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A MEETING OF BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL TOOK PLACE AT 8.00PM IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT WERE: Mr B Hope (Chairman), Mr M Croucher, Mr F Dawkins, Mr L Futchter, Mrs A C James, Mr A Jordan, Mr D Murray, Mr N Newman, Mr W Ratcliffe, Dr J Tough, Mr J Walters (Parish Councillors). Mr A Groves (Clerk). One member of the press was present.

204/06 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mobile Phones. Reminder to switch off phones.

Herald Newspaper. The Chairman informed the Parish Council that he had been contacted by the Herald and informed that Sir Ray Tindle wished to donate £500 to the Parish Council towards deserving causes in the Parish. The Chairman thought that it would be more appropriate for Sir Ray to decide who the money should go to from a list provided to him. The Chairman sought agreement to this. Cllr Tough said that Sir Ray should be thanked for his kind gesture.

Decisions: The Chairman would provide a list to the Herald.

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The Chairman would write to Sir Ray Tindle thanking him for his proposed donation.

BH

205/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Atherden.

206/06 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2006

Resolution: The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed as being a true record.

Clerk

207/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – 27 NOVEMBER 2006

190/06 **LMCMC Meeting.** Cllr Tough said he was impressed with the redecorating work of the ground staff in the LMH. He felt that the Parish Council should express their appreciation. Cllr Murray said he had already thanked them personally.

208/06 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES/REPORTS OF COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Finance & Policy Committee Meeting – 4 December 2006.

Cllr Croucher referred to the minutes, and invited questions. Cllr Tough said that the Clerk and Asst Clerk should be congratulated for their impressive mid-year internal audit report.

Cllr Croucher asked that the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting of 4 December 2006 be accepted and the recommendations be adopted.

Resolution: **Agreed.**

Planning Committee Meeting – 11 December 2006.

Cllr Mrs A C James referred to a McCartney & Stone application for 27 flats on London Road/Tower Road. The application followed a public inquiry, and the applicant felt that all the matters raised by the inspector had been dealt with in their new application. The Parish Council had objected to the application. Cllr Walters asked that members of the public made comments on the application because it would probably go to appeal.

Cllr Mrs A C James asked that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 11 December 2006 be accepted and the recommendations be adopted.

Resolution: **Agreed.**

209/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman read out the declaration.

210/06 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE F&P COMMITTEE

Cllr Croucher reported that on Monday 11 December 2006, Cllr Tough had checked the invoices, the receipts and payments, the balance sheet, and checked the bank reconciliation, reviewed the budget, and signed the internal audit certificate. Cllr Croucher invited questions from members.

Cllr Croucher asked that the payments for December 2006 be approved. A vote was taken.

Decision: **The payments for December were approved (see attached).**

Clerk

211/06 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

212/06 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2007/2008

The Motion: “This Council resolves to agree the budget for 2007/2008 and a precept of £184,539 which represents a 2.64% increase on 2006/07.”

Cllr Croucher proposed the motion which was seconded by Cllr Dawkins. Cllr Croucher said that it was the intention to remain within the inflation figure, and the major increase was due to the cost of the election earlier in the year. A vote was taken.

Resolution: Agreed.

Clerk

213/06 REPORTS/REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Community Forum - Youth Issues. Cllr Newman referred to his report, and said that it had been a successful and productive meeting, but the youth turnout had not been as good as expected. Many good things had come out of the meeting and there was potential for the future. The meeting and youth involvement were briefly discussed. Cllr Newman said he was waiting for Liz Panton from EHDC to process the feedback and she would come back to him with ideas. Councillors commented on typographical errors in the report.

214/06 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Motion: “This Council resolves to exclude members of the public and the press for Items 12-17 in order to discuss confidential matters and those classified as exempt under Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.”

The Chairman proposed the motion, seconded by Cllr Walters. A vote was taken.

Resolution: Agreed.

The Clerk informed the Chairman and the Parish Council that he would leave the meeting as he had done at the two previous meetings, as he would not wish to prejudice, influence or sway any decision made by the Council under Matters Arising. The Clerk left the meeting.

Cllr Jordan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 17 (Minute 220/06), as a member of the Scout Association and local Scout Group, and said he would leave the meeting for that item. The Chairman declared an interest in Matters Arising (Minute 215/06) and said he would leave the meeting but be available for questions or comments.

ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT

215/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING/MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2006

200/06 **185/06 - Staff Report.** The Chairman left the meeting and Cllr Tough assumed the role of Chairman. Letters, documents and a statement were considered by members.

Decision: The Parish Council agreed that two documents be withdrawn and struck off the Parish Council record.

**BH
Clerk**

The Clerk and Cllr Hope re-joined the meeting. Cllr Tough said he would read out the decision of the Council. The Clerk informed the Council that he would not wish to be present if any decision was announced and would leave the meeting due to his interest in the matter. Cllr Hope resumed the role of Chairman and continued with the next item on the agenda.

216/06 SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Motion: “This Council agrees that there should be a single item on every Parish Council meeting agenda entitled “Staff Meeting” to replace the current items of “Staff Report” and “Staff Issues”.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr Tough on behalf of himself, Cllr Murray, Cllr Mrs A C James, and Cllr Newman. The motion was seconded by Cllr Croucher. Cllr Tough said that the intention was to resolve the confusion resulting from an earlier meeting and to have a single item on the agenda “Staff Meeting”. The resolution satisfied that.

Cllr Walters proposed an amendment:

“This Council agrees that there should be a single item on *the exempt session of* Parish Council meeting agenda entitled “Staff Meeting” to replace the current items of “Staff Report” and “Staff Issues”.

The amendment was agreed. The Parish Council voted on the following motion:

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Resolution: Agreed.

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217/06 STAFF MEETING

No staff meeting had been held since the last Parish Council meeting, although there had been a considerable amount of staff mentoring.

218/06 STAFF ISSUES

Item withdrawn (see Minute 216/06 above).

219/06 STAFF REPORT

Item withdrawn (see Minute 216/06 above).

Cllr Jordan left the meeting. Cllr Ratcliffe declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Item 17 (Minute 220/06) as his son was a member of the scouts, although he played no active part in the management of that body.

220/06 SCOUTS AND GUIDES

Cllr Croucher referred to the report at Appendix 3 and the documents contained therein. He invited questions. It was confirmed that there was nothing further to report. Cllr Mrs A C James said she was grateful for the documentation that had been produced which meant the Parish Council were always kept fully informed. Various aspects of the court process and matters arising out of the report were discussed.

CONCLUSION – This concluded the business of the meeting at 9.30 pm.
Confirmed at the meeting held on 29 January 2007
Signed
Chairman