

# Hersden Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

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

**In attendance:** CCC Cllr Glover, CCC Cllr Harvey-Quirke, HPC's Admin Assistant Lisamarie Foster and Caretaker David Hards

**47/23 Apologies for Absence and reason for absence**  
KCC Cllr Alan Marsh and Cllr Brabham both unwell

**48/23 To remove Cllr Brabham as Proper Officer and Cllr Austin as RFO**  
Lisamarie Foster is now Parish Clerk

**49/23 Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda**  
Cllr McMahan has an interest in item 56/23 Planning application CA/23/00630 Single storey detached outbuilding for use as a garden room, 67 The Avenue. A relative to Cllr McMahan

**50/23 To approve the minutes of the following Meeting**  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
**Proposed Cllr Austin, seconded Cllr McMahan, All agreed.**

**51/23 Matters arising not agenda items.**  
Funding application from Chislet Colliery club

**52/23 Public discussion on items on the agenda**  
No members of the public present

**53/23 KCC & CCC Cllrs reports; PCSO & Community Warden reports**

**CCC Cllr Glover-** Waste collection stickers are going to be on the bins, none seen in Hersden or Westbere but they are coming, its to try and identify what needs to go in what bin and to increase the rate of collections.

They have started work on the A2 carriageway, to clean it of rubbish, awful amount of litter all the way to Dover.

Solar Together is a new scheme, now open to residents, information is available on CCC website.

Coronation champions, 8 categories and there is still time to submit names and addresses.

The Government have launched an emergency alert system which will be on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> April, it's a UK wide test and it will enable the government to notify people.

Coronation afternoon Help out scheme, not sure what the parish intends to do, most councils are doing cleaning and tidying up, King Charles thinks it will be a lasting legacy.

Cllr Austin thinks it would be a good idea to advertise on our facebook page, some information regarding the alert system and how to turn the alerts off if needed.

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## **CCC Cllr Harvey-Quirke-**

Waste: It has been reported to me that some residents in Hersden have not received their green bin sticker for this year's garden waste collection. If any residents report this to you, please would you refer them to either myself or Georgina.

As we approach the May Day Bank Holiday, I wanted to remind people that this could impact on the Canenco bin collection service. Please check the CCC website for the most up-to-date collection information.

Roads: One of the biggest issues we've been facing over the past couple of weeks is constant burst water mains in the area, which have impacted on residents. Over the weekend, SE Water closed Broad Oak, Sweechgate, due to a severe burst, which blew out part of the pavement. This has affected residents of Sturry, Broad Oak, Hoath and Hersden.

I have been in touch with SE Water, who have advised that the pipe is now fixed and the road should be reopening from tomorrow. However, when I visited today, work was still ongoing. Therefore, my advice to residents who experience loss of water pressure would be to call the emergency line on 0333 0000 365.

Over the last few months, I have been reporting potholes in the area in an effort to make the roads safer. I'm aware that there are ongoing issues on Bredlands Lane, and I have been liaising with residents and KCC about this.

Babs Oak Road is due to be closed from 25th April for resurfacing. This was postponed from last month.

Information: I am to attend a meeting at Water Meadows to discuss parking. Following several emails from staff and parents, we will be meeting to discuss possible enforcement action. However, I would like to discuss other solutions such as a Walking Bus.

Finally, last night saw the final Full Council of this Council term. This was my last as a Canterbury City Councillor

Cllr Austin responds, giving thanks for the knowledge and support over the last 4 years.

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

**Chair** – Attended the fair in April, it was a really lovely event.

As this will be my last time sitting here as Chair and as Parish Councillor for Hersden, I want to thank all of you for your support over the last 4 years and to say how great it has been that we have achieved so much as a Council, through bringing Dave on board as our caretaker and the wonderful job that you have been doing, you are more front facing than anyone else and your work has been visibly seen by so many parishioners and is very much appreciated and of course to you Lisamarie for coming on board and being able to take the Council forward with your knowledge you have gained over the past year and will continue to build on. Claire for coming on board, even in the short time you have been here you have contributed so much to the Council, Andrea, Ross, Terry and I, we came in as Parish Councillors at a time when the world was completely changing through the pandemic, I feel that we are leaving the council in very good hands, were also leaving it quite solvent with the plans and preparations in place for the playpark and the purchase of the Generators, the plants and trees to beautify the village, I feel we have really made a very good contribution so thank you all very much for your support.

**Cllr Llewellyn** – On Saturday I launched an update of the 50 years of Methodism in the mining village. Lots of memories were resurrected.

**Cllr McMahan** – Nothing

**Cllr Warman** – Nothing

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**Cllr Brabham** – Nothing

**Clerk** – Online course for the AGAR attended, very informative.

**Caretaker** – Day with the payback workers, a lot of rubbish was sorted. Few issues with graffiti but not so much with the containers/gas. Litter picking continues, Westbere edge being covered twice a month. Issue whilst cutting grass near the flats in St Albans, threatening behaviour noticed between residents, David advised it's a police issue. Dog poo is still an issue, message to go on facebook advertising the poo bags in the office (clerk to action)

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## **Correspondence received:**

General emails regarding road closures in Kent

**Email:** Subscription to KALC and NALC for 2023/24

**Email:** Communication with Lionel Robbins, confirmed date for Internal Audit Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 10am

**Email:** CCC Electoral Services regarding uncontested parish election results

**Email:** Enquiry regarding the use of the basketball courts for Pickle ball, circulated to Councillors (clerk to respond)

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## **Planning & Enforcement Matters** - Circulated to Councillors

CA/23/00979 Retrospective change of use from brewery to brewery and bistro style café, Unity 4C Sparrow Way, Lakesview International Business Park – No objection

CA/23/00630 Single-storey detached outbuilding for use as garden room, 67 The Avenue, Hersden – No objection.

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## **Finance Matters**

### **Standing orders for salary payments for 2023/2024 to be approved**

David Hards £225.77 a month

Lisamarie Foster £523.25 a month

Proposed Cllr Austin, Seconded Cllr Warman, all agreed.

### **Agree the purchase of mugs for the Coronation event**

Quotes from Ideas Unlimited and an online company. The council agree a maximum of £1260.00 for the purchase of mugs. Cllr Austin proposes, seconded by Cllr McMahan, All agreed. Clerk to look at quotes and to place the order.

## **Accounts for Payment**

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

Payments – April 2023		
John Caddick	Grounds Maintenance (March)	£316.99
David Hards	April salary - £282.77	£282.77
	Overtime – 6 Hours (included)	
	Mobile Phone credit £10.00 per month	£10.00
Lisamarie Foster	April salary - £523.25	£523.25
	Ink Cartridge	£25.95

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Hersden Neighbourhood Centre	Office Rent (January – March)	£650.00
KALC	KALC and NALC membership renewal	£573.72
KALC	Year end and Audit course	£48.00
KALC	Dynamic Councillor course	£60.00
Bank Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023		£75,430.03

Proposed: Cllr Austin, Seconded: Cllr McMahan, All agreed

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## **Working Group Updates**

### **Staffing:**

**Playground:** Meeting with Abacas next Tuesday, this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote then all information will be circulated to Councillors.

**Youth:** Bus in attendance, Cllr McMahan to pass the contact details to Lisamarie.

**BMX Track:** Clerk to chase information from Matthew Besant regarding the BMX track. Cllr Austin mentions the Bungalows have been approved as requested.

**Finance:** Cllr Austin will close the books for 2022/2023 and do the VAT return with Lisamarie.

**Events:** Chislet colliery club is holding an event for the Coronation and have put a Grant application form in, £350 Proposed Cllr Austin, Seconded Cllr Warman, all agreed.

**Beautification:** Cllr McMahan would like to compliment the rogue gardener for planting the bulbs in the planter.

### **Community Safety Group:**

**Training:** Clerk is to encourage new Councillors to attend courses. Dynamic Councillors

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**Any other business:** None

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### **Date of the next meeting**

The next ordinary meeting and AGM to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Cllr Glover says Thank you to the 2 retiring Councillors.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed 19.54

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