Beechwood Hall meeting on the 23rd January. The agenda for this and a job description for the Hall manager has been sent to all Councillors.

09.01.12 Environment

Cllr Henry stated that she had emailed the LDC Specialist Advisor on the air quality whilst cars are idling at the rail barriers. The LDC Specialist Advisor stated that over recent years the air quality has improved and there were no issues with air quality as the area isn't surrounded by tall buildings.

09.01.13 Highway and traffic issues

It was noted that the loose dog has not been seen lately. This will be monitored.

Cllr Cadwallader explained the idea of willow "white gate". No agreement was made.

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

09.01.14 Rail and bus issues

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

Cllr McBrown stated her personal dissatisfaction with her experiences as a wheelchair user with CTLA and Flexibus. Neither would accommodate her needs to visit the doctors.

Action: Cllr McBrown and Cllr Cadwallader to draft letter.

09.01.15 Police/Neighbourhood watch issues

Nothing to note.

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

<https://lovecleanstreets.info>

09.01.16 General Improvements to the Parish

Cllr Sanders expressed an interest in the villages having a village sign. This will be added to the agenda for the SLR in April. Cllr Cadwallader asked for general designs to create a mood board.

09.01.17 Reports from meetings attended

Cllr McBrown stated that she had attended a webinar on Changing Places. She stated that she would like to have a meeting with Rise to take forward this project.

Action: PC to provide drawings of the toilet block to member of the public present.

09.01.18 Events

Jigsaw Afternoon 2nd February 2025 – postponed.

A discussion was had regarding the VE Day Anniversary celebrations. This will be further discussed at the Beechwood Hall meeting.

09.01.19 Footpaths and rights of way

There were none.

09.01.20 Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to add.

09.01.21 Communication

Nothing to add.

09.01.22 Correspondence

Nothing to add.

09.01.23 Future agenda items

Nothing to add.

09.01.24 Date for next meeting

Thursday 13th March 2025 7:15pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 21:39

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	Cllr Slater and Cllr Saunders to investigate KMcb to email.
3	Speak with Antler Homes re issues and opportunities	MC	Cllr Slater will speak with District re the building. MC spoken with architects re design brief to be able to get funding from District Council.
4	Email ESCC School Patrol Officer	CH/KMcB/MC	Reply from Jo Reed. CH to reply. KMcb to email Rose re accidents not logged.
5	Find out from Development and Control about double yellow lines	PC	PC sent email to Development Control.
6	Review Grant Policy	PC/CH	Ongoing
7	Crash barriers in Bevernbridge	MC/KMcB	Completed
8	Quotes for playground matting	PC	21st Jan meeting with Eibe.
9	Talk to Cllr Slater re Cycle Path	CH	Ongoing
10	Inform East Sussex Highways and Barcombe Landscapes of Urban Grass Cutting Decision	PC	Yes
11	Review Hamsey News Policy	PC	
12	Meeting with Happening Projects	MC	
13	Send out previous Local plan response	PC	Yes
14	Inform of grant decisions and pay	PC	Yes
15	Draft letter re CTLA & Flexibus	KMcB/MC	
16	Toilet block drawings	PC	