MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 8th NOVEMBER 2011

Present: Cllr Gardener (Chair) Cllr Mrs Boxall

Cllr Mrs Day Cllr Mrs Helmer

Cllr Johnson

William Howard was in attendance

To be actioned by

1 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

- The bollards at New Barn were requested and refused. The Clerk is to contact Andrew Wickham about this.
- The hedges have been reported in the lane towards Stoakes Cottage.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Pond Update

The drawing of the bench has not yet been received, it is to be produced in AO. The panel is being drawn up with writing and will be emailed to Councillors prior to approval.

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It was agreed that the official launch of the pond area is to take place on Sunday 18^{th} December. The Parish Council will invite all of the parishioners, the Mayor, Andrew Wickham, the Borough Councillors, Debbie Adams, Jason Harris (bench) and Will Hirstle (panel). An article will be placed in the magazine.

5 Budget

The budget was looked at and it was agreed to precept for £3,000. This remains the same and is no increase to the residents of Hastingleigh.

6 Risk Assessment

There are no changes to the Risk Assessment.

7 Financial Statement

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

A cheque was signed for Lawncare for £68.00 and another for the Mr Day for £100.00 for the fireworks from both Parish Councils.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be discussed.

9 Any Other Business

Fireworks event - it was good to be back in the old position and was a very good All display.

It was agreed that a beacon would be held at Cold Blow. Ideas for the event should be brought to the next meeting.

Cllr Boxall explained that a classic car rally is to come through the Parish on the night of 1/1/2012, details will be forwarded to the Councillors.

The planning application for South Hill has been circulated and agreed.

William Howard told the meeting about the investment that has been placed in Ashford Town centre, the market will return, there is to be an in-town supermarket, K College will be in town. Charter House is in need of repair.

There are new houses planned to be built on Jemmett Road site. K College will be educating in Art, Design, Architectural design, Performing Arts and some trades.

A Dance Company has moved in to the Stour Centre.

Peter Wood has been dealing with the reed bed and William Howard has been dealing with Wyncot and the problem with noise from the new business.

The Parish Council will be asked to consider gypsy encampment locations in the village. The Bilsington site is being discussed at the planning committee this month. Ruckinge Caravan Park is also an issue William has been dealing with.

The Olympic torch will be in Ashford on 18th July and 19th July, there will be a big sports weekend.

It is possible that the Borough Councillors will be given grant money to allocate in their ward.

Planning responsibility is likely to be delegated to the parishes in the future although the Borough will have the ultimate authority.

10 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 14th 2011.

The meeting closed at 10:10 pm

Signed:	
Date:	