



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in the Committee Room of Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Thursday 21st September 2017.

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Helen Bonnick (HB) and Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY). The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

The following members of the Village Hall Committee were also in attendance: Janet Tourell, Kathy Cracknell, Barbara Ball, Rachel Lewis and Joan Wiltshire.

164. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – Nothing raised.

165. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies were received from Cllrs. Lunn, Turner and Wellman these were noted.

The Chair allowed Janet Tourell (Chair of the Village Hall Committee) to pass on Mike Garner's apologies.

166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none received.

The Chair suspended standing orders in order for the Village Hall committee to be involved in the following agenda item.

167. VILLAGE HALL – the Chair explained why the meeting was being held and the reason for the urgency in needing to apply for planning permission.

It was proposed that there be 2 phases the first of which would be to apply for outline planning permission in order that the current available movement credits with WDC could be used. The second phase would be deciding whether or not the land would be sold. Meetings with villagers would be held at both stages. A discussion was held on this proposal and the involvement with members of the public. An article will appear in the October edition of the Parish Magazine. The Parish Council (PC) and the Village Hall Committee all agreed to having 2 phases. It was felt that the PC would submit the planning application.

The Chair suspended standing orders and opened the meeting to members of the public.

Members of the public asked about the lease and public engagement.

The Chair advised that if phase 1 was agreed it was proposed that a planning application be submitted for 3 properties with 2 bedrooms and 2 parking spaces each. From the survey undertaken by the Parish Council it was shown that there was a need for smaller houses. The grant obtained by the Hadlow Down Community Centre committee included funding for basic drawings for the village hall site. It was hoped that these would be available for the phase 1 meeting.

Concern was expressed that once a sale goes through that a prospective developer could increase the size of the properties. It was suggested that restrictions be placed on the sale.

The PC and Village Hall Committee agreed to phase 1 to have a public meeting.

A member of the public suggested that the Parish Council build social housing on the site for local people. The Parish Council were asked about exiting from Hut Lane. It was confirmed that any housing would result in less car journeys than are currently needed for the Village Hall.

It was agreed that the 1st public meeting would be at 6:30pm on 17th October in the Village Hall and would be run jointly by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. Michaelson-Yeates agreed to be responsible for the communication with villagers regarding the Village Hall site, *the Chair will draft an article for the October Parish Magazine and send it to JMY.* SR

The meeting closed at 7:37pm