



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council  
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down  
at 7pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (Chair), Damon Wellman (DW), Julian Michaelson-Yeates, Jas Singh (JS), and Michael Lunn. The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

The Chair explained that she will initially take public questions regarding items other than 345i.a. and will then take public questions on this item after the presentation and before the Parish Council discuss the application.

**342. PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

A member of the public asked if anything was happening about the drainage problems on Wilderness Lane near Gillhope Farm. *Cllr Wellman will investigate.* **DW**

A member of the public advised that the drainage cover near Little England Farm was broken, a Councillor confirmed that it had been mended the previous day and that he has reported the failed repair.

**343. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – apologies had been received from Cllr Iain Turner, these were noted.

**344. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - the Clerk advised that Councillors have a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 345i.a. however as an officer of the PC she is legally entitled to grant dispensation to Councillors so that they can discuss and vote on application 345i.a. She advised that some residents have expressed concern that Councillors will have a pre-determined view which is incorrect. She will also make it clear in the PC's response to WDC that it is the PC's own application.

**345. PLANNING:**

**i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

a. **WD/2018/0089/O – HADLOW DOWN VILLAGE HALL, HALL LANE, TN22 4HJ** – Demolition of existing village hall and erection of replacement residential development.

Cllr Michaelson-Yeates gave a presentation on the background to the application and the options available. He stressed that there are a number of options for what can be done with the land, one of these appears in the Outline Application.

The meeting was opened up for the public's comments. Members of the public asked questions about villagers' vote on the disposal of the hall, trip credits, the wording of the application, the possibility of the PC building affordable housing, use of the hall if the application isn't approved, traffic volumes, Councillors' interests in the application, maintenance of Hall and Hut Lanes and if there would be another vote on whether villagers wanted a new hall. The PC and Clerk responded to these questions.

*The Clerk will send to a resident, details of where it states the PC can vote on the application.* **Clerk**

The Clerk advised that the Charity Commission would also need to agree to the disposal and the change of use and that the PC don't currently have a Power to be able to build housing.

The public session was now closed.

A discussion was held on whether the PC would respond to WDC on the application, however some Councillors requested to vote on it. A Councillor expressed that he felt that 3 x 2 bedroom houses wasn't the best use of the land.

The PC's comments were: Having listened and considered comments made by six members of the Public at the Parish Council meeting the Parish Council requested that the architect change the Design and Access Statement to reflect that tenure of the housing is uncertain and the disposal and change of use of the site will be subject to a future village meeting. The Parish Council recognize that the design, orientation and the size is only outline and could be subject to reserved matters. This is the PC's own application which they voted in support of. (3/2)

The PC agreed to the Public Notice and the cost involved in this.

The Chair allowed members of the public to raise further questions on access to the site and the effect

it will have on Hut and Hall Lanes. She confirmed that there was currently no desire for the PC to adopt these lanes.

- b. **WD/2018/0432/F – HADLOW HOUSE FARM, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4EP** – Single storey rear extension to enlarge kitchen and link to existing living room – The Parish Council support the application (5/0).
- c. **WD/2018/0434/F – 2 BEECH TREE COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4ER** – Pole barn to replace existing workshop/store and new garage – The Parish Council support the revised application and recognize that it conforms to pre-application advice (4/1).

Cllr Singh declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and abstained from the following item.

- 346. FINANCE** – The PC approved payment of £10.98 for hadlowdown.org domain made payable to Jas Singh. A Councillor requested that when the domain is due to be renewed that it be done for a 5 year period.
- 347. WEBSITE** – Cllr Singh gave a presentation on the website. A discussion was held on the options available and Councillors gave suggestions on what they felt the website should and shouldn't cover. It was expressed that the PC website should only cover items relating to the PC. *The Clerk will send details of the suggestions to JS.*

**Clerk**

Cllr. Wellman left the meeting at 8:40pm.

It was expected that the website would go live on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. A Councillor asked about General Data Protection Regulation requirements. *JS was asked to produce an agreement between his company and the PC which the PC would need to consider prior to deciding whether to approve. The PC also asked for information on the ownership of the website. JS will also investigate emails for Councillors.*

**Clerk**

**The meeting closed at 8:49pm**