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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 8th November 2025

Attendees: Cllr Loyd (AL), Cllr Carey (DC), Cllr Thorp (AT), Cllr Manlow (JM), Cllr Crittall (KC), Cllr Siddall-Ward (NSW)

In attendance: Jackie Scarff – Clerk (Proper Officer/RFO)
Approx 18 members of the public (MOP)

Public Questions - The chair reminded all MOP's that questions were welcomed for items on the agenda.

A resident commented on item 9, that the biggest problem to overcome is the curb. In his opinion the best place to put access is on Top Road but this would likely involve East Sussex County Council.

End of Public Participation.

Business Transacted.

1. The Chairs welcome to the meeting.

2. The chair welcomed MOP's and Cllrs to the meeting.

3. To receive reports to note from:

i. Parish Councilor's

JM commented that table tennis is thriving and the new body balance seems popular. AL mentioned that there is some interest in a line dancing class.

AL expressed thanks Gale Kirk who has been maintaining the flower troughs around the village.

ii. County Councillor

No report available this month.

iii. District Councillor

No report available this month.

iv. Saint Oswalds Church

The church warden had sent apologies and a short report to the Chair who read it out.

b. To receive apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S85 (1)

c. There were no apologies.

i. To consider accepting apologies

Not required.

ii. Other absences to note

None

4. Public Exclusion: in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

There was no requirement for this resolution.

5. Disclosure of Interests.

- a. In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council Code of Conduct to receive disclosures by members of personal interests in matters on agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the revised code of members conduct.

- i. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- ii. Other Interests (non-pecuniary)

There were no interests declared.

To consider granting dispensations if requested.

Nb. Any changes to a member's register of interests should be notified to the clerk immediately.

6. To receive the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 8th September 2025 to be considered for approval as a true record and signed by the chair.

Motion proposed AL, Seconded JM, all agreed.

Resolved: The minutes of the full council meeting of 8th September were agreed and signed as a true record.

7. To consider submitting an application for a grant to WDC and agree any actions required.

This item was duplicated and will be considered later on the agenda.

8. To agree the purchase of a Christmas Tree and decorations and agree any actions required.

Resolved: A budget of £100 to purchase a Christmas Tree and £30 for decorations was agreed.

9. To consider creating an accessible access to Coronation Garden and agree any actions required.

Resolved: The clerk was asked to contact East Sussex County Council to ask for their guidance and advice as to where it may be acceptable.

10. To consider the following financial matters.

- i. To receive the statement of accounts to 30 November 2025 for noting**
The Accounts to 31st October were published in advance and were noted.
- ii. The bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statement to 30 November 2025 for noting.**
The bank reconciliations were published in advance and were noted.
- iii. Payments to be made in November for invoices received for authorisation**
Resolved: Payments were agreed as presented.
J.Warrener £44.44 Uplift announced after leaving the council.
WDALC £16.13 Inv 2025 26 Subs
Uniserve LTD £345.60 Annual Backup
Uniserve LTD BACS £36.00 Shortfall on SO x3
J Scarff £1,215.00 Fees
- iv. To receive the report from the Internal auditor if available and agree any actions required.**
The report was not available for this meeting.
- v. To receive the report showing Actuals v Budget for the year to date**
The report was noted.
- vi. To review the EMR**
The EMR were noted
- vii. To receive draft budget details for the year ending March 2027 for discussion with the intention of finalising in December.**
The report was noted, and it was agreed that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

11. To consider submitting an application for a grant to WDC and agree any actions required.

The process announced by WDC was explained. AL explained that an expression of interest had been made for items. KC explained that it will be useful to receive the slides from the WDC conference as there was a lot of information given.

The cllrs agreed that it would be useful to move ahead and get quotes while gathering any other information needed. AL mentioned that the Rural Services Network have access to wifi deals specifically for Village Halls.

AL proposed that quotes are sourced for the Village Hall for windows, Solar panels, WIFI and Car park. Seconded

AT

12. **Resolved:** the clerk was asked to progress the quotes

13. To consider a request from a resident to rent some parish council land to keep chickens.

AL reminded all that the Allotments Society recommended that animals were not kept on allotments. NSW commented that with cases of avian flu near by and the change in legislation for bird keepers of flocks of more than 50 as well as for anyone giving away or selling eggs away regardless of the number in the flock it would not be wise to agree to the request at the moment. KC also commented that chickens can also increase the number of rats which is a consideration.

AL proposed that the request could not be considered at the current time, seconded by KC. All agreed

Resolved: The current request cannot be considered until there are changes in recommendations and legislation for avian flu.

14. The date of the next meeting.

It was noted that the next meeting will take place Monday 8th December 2025 at 7pm in Hooe Village Hall.