

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

Present:                    Cllr Gardener (Chair)                    Cllr Mrs Helmer  
                                  Cllr Johnson                                Cllr Mrs Boxall

To be actioned by

**1 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Day

**2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

The Clerk is awaiting a response from Land Registry regarding the pond area.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Mrs Helmer registered a non-pecuniary interest in the War memorial

**4 War Memorial**

The Clerk reported that she has secured £2,492.30 of funding towards the war memorial fence replacement. This leaves a short fall of £297.60, the War memorial Fund of £70.38 will be used to partly fund this so the new fence will cost each parish (Elmsted and Hastingleigh) £113.61 each. The fence would be powder coated in green and it was unanimously agreed that the replacement of the fence around the war memorial should go ahead. Cllr Mrs Day is to contact the Robus Pottery regarding a pot for the crosses.

**5 Wye Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Bartley from Wye Parish Council attended the meeting and presented details of the Wye Neighbourhood Plan. Imperial College had seemed to be a threat on Wye so a Neighbourhood Plan had been required. A Parish Council is the only body who can undertake a Neighbourhood Plan and as a neighbour to Wye some of the issues may wash around the boundary of Hastingleigh and Wye. The Neighbourhood Plan would add weight under the DPD and it gives Ashford Borough Council the option to assist with no planning here it is not wanted. Plans for the build sites were shown, showing Wye 1 (25 houses), Wye 2 (25 houses) and Wye 3 (1/3 of the current footprint of Wye, with a proposed 300 houses, now reduced to 200).

There is already massive pressure on the infrastructure in Wye with these proposed developments. Fee School has a 3 year lease to be in the old Library building and it is most likely that this will then be placed in the Edwardian Buildings. Wye Parish Council is waiting for traffic consultants to respond in the hope that this will limit the minimum number of houses that can be built.

Hastingleigh Parish Councillors commented that emergency services have difficulty

accessing the properties in Hastingleigh because of the station and issues with parking in the streets in Wye, Bramble Lane, Churchfield Way etc.

Councillors were asked to pass their comments about issues in Wye, concerns over parking, the surgery, roads, emergency services etc, to their Clerk who will forward the comments to Wye for inclusion in their draft plan.

**6 Barn at Cold Blow**

Mr Beale is happy to enter into discussion over the trees and Councillors Gardener and Mrs Boxall agreed to liaise with Mr Beale on behalf of the Parish Council.

**7 Risk Assessment**

There are no changes to the Risk Assessment.

**8 Financial Statement**

A copy of the financial report was distributed to all Councillors.

**9 Correspondence**

All correspondence has been circulated by email. The Clerk has been in contact with Tim Owen at the Kent Downs Organisation regarding signs that say Hastingleigh, in the Kent Downs, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. These are available at a cost to Hastingleigh but as yet, the exact cost is unknown.

**10 Any Other Business**

Trees and mud on Wye Hill are causing hazardous conditions for drivers, the Clerk is to contact KCC Highways about this.

**11 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....