

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 11th July 2013 at the Village Hall

Present: Chairman Ms K. Watson, Vice Chairman Mr M Trist, Councillors Ms L. Dyos, Mrs P. Rowland and Clerk to the Council Mrs Andrea Dickson.
Guest Speaker Rachel Whitfield RSPB Futurescapes
MSDC Councillor Colin Trumble, and 11 members of the public.
Meeting opened at 7.34pm

- 1. Chairman welcomed everybody.**
 - 2. Apologies.** WSC Councillor Peter Griffiths sent apologies via email.
 - 3. Declaration of Interest:** None
 - 4.** The minutes of the previous meeting held 11th April 2013 having been previously **circulated**, were taken as **read, approved** and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 5. Matters Arising.**

Planning

Lower Kents No News. As the planning consent is valid until Feb 2015 the owner is under no obligation to tidy the site, although John Arnold at MSDC has requested that it is tidied.

Old Pump House Roy Little SDNPA confirmed that MSDC have been give the necessary authority to instigate a prosecution for failure to comply with the requirements of the enforcement order. This information has been relayed to the owners and occupiers of the site. Mid Sussex are perusing full compliance of the enforcement order with the owners and occupiers of the site; this would be a better outcome than prosecution. However the prosecution documents are being prepared although Steven King has warned that this may take sometime. The parish Council will keep chasing this with MSDC. (Clerk)

The Parish Council have been told unofficially that the monk will be applying for planning permission to hold prayer meetings at the site.

Broadreeds

The planning appeal went before the planning inspectorate was dismissed on 29th May 2013.

The Conifers Proposed Caravan & Camping Site

The application for the proposed site is still at the consultation stages a response from the local authority is still outstanding. Once a decision has been made the PC will publish the information on the website/PP and the notice board. (Clerk)

Ladybrook Spring

Nick Hughes has donated 40 flint bricks for use at ladybrook spring. Thank you Nick. An estimate for the materials has now been received and the grant will be applied for in the very near future.

Volunteer Rangers have been booked for Sunday 15th and Monday 16th September to remove the existing structure , (and to install the revetment work on the road side in the parking area next to the stream where the materials from the spring will be used). Anybody interested in helping out on these dates please let the Parish Clerk know.

The brickwork in the community project will be carried out by Northbrook College 2nd year students as part of their coursework. The college have been asked d to come along to start the brick work on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September. These dates are provisional.

All dates will be posted on the website. (Clerk)

Highways/Operation Watershed

The PC is currently chasing up a quote for the work required in Clappers Lane and other areas.

A meeting was held in June with Tom Weedon (The Rights of Way Access Ranger) when the erosion of the bridleway alongside the discharge of water from Cannonberries was discussed. Tom is to liaise with Gulu on this matter. Once the problems have been sorted out he will discuss ways to repair/restore the bridleway. For information WSCC is responsible for keeping the ground vegetation under control along public routes, but as we know it is landowners responsibility to trim hedges and over hanging trees. However if the council is working in the area and feels something is problematic they will cut them back to make access easier. The PC are still waiting for information from MSDC as to who owns the banking alongside 5-13 Clappers Lane.

Footpath 4f

The diversion for this footpath was presented to committee in June with the recommendation that the diversion should not proceed. This was overturned and the committee decided to submit it to the Secretary of State for determination. The PC have been advised by MSDC that this may take some considerably time.

NTF/Stammers Hill Trees

It was recommended by Dick Jackson Arboricultural Officer that the trees be severely cut back, as they are outside the conservation area no planning permission is required. Bow Rowland secured an agreement that the social committee would fund the work. Thanks to Bob and the social committee.

It was agreed to swap agenda items 6 & 7 as Councillor Colin Trumble needed to leave the meeting early.

7. District Councillor Colin Trumble's report.

An overview of the proposed new development between Sayers Common & Henfield was given for further details follow the link

<http://www.wscountytimes.co.uk/news/local/new-market-town-is-entirely-unacceptable-say-mid-sussex-and-south-downs-mps-1-5226020>

6. Guest Speaker Rachel Whitfield form RSPB Futurescapes.

Rachel gave a presentation about developing the landscape to encourage birds and wildlife to the area. She will be providing a short piece for the website and Pigeon Post . Further information can be obtained from the RSPB Futurescapes website

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/futurescapes/>

8. Woodland Trust (Free Trees)

To obtain the hedgerow/trees they must they must be planted in a public accessible area. It was agreed that NTF Trustees be contacted to see if it would be possible to plant a hedgerow along the southern bank of NTF. (Clerk)

9. Winter Management

The plan needs to be submitted by 1st August and agreed by the 31st August.

Anything not in the local plan cannot be considered.

The PC will adjust the plan to make it clear that everybody can use the grit in the bins to clear public paths/roads. (Clerk)

Gritter Twitter is introduced this year to give live updates on the roads. Information on this link will be given in the local plan.

10. SALC Survey

Sussex Association of Local Councils have asked the PC to complete a training survey to ensure the training given is value for money. Training is available to councillors and the clerk. The survey will be completed at the end of the meeting.

11. Community Bus

Last October the PC agreed to donate £100 to Hurst & Hassocks Community bus, the money is in the budget this year but is it good use of council funds? Whether the withdrawal of the donation will lead to the bus service being withdrawn is to be

looked not. It was suggested that perhaps the Social Committee could donate in future this will be looked into.

The bus information will be republished on the website. (Clerk).

12. Financial Matters

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed

100601 Clerk's salary & expenses £875.15

100594 P Rowland(Refreshments) £37.62, 100596 Came Insurance £583.32,

100597 £47.99 & 100598 £12.00 J Hazard (Website),100599 M Stepney had been signed in the period between meetings.

Cheque stubs were cross checked with the cheque list and both signed.

The quarterly bank reconciliation was checked and signed.

13. Crime Update

Mid Sussex is the most peaceful place in the county to live and the 8th most peaceful place in Britain. However there was a burglary during the day so please be vigilant. Current advice is to lock up garden tools when not in use.

14. Broadband

BT have signed a contract to ensure faster broadband which will be supplied to 98% homes in the next 3 years.

15. Community Service Awards

The Parish Council is asked each year to nominate a local person for their service to the local community. The nominee is then invited to a Garden Party, if you have any suggestions as to who should be nominated please contact the clerk by the end of July. (Clerk)

It was agreed to allow the meeting to continue past the one hour thirty minutes deadline.

16. Comments from the floor

A broken drain in Clappers Lane 20ft from Finger Post.

Nick Herbert MP has been invited to speak at the October meeting.

Phase 2 (lifts & subways) is complete at Hassock station.

Preston Nomads coaches entering Clappers Lane from the wrong end Clerk to look into this.

What is the latest on Rampion Eon?

<http://bhfoe.org/category/south-downs-national-park/>

The noise from the kennels north of Preston Nomads a petition was mentioned but this is not a PC matter.

A reminder was given about Call my Bluff Wine Quiz 26th July at 730pm only a few tickets left, and The Village Fair 28th July 12noon -5pm.

17. Dates of the next meetings

10th October 2013 and 9th January 2014.

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