

# Hersden Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

**Present:** Councillors Lynn Austin, Ross Llewellyn, Terry McMahan, Andrea Brabham and Claire Warman

**In attendance:** KCC Alan Marsh, HPC's Admin Assistant Lisamarie Foster,  
One member of the public

**1/23 Apologies for Absence and reason for absence**

CCC Cllr Harvey-Quirke attending CCC Planning meeting  
CCC Cllr Glover attending CCC Planning meeting

**2/23 Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda**

None

**3/23 To approve the minutes of the following Meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Proposed: Cllr Austin**

**Seconded: Cllr Brabham**

**All Agreed**

13<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Proposed: Cllr Austin**

**Seconded: Cllr Llewellyn**

**All Agreed**

**4/23 Matters arising not agenda items**

Cllr McMahan suggests the purchase of a heater for the office, this will be discussed under Finance  
Cllr Warman asks if we've had any news about roadworks happening with the dip in the road just  
before the Spires turn off on the A28.

**5/23 Public discussion on items on the agenda**

Nothing

**6/23 KCC & CCC Cllrs reports; PCSO & Community Warden reports**

**Cllr Marsh** – States he isn't aware of the issue with the road, this can be reported via highways and if  
he is forwarded information regarding it, he will look into it.

Alan Wishes us all A Happy New Year, we need to be aware of the schemes that Kent County Council  
have available to families in need of extra support, information is available on the website. This time  
next month he will be in a better position, working for 2 weeks on the budget for 2023, it should be  
completed by the time we have a meeting next month. Highways, the cost of doing repairs has  
increased by approximately 29% and if you add the demand for adult social care, disabled and single  
parent families, to give you an idea we are 150 million pound short. We are hoping to benefit from  
some new schemes to be announced by The Prime Minister Mr Sunak and we will go from there, we  
don't think it is going to have an impact on Council Tax, the best news we have had this week is the  
fuel is now below £1.50 a litre, doesn't sound a lot but it will help transport, it won't help the bus  
companies, he is very nervous of Stagecoach and their ability or their will to want to provide a  
proper service, Cllr Marsh has been running a small bus service from Hoath to Canterbury, £5 return,  
he hasn't been able to give people a ride on that bus who have a bus pass as it isn't anything to do  
with Stagecoach or the government, he needs feedback from us with anything that is wrong and  
needs putting right. To give us an idea he has been on County for 18 years and previously he has  
been able to put money into Hersden Neighbourhood Centre and Hersden Parish Council and at one  
stage he had £50,000, £25,000 for highway initiatives and £25,000 for community initiatives but now

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the total amount of money available to him is £300 a month not exceeding £3600 for everything, this is to give us an idea of the situation.

**PCSO** no report, we no longer have a PCSO.

**Community Warden** no report.

**7/23**

## **Chair, Cllrs, Proper Officer's and Caretakers reports**

**Chair** – Nothing to report this month however we only have three months in this financial year and come May we will have had the elections, hard to believe we are in the last few months of the four-year term. We have achieved some great things and in the coming months we can achieve much more. We need to have a meeting in the coming weeks to discuss how we start to move things forward and spend some money, leaving the Parish Council in good shape for whomever will be sitting in this position come May. It's a very exciting time for new people who would like to come on board as well.

**Cllr Llewellyn** – Nothing to report.

**Cllr Warman** – Nothing to report.

With permission from the Chair, Cllr Alan Marsh leaves the meeting.

**Cllr Brabham, Proper Officer** – Nothing to report.

**Caretaker** – a lot more graffiti pictures sent dog mess in park, broken bottles in Sutton road alley way, picked up seven bags of leaves in the oaks very slippery dangerous and blocking drains good timing rained hard next two days probably stopped a flooding no action taken by Canenco on bin by club?

**8/22**

## **Correspondence received**

General emails regarding road closures in Kent. Cllr Llewellyn mentions an email about elections in April needing photographic ID, we can discuss further and maybe produce an information leaflet when we get emails regarding polling.

Cllr Warman mentions an email regarding planning Coronation events, this will be discussed under Events.

Cllr Brabham says we may not even go to election as we have so many vacancies.

**9/22**

## **Planning & Enforcement Matters**

Nothing

**10/23**

## **Finance Matters**

**Caretaker – Mobile Telephone credit.** David's telephone for work use, photographs and emails. To find out what the set up is currently. Is it a PAYG or contract. Lisamarie to find out. An additional payment a month for the phone credit can be considered.

**The purchase of Generators** - Cllr Austin to arrange a meeting with Louise Murphy-Waite. Public liability should cover it wherever its used and the same with insurance where it is stored.

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## Accounts for Payment

**Banking sign off (monthly rotation)** this month Cllr Brabham and Cllr McMahan.

Payments – January 2023		
John Caddick	Grounds Maintenance (December)	£316.99
David Hards	January salary - £205.84 paid by s/o £9.50 per hour	£205.84
Lisamarie Foster	January salary - £443.63 paid by s/o £9.75 per hour	£443.63
Bank Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022		£80,272.81

Proposed: Cllr Austin  
Seconded: Cllr McMahan  
All agreed

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## Working Group Updates

**Staffing:** Nothing to report but a meeting with Councillors to discuss staffing to be arranged for the first week in February when the briefing meeting is scheduled.

**Playground:** RosPA report looked at by Lisamarie and David, Lisamarie contacted Redlynch and a meeting is scheduled with Wicksteed. David to quote prices for concrete and materials and then we can discuss hours.

**Youth:** The youth bus is still attending and they are keeping the local community updated.

**BMX Track:** To be discussed with Matthew Besant at next week's meeting.

## Finance:

**Events:** Coronation coming up in May, when we meet with Louise Murphy-Waite we can discuss if an event is being organised and is there anything we as a Parish Council would want to give away.

**Beautification:** A resident is parking his flatbed truck on the grass verge in the village, ruining the grass. Kent Highways to be contacted, Dave to take a photograph, community warden could check along the stretch of the pathway and report.

## Community Safety Group:

## Training:

12/23

**Discuss and update the Financial Assistance/Grant Application form** – Lisamarie to draft wording and email the councillors for approval.

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## Councillor Vacancies:

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**Any other business:** Cllr Austin proposes £30 to purchase a heater for the office, Seconded by Cllr Warman, All agreed. Lisamarie to purchase.

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**Date of the next meeting**

The next Ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 19.44.

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