

Hersden Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th November at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

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

In attendance: CCC Cllr Georgina Glover, HPC's Admin Assistant Lisamarie Foster, 1 member of the public

146/22 Apologies for Absence and reason for absence
Cllr McMahan and Cllr Marsh both send their apologies

147/22 Declarations of Councilor's interests regarding items on the Agenda
Cllr Brabham has an interest in the rent for the Community Centre.

148/22 To approve the minutes of the following Meeting

11th October 2022

Proposed: Cllr Austin

Seconded: Cllr Brabham

All Agreed

149/22 Matters arising not agenda items
Cllr Llewellyn mentions the Dog waste, this will be discussed under AOB.

150/22 Public discussion on items on the agenda
No members of the public present at this time.

151/22 KCC & CCC Cllrs reports; PCSO & Community Warden reports

CCC Cllr Georgina Glover visited Hersden Primary School today and has been totally blown away by the technology, they have been selected as 1 of 95 schools to be awarded. The technology is outstanding, teachers can listen to the children read and mark work whilst sitting on the settee, its just out of this world. Ages 4,5 and 6 have Ipads, most outstanding visit.

The local plan was recently attended, this will be available to the public to listen to on Wed 14th December at 6pm then the committee will discuss it.

Car parking in the Park and Ride will be free 12th November at the 2 park and ride sites, Whitstable on the 25th November and Herne Bay on the 4th and 17th. Saturday 10th December 3 people who use the ANPR and are account holders will draw a golden ticket and give them £100.

Still an opportunity to gain financial support, information available on the Council website, council tax support scheme.

Can drop in at the local plan at the Council Offices Tues to Thursday 10-2 and at Herne Bay right through to Saturday until 4pm and Whitstable library have it Sunday as well, drop in sessions on the 16th November at the Guildhall and the 9th December so there is opportunity for everyone to look at the draft local plan.

The Museum have won an award which is lovely as it will make things cheaper and enable more exhibitions, next week of course is remembrance week, Thursday 10th 6pm on the Nasons site and on Friday 2 minutes silence at 11am again at the former Nasons site and on Sunday there is a service in the Cathedral and a march through the town.

Still doing a survey on the graveyards.

Cllr Llewellyn and Cllr Austin asks if the Sturry Road Park and Ride will be reopening, Cllr Glover says No, they are not doing anything with it, several suggestions were put forward.

Although we are looking at the next plan, its such a long way away, it still needs to be agreed by central government, so we all need to put our comments in as it sometimes makes a change.

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Cllr Glover also asks if we have seen the new plans for access onto the road, it's the one that if I go back far enough its Murray Preston, wanted a roundabout, it was put forward 8 years ago and 4 years ago it was reviewed and it has come up for renewal now and they have changed it. It will be better than another roundabout, only way under planning law at the time you could get access. Do if you want to, make a comment as a council.

Opened the new Enterprise Centre on Friday and it was lovely. Cllr Austin says it has had a good write up in the paper.

PCSO no report, we no longer have a PCSO.

Community Warden

Report 8th November 2022

Reports made via Country Eye – Fly tipping – Acacia Drive – CC will collect

Children's park – chain link fence broken, left far corner by bowls club, graffiti on signs to the park. I also found the neck of a broken bottle which had been pushed into the grass with the broken end facing upwards, I removed this straight away.

Response from property management they will be dealing with the issues raised.

152/22

Chair, Cllrs, Proper Officer's and Caretakers reports

Chair – Nothing to report this month

Cllr Llewellyn - attended the photoshoot with Dave for Mears, covered both the playpark and the bench on the main road.

Cllr Warman – attended the local plan consultation for Parish Councils on the 2nd November, it was relatively well attended by different Parishes across the Canterbury district, as you would expect they talked through the main points of the local plan, going through each of the sites separately, we have a few sites in this area which have been brought into the plan, at the end people were able to ask questions, 10 or so questions were asked, I did ask 1 question just for a little bit of justification, at what point do they decide that a place is saturated with housing and they move to outside the boundary because this local plan has bought settlement boundaries back in which the previous 2017 plan didn't have, the settlement boundaries they have said are open for discussion should we have and issue with where the lines are drawn around Hersdens remit, Trevor from Sturry raised a point that he isn't happy with how close Sturry and Westberes boundaries approached Hersden and vice versa so I think they are possibly looking to negotiate, the council are keen to incorporate green buffers they are calling them between boundaries, a lot of people raised concerns about the public transport, lacking around Canterbury, I requested as did many other Parishes that we have another discussion with the council on our own villages issues. It was useful and they are open to comments. Cllr Glover suggests we oppose the plans for the Bread and Cheese development, none of the existing properties have footings so this would cause problems.

Cllr Brabham, Proper Officer – Nothing to report.

Caretaker – Needs a new Bass broom, suggested he purchases this himself, he would also like some litter rings, Lynn will purchase a couple.

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Correspondence received

Email from Benjamin Martin at Watermeadows Primary School, inviting Councillors to the Microsoft Showcase School event taking place Tuesday 8th November 9am- 12. This took place today, Cllr Glover attended.

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Planning & Enforcement Matters

CA/21/02797 Land south of Island Road, former Chislet colliery, phase 1 access into site and associated infrastructure and landscaping pursuant to the outline planning permission CA/16/00673 – Granted.

CA/22/02278 Construction of a priority junction with a ghost-island right turn lane from Island Road. Originally Frampton's land. Cllr Glover is going to find out who the developer is.

155/22

Finance Matters

Budget 2023/24 meeting next Tuesday (15th November 2023) to discuss

Grant Application received from Tilly for Dance classes, Tilly has received a grant previously in the summer and is applying again for further assistance, £480.00 requested, she notes that numbers have decreased since the last funding expired. It is decided that we need further information from Tilly with expenses and costings showing exactly how the money is going to be used before it is agreed and the correct grant form needs to be completed. Cllr Austin proposes this is deferred until December and it will be discussed in the interim.

Accounts for Payment

Banking sign off (monthly rotation) this month Cllr Brabham and Llewellyn, Cllr McMahan to sign off Neighbourhood Centre payment.

Payments – November 2022		
John Caddick	Grounds Maintenance (October)	£316.99
David Hards	November salary - £205.84 – paid by s/o £9.50per hour Overtime (fixed fencing in the park)	£205.84 £14.25
Lisamarie Foster	November salary - £443.63 paid by s/o £9.75per hour Expenses: office stationery - Printer ink	£443.63 £47.39
Hersden Neighbourhood Centre	Office rent (July – Sept)	£650.00
Lynn Austin	Defibrillator pads £114.24 Wreath £20.00 Graffiti and Paint wipes £14.95	£149.19
Bank Balance as at 31 st October 2022		£84,508.13

Proposed: Cllr Brabham
Seconded: Cllr Warman
All agreed

Neighbourhood Centre payment Proposed: Cllr Austin, Seconded: Cllr Llewellyn, Agreed by Cllr Warman.

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Working Group Updates

Staffing:

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Playground: Cllr Austin will send Lisamarie Foster the notes with the playground equipment report in relation to getting some estimates for the repair of the soft pour matting and some work that David Hards needs to do.

Youth:

BMX Track:

Finance: Agree the purchase of the Christmas Tree – Lynn will call Meadow Grange Nursery and arrange, can be agreed by email.

Events: Christmas Event 3rd December 2022, agree the delivery of Christmas cards and delivery costs, had 4 entries. Andreas Sima aged 6 won. 1000 cards to be purchased.

Beautification:

Community Safety Group:

Training:

157/22 Councillor Vacancies We still have some co-option availability, as we are coming up to elections in May next year, we will need to decide if we are going to co-opt, can decide in January February time.

158/22 Any other business Cllr Llewellyn mentions he has had some complaints about dog business outside the shop and the Avenue. Not sure how we can educate people, Cllr Glover says it's an issue everywhere, Newsletter or posters suggested.

Lisamarie Foster mentions the defibrillator and the concerns over the delay in getting it back up and 'emergency ready' after its used, could the Community Centre be added to the system. Cllr Austin will add info@hnca.co.uk as a guardian. Cllr Llewellyn asks if we have first aiders in the Centre.

159/22 Date of the next meeting

The next Ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th December 2022.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 19.51.

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