

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE AHSURST VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 8.00PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Hammond (Chairman)

Cllrs Jesse, Hedley, Fischel, Knight, Nicholson and Russell  
Also present Councillors Barling (County) Lloyd and Willett (District)  
members of the public were present  
In attendance the Clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

There were apologies received from Cllr

**2. Declaration of Members Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors

**3. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July were circulated to all Councillors and taken as read. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be approved as a true record of the Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman

**4. Presentation from Lisa Boydell**

**5. Outstanding Actions.**

The bottom hinge of the gate post has been damaged. Councillor Hedley is dealing with the problem.

The mandate form for the Parish Council has been completed and has been finalised by the bank. The Recreation Ground mandate is yet to be finalised by the bank.

Update on John Eaton Hut and cricket pavilion .....

SALC training was attended by Cllrs Russell, Knight and Nicholson.

**6. Recreation Ground Matters.**

The bank balance at HSBC as at 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 was £5,910.06

Incomes received  
None for this meeting

The following Expenditures were Authorised

|                      |         |   |
|----------------------|---------|---|
| H Roxby              | £103.69 | Salary (£45.75 + £55.94 Electricity bill) |
| Sussex Land Services | £597.00 | Grass Cutting for June and July           |
| Non Domestic Rates   | £ 22.18 | Recreation Ground Rates HDC               |
| Southern Water       | £ 97.41 | Water Rate Recreation ground              |

3 quotes have been received for clearing the dead wood from the Oak tree in the entrance to the recreation ground. DJ Flynn £350 + VAT, Treedom £300 and Arboricultural Excellence £180 + VAT HDC play inspections have highlighted the loose eye bolts, corrosion at top of the slide and rough edges at the bottoms of posts.

**Councillor Fischel informed that she is concerned that children are playing in the ditches and swinging on the trees in the recreation ground. A fence could be erected to stop this dangerous activity.**

**7. Planning Matters.**

**DC/15/1128 – The Fountain Inn, The Village, Ashurst** – To paint existing magnolia coloured painted brickwork on west elevation of main building and north elevation of barn in a brick red colour to be more in keeping with other buildings. All windows and woodwork to be painted similar to existing. No structural changes. New colour of masonry Terre D Egypte Farrow and Bell

**Objection** – Councillors are concerned that the colour is not in keeping with local architecture and is not appropriate for a listed building.

**8. Late planning applications**

None for this meeting

**9. Planning Decisions from HDC**

**DC/15/0612-New Wharf Farm, Horsebridge Common** – Erection of an Agricultural building

**DC/15/1227- The Hovel, Peppers Farm, Peppers Lane** – Erection of single storey extension

Update on Sopers.

An enforcement complaint concerning Furzefield Farm has been investigated. The new tenants are solely employed in the business of occupying the stables. Condition 1 of the approved appealed application DC/13/0132 does not have a personal tie and so long as the persons living in the mobile home are employed in the stable business there is no breach of the planning condition.

**10 Financial Matters.**

The bank balance at Lloyds TSB as at 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 was £20,520.62

Incomes received

|                              |         |                               |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Steining Area Youth Services | £260.31 | Reimbursement for overpayment |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|

The following Expenditures were Authorised

|                 |           |   |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| H Roxby         | £507.17   | Salary + agreed extra hours                             |
| Horsham Matters | £630.17   | Jun –Sept 2015 Jun – Aug 2014 (Replace uncashed cheque) |
| PKF Little John | £120.00   | Limited Assurance review of Annual Return 2014/15       |
| SSALC           | £180.00   | Councillor training                                     |
| PWLB (DD)       | £1,590.25 | PWLB loan repayment                                     |

Clerks extra hours for July and August are 4.5 hours as circulated to councilors.

**11 Update on Youth Provision.**

SAYS has reimbursed £260.31, the agreed refund from the youth provision fund which had built up due to unexpected grants.

A Trustees meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August, Horsham Matters gave a presentation what is hoped for the youth services for the next 3 years and the proposed expenditure is awaited.

**12. Neighbourhood Plan –**

**Need to agree for housing focus group the Radius proximity to the centre of the community.**

**The group including 1 representative of Ashurst thought the village hall would be the centre.**

**13 Operation watershed update**

The planned work to Church Lane has been delayed until October/November due to the road closure permit from WSCC.

**14. Correspondence.**

There is a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m at Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, High Street for parish councils to discuss issues of interest or concerns related to Gatwick Airport and its future plans. Cllr Nicholson

HALC are holding a conference on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at Southwater Leisure Centre at 9am to 1.30pm. There will be speakers from Horsham Matters, Came and Company and Sussex Mediation Service. Cllr Fischel

West Sussex County Local Committee have rescheduled the meeting of Wednesday, 9 September to Wednesday, 30 September 2015 and will be held at Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, Henfield, Steyning Parish Council are holding a Showcase on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and have invited Local groups, councils (Parish, HDC & WSCC) and volunteer services to have a table at a cost of £20.00.

The New Horizons Appeal have informed of a fund raising gift fair being held at Knepp Castle on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**15 Reports from Outside Bodies.**

**16. Reports from District and County Councillors.**

**17. Questions from the floor**

None for this meeting

**18. Information Items.**

Ashurst Dog show is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at

**19. Date of the next Meeting.**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 8.00pm  
At Ashurst Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at pm.

Ashurst Recreation Ground AGM will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 8pm at Ashurst Village Hall

**Action List**

The bottom hinge of the gate post has been damaged.  
Invite Lisa Boydell to next meeting

Councillor Hedley Repair  
Clerk