

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
ON 9th JULY 2024 HELD IN EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr Day (Chair)
Cllr Helmer
Cllr Jakeman

Cllr Dryland
Cllr Hill

Cllr Betty and the Clerk.

		To be actioned by
1.	To receive and approve apologies for absence.	
	There were no apologies for absence.	
2.	To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.	
	There were no declarations of interest made.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024	
	The minutes were signed as a true record.	
4.	To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.	
	The benches have been treated to rid them of algae, they need brushing down and the Coronation bench needs some repair, Cllr Dryland will look at these repairs. Cllr Jakeman will ask his contact for a quote to put new legs on the footpath map board.	
5.	To receive reports from the Borough Councillor	
	<p>Cllr Betty had circulated his report.</p> <p>There are a number of Local Plan workshops, the nearest of which is in Wye on 31st July 2024 from 12pm – 8pm. These events are looking to ascertain opinion on the call for sites that have been published. They will assist the Planning Officers with their sifting process.</p> <p>The Local Plan process will then be followed to consultation phase to Planning Inspectorate to adoption. There was a discussion surrounding house building/Council housing.</p> <p>The bin collection situation has now, hopefully, settled down and is in hand. The reporting tool should be up and running and residents can see when their next scheduled collection will be. There was originally a 3 month grace period for Suez, this has now passed.</p> <p>The move of the Borough Council offices is planned for the end of the year, the Civic areas will be moved later on.</p>	
6.	Public Session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item	
	There were no members of public in attendance.	
7.	Financial matters:	
	<p>To approve the following financial documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note the Parish Council's financial position, Chair to initial bank statement. The financial position of the Parish Council was noted. ii. To authorise any payments The payments were authorised in line with the payment schedule. The Clerk has introduced a payment schedule for each meeting as well as a financial statement 	

	and a copy of the budget over expenditure.	
	The Parish Council agreed to apply for online banking.	
8.	To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.	
	The Parish Council considered the Risk Assessment and there were no changes to be made.	
9.	Planning matters: to authorise a response to any application(s) and to note any recent planning decisions by Ashford Borough Council or any correspondence on planning matters	
	There were no new applications to discuss.	
10.	Any Other Business (for information purposes only):	
	<p>There was a discussion about the reed bed and that it is working well.</p> <p>Cllr Day reported that she had attended the Kent Resilience Workshop. There was a discussion surrounding looking after neighbours in a power outage.</p> <p>The Councillors discussed the critical “open letter” printed in the magazine. This was considered inappropriate and divisive.</p>	
11.	Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.	
	<div> <div> Tuesday 10th September 2024 Tuesday 14th January 2025 Tuesday 13th May 2025 </div> <div> Tuesday 12th November 2024 Tuesday 11th March 2025 </div> </div>	

Signed:

Date: