

**MEETING OF HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY 14 JULY 2009, 7.30 PM**  
**AT HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Mrs Archer, Mr Bassingthwaite, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mr Davis, Mrs Gander, Mr Harmer, Mrs Holmwood, Mr Hough, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mr Newnham (Chairman), Mrs Oakes, Dr Rayner, Mrs Plant, Mr Waterhouse and Mr Wood.

The Clerk was in attendance.

Also present: District Councillors Angel and Mrs Newton  
2 members of the public  
1 press

**WDC STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Francis spoke to the Council regarding the work of the Wealden Standards Committee which considers complaints under the Code of Conduct and comprises representatives from the District Council, Parishes and independent members.

**FORMER COUNCILLOR HENDLEY**

The Chairman reported that former Councillor Bernard Hendley had died. He had been Chairman of the Finance Committee for some years and had been an active and hardworking councillor.

The Council stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

09/62 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

09/63 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Angel emphasised the importance of the current consultation on the LDF and the need for everyone to give their views. Members raised concerns about the need for improved infrastructure and It was noted that there would not be consultation on individual sites.

Councillor Mrs Kirkpatrick stated that the last Housing Needs Survey had been conducted in 2004 and urged everyone to complete their survey forms as it provided important information for future housing policies.

**The Meeting commenced at 7.58 p.m.**

09/64 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Baker, Mr Hart, Mrs Muddle and Mr Woodhouse.

09/65 **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/66 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2009 and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 23 June 2009, having been previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/67 **MATTERS ARISING**

Mrs Clark advised that building work on the new hall at Punnetts Town would start on 16 July.

Mrs Kentish-Barnes reported that no action by the Police appeared to have been taken regarding parking outside the banks and post office.

It was noted that the letter box was back in place in Old Heathfield.

09/68 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Heathfield Choral Society concert, the induction service for four new Street Pastors, the funeral of Bernard Hendley and the AGM of the Unity Community Association. He had also participated in a twinning exchange visit to Forges-les-Eaux.

The Chairman then read out a letter of thanks for his gift from the former Chairman, together with a letter of thanks from the Rotary Club for their grant towards the Heathfield Carnival. It was noted that a donation of £25 would be sent to the Royal Marines Association in lieu of flowers for former Councillor Hendley.

The Vice-Chairman reported that she had attended, together with other Councillors and the Clerk, the networking BBQ organised by Hadlow Down Parish Council.

09/69 **CLERK'S REPORT**

A correspondence list as at 7 July 2009 had been circulated to all Members.

The Clerk reported on a letter from Cross-In-Hand WI regarding their request to Wealden District Council to utilise their powers under the Sustainable Communities Act to benefit local residents. She then reported on the WDC Clerks' Seminar which had included an interesting session on the LDF current consultation process.

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**COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

Mr Hough stated that progress on the A265/A267 junction appeared to be slow and considered that work should also take place at weekends and in the evening. The Chairman reported that works were still scheduled to finish at the end of July.

Mr Bassingthwaighte reported that he had received a letter from Mr Wilkinson thanking him for his term of office as Chairman and appreciating the efforts of the Parish Council. He then stated that, with regret, he would be leaving the parish in the middle of August. The Chairman said that the Council would be sorry to lose him.

Mr Woods reported that three young people from Heathfield Community College had recently completed a moped ride to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Council indicated appreciation for their efforts.

Mrs Clark reported that she and her husband, together with Mrs Plant and Mrs Muddle and their husbands were working on the Parish Council float and expressed appreciation to the Davis family for all their help. Mr Holmwood would be taking photographs for the Council.

09/71

**TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

09/71a

**Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Mr Bassingthwaighte reported on the meeting held on 1 June 2009.

09/71b

**Highways, Planning and Street Lighting Committee**

Minutes of the meetings held on 26 May, 8, 22 June 2009 (previously circulated). Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2009 (unadopted) were to follow. Mr Newnham reported thereon.

09/71c

**Burial Grounds Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2009 (previously circulated). Mr Newnham reported thereon.

09/71d

**Recreation Grounds and Properties Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2009 (previously circulated). Mrs Plant reported thereon. Mr Hough reported that a second satellite dish had been erected on the Lucas Hall House and this would be queried with Downland Housing Association.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings reported above be approved and adopted by the Parish Council.

09/72 **LIST OF PAYMENTS - 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2009**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments.

09/73 **APPOINTMENT AND REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk indicated that a report would be available for the next meeting.

09/74 **CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17 – TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The Council noted with regret the vandalism at Tower Recreation Ground as reported in the Minutes of RGP Committee.

09/75 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There were no matters arising from matters discussed at the meeting.

09/76 **TO CONSIDER MOTIONS**

None received.

09/77 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

**The meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.**

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Dated**