

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

**MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 7PM
AT GUESTLING VILLAGE HALL**

CHAIR: Cllr MARION ROBERTS

PARISH COUNCILLORS: Cllr GRAHAM FURNESS Cllr PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN

PARISH CLERK: BRYONY YOUNG Cllr A MIER 3 MEMBERS PUBLIC

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE : Cllr G FURNESS, Cllr T GROHNE, Cllr C MAYNARD, Cllr B COUPAR	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Knatchbull-Huggessen, asked for dispensation to vote on item 9, agreed by PC, Cllr Griffiths – Committee Member , item 8 – excluded from any vote	
3	MINUTES: The Chair is authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 10 July 2023	
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Member of general public raised question reference local affordable housing Cllr Mier advised ref Frayslands Wood (tree clearance/felling) that enforcement had visited and the Forestry Commission were now involved Cllr Grohne supplied a District Report in his absence, which was read out (Appendix 1) Cllr Coupar advised there was Speedwatch in Three Oaks recently and it was unusually quiet (only 3 cars noted)	
5	MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA: Grit Bins – ESCC paid in August, Clerk to chase – CHASED, payment had not been allocated, now put through to contractors Fingerpost Audit – See below Tarmac Works/Fire Extinguishers/Tree Survey - DONE	
6	CORRESPONDENCE: Shooting in field opposite QE2 Field – Concerns over safety – Clerk contacted PCSO who contacted Bowls Club to give advice, clerk to contact Football Club to see if any further issues Frayslands Wood (no Tree Preservation Order on the wood itself) – see above Flooding on A259 onto Guestling property - Cllr Roberts aware and has requested follow up from Highways England Chowns Hill – Queries from 2 households ref enforcement	BY MR
7	FINANCE: AGAR amendment agreed – sign-off received from Auditors (£252 to pay for audit costs), £1823.70 VAT refund for 2020/2021/2022	
8	GRANT REQUEST FROM THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL: Maximum requested (£750) – awaiting cost analysis (Extraordinary meeting to grant can be called if required) – Cllr Griffiths to advise	MG
9	VOTE ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION: Resolution (read out to meeting): Guestling Parish Council welcomes the commitment by Rother District Council to continue actively to market the tourist attractions of 1066 Country in partnership with Wealden DC, and Rye and Battle Town Councils. We regret the short-sighted decision of Hastings Borough Council to pull out of the partnership and would hope that Rother District Council can encourage them to rejoin the partnership at the earliest possible point. The resolution to be sent to our Councillors, to Cllr Hazel Timpe and the Leader and Deputy Leader of Rother District Council with copies to Wealden District Council and Rye and Battle Town Councils - The resolution was unanimously adopted	BY
10	CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Ideas to get new Parish Councillors: • Request on Rother My Alerts • Social Media (also targeting people on fringes of Parish)	BY BY
11	FINGER POST MAINTENANCE: Cllr Furness submitted report of suggested works (proactive rather than re-active, to protect the rural aspect of fingerposts as ESCC would replace with metal) Clerk to look at any match-funding/grants that might be available and get costing quotes	BY
12	PROCUREMENT POLICY: Clerk had already sent around to Councillors suggestion for Procurement Policy – discuss at next meeting Clerk to investigate if we can use ESCC Procurement Hub	ALL BY
13	FOOTBALL CLUB REVIEW AND RISK ASSESSMENTS: Need to do risk assessments with Football Club (Query if they have not had to do them for FA membership?)	BY/Cllr GF

	Treehouse to be taken down and stay down due to health and safety concerns	
14	OVERVIEW OF PCSO MEETING: PCSO Daryl Holter is trying to increase contact with local area, arranging online meeting every so often with local Parishes (us, Brede and Westfield) and has been to local coffee mornings. Wanted us to be aware that Guestling is a very low crime area. Cllr Knatchbull Hugessen will put in an FOI about noisy motorbike reports Cllr Griffiths advised he will check on RALC reporting	Cllr K-H Cllr MG
15	AGREEMENT OF GUESTLING BOWLS CLUB/GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL CONTRACT: Amend, send out and get signed	BY
16	UPDATE ON STRATEGIC CIL APPLICATION: Application refused but advised to put forward for next round	
17	QE2 PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarmacing been done • Fire extinguishers checked and one replaced • Tree inspection done – report suggestions – fell one • Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen suggests felling 3 (all chestnuts) • Clerk ordered and received 3 memorial oaks • Clerk get 2 quotes for removal of lower branches over car-park, Tree 1(urgent), Tree 2 and Tree 4, look at removing low branches in middle “belt” of trees to prevent climbing • Clerk to arrange for hedge cut 	BY BY
18	LOCAL PLAN: See below- Eco/Passive Housing Requirements	
19	PLANNING DISCUSSION – ECO/PASSIVE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS: Wording to be added to Guestling website regards any planning applications: If you are making a Planning Application please make sure that you have read the High Weald AONB Design Guidance (link below) and the Rother District Council Local Plan (link below). All of it is relevant to you. We will look at your application and follow the guidance and policy in deciding whether to support or object to your application. You should also be aware of general guidance that interprets national policy and legislation. In local policy we would highlight 13.11.v – Sustainable Resource Management if you are considering alterations or extensions to your existing buildings: https://highweald.org/document-library/legislation-and-planning/high-weald-design-guide/high-weald-housing-design-guidance/?layout=default https://www.rother.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan/	BY
20	PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RR/2023/1663/P RR/2023/1664/L CURLS ROCK WHITE HART HILL GUESTLING GREEN TN35 4LS Replacement of single storey extension; construction of porch and home office; installation of photovoltaic panels; replacement of existing fence with brick wall; relocation of existing driveway/vehicular access; associated landscaping and internal/external alterations THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE MAJORITY OF THIS APPLICATION. THE PROPOSED DESIGN OF THE WALL TO THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY IS NOT IN LINE WITH AONB GUIDELINES. IT WOULD CREATE AN URBANISATION OF AN OTHERWISE RURAL STREET SCENE. THE WHOLE NEEDS TOP BE IN LINE WITH LISTED BUILDING STATUS RR/2023/1758/P HURSTWOOD FARMHOUSE CHOWNS HILL GUESTLING TN35 4PA Proposed extension to existing garage building and conversion of garages to improve the ancillary living unit together with replacement of balcony/decked area around the main dwelling THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED EXTENSION. WE WOULD WANT TO SEE ITEM 3 OF THE DECISION 9TH NOVEMBER 2010 RETAINED THAT" THE RESIDENTIAL ANNEXE IS PERMITTED SOLELY AS ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THE EXISTING DWELLING"HURSTWOOD FARMHOUSE" AND SHALL NOT BE OCCUPIED BY ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY RESIDING IN THE FAMILY DWELLING. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE CARBON NEUTRAL MEASURES INCLUDED WITH THE DESIGN AND BUILD IN LINE WITH LOCAL PLAN DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE RR/2023/1756/P HURSTWOOD GABLES CHOWNS HILL GUESTLING TN35 4PA Proposed demolition of side addition and erection of improved extension RECOMMEND APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE ADDITION OF CARBON NEUTRAL INCLUSIONS IN LINE WITH FUTURE REQUIREMENTS	

	RR/2023/1797/P 17 AUSTEN WAY GUESTLING TN35 4JH Proposed dormer to side elevation to form shower room RECOMMEND APPROVAL	
21	AOB: None <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING CLOSED 8.55PM</p>	
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