

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 11th NOVEMBER 2014**

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

To be actioned by

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Boxall.

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Kent Men of the Trees have responded by saying that as the trees cannot be planted close enough to the barn to sufficiently obscure it, it is not deemed to be financially viable. The cost of the trees is out-weighted by the number of people who will benefit from their planting.

A Salt Bag is to be placed at Hastingleigh Garage for the winter from Kent Highways. The matter of whether the new name plate should say Pilgrims Way or Pilgrims Lane was discussed. Councillor Mrs Day said she would contact her neighbours and check her own deeds for documented evidence of the accurate name for this lane.

3 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Helmer declared a personal interest in the War Memorial.

4 War Memorial Trough

The trough is to be donated by the Robus'. John Argar had contacted the Clerk requesting that he be allowed to jet wash the war memorial. The Councillors from Hastingleigh have grave concerns about the effects of jet washing because the letters are **very** fragile and must be treated with extreme caution. As the ground is so wet and replacement plants have been planted the Parish Council wondered whether this activity could be undertaken in the spring to avoid the plants becoming too water-logged.

5 State of the Roads

It was agreed that the Parish Councillors would like to take up the kind offer of the Highways Liaison Officer to visit the parish and discuss the road problems in the area. The issues raised will be:

Hedgecutting

Drainage

Zig-zag/Wye Hill road

Pot holes at the cross roads

Church Lane

Pot holes on Dean Hill.

6 Fireworks

The fireworks took place on 8th November. They sold approximately 70 cups of soup, there were only 15 in the procession and the sub-committee is to meet again to discuss any future plans.

7 Risk Assessment

There are no changes to the Risk Assessment.

8 Financial Statement

A copy of the financial report showing the current balance in the bank as £6,310.60 and a budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors. A draft budget was circulated for approval. The Parish Council have decided to precept for £3,000 again this year and costs are to be kept to a minimum. A cheque was written for £120 for the hedge cutting and final grass cutting.

9 Correspondence

The correspondence has been circulated by email to all of the Councillors.

10 Any Other Business

The football field nets are not on the posts, the Clerk is to contact the Chairman of ECP regarding this.

It was noted that the Government is pursuing Projects for Local Councils to undertake.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 9th 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Date: