

# HARMSWORTH MEMORIAL TRUST

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, June 2013 in the Iden Green Pavilion at 20.00 hours, pursuant to notice

Present: Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Beattie, Cllr Butler-Graham, Cllr Cook, Cllr Waldren, Cllr Thomas, Cllr North, Cllr Barker

In Attendance: Fiona Chalk – Clerk, Cllr Hall, Cllr Holden, Cllr Rook

**052/13 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**053/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**054/13 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

044/13 was noted as Mr Michael Patrick. The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**055/13 MATTERS ARISING**

*Iden Green* – Cllrs noted a new valuation has been received for £60,000. It was agreed a meeting be held between the Housing Association and the Parish Council. Cllrs agreed that Cllrs Cook, Barker, Reynolds and Walden meet as a Sub-Committee to take this matter forward and report back to the HMT committee for any decision making. The recommendations in the valuation were noted.

**Chairman to Action**

**056/13 APPROVE THE 1012-13 ACCOUNTS**

The Accounts were duly noted and unanimously approved. Cllrs asked for clarification on the spend on the village hall lights and asked that the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Village Hall committee asking for a breakdown of the grant received for the lights. A reduction in income from lettings of the village hall was noted. Cllr Barker proposed a gift of £50 (£25 for BPC) be given to the Internal Auditor for the extra work he had to do on the accounts this year – he carries out the audit voluntarily and doesn't charge. Cllr North seconded. 5 voted in favour and 3 against, stating it set an unwanted precedent for volunteers for the parish council.

**Clerk to Action**

**057/13 BENENDEN VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was nothing to report – the next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> July. It was noted that there was concern regarding the Community Office being locked and therefore it couldn't be used as a fire exit. Cllrs agreed that it was not designated as a fire exit but requested the Clerk obtain the report from the Fire Officer that was completed for the Village Hall Committee.

**Clerk to Action**

**058/13 FINANCE REPORT**

The Bank reconciliation and transaction lists for April and May were noted and approved.

*St Georges Hall* – It was agreed further written quotes would be sought for the repointing and assessment of the safety of the chimney. Quotes to be send in writing to the the Clerk.

It was noted that 3 quotes had been received for the pre-school flooring in St Georges Hall , one further quote is awaited Quotes received are £855, £760, £744. Cllrs gave Cllr Walden delegated authority to authorise works up to a value of £800 once the final quote has been received. This was due to the urgency of the replacement of the flooring before it becomes a trip hazard.

**Cllr Walden to Action**

**059/13                   CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

The report was duly noted.

**060/13                   ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

*Use of St Georges Hall* – It was agreed to wait to see what comes out of the parish plan before this is looked into again. Cllrs asked the Clerk to request a copy of the pre-school accounts.

**Clerk to Action**

**061/13                   DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm at Memorial Hall, Benenden

The meeting closed at 10.30pm