

FULKING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7.30pm

Agenda Item	Agenda Detail	Minute	Action
1	Chairman's Welcome & Apologies for Absence	20 Members of the public present MT, PR, KW, LD & DS. Clerk to the Council. Meeting opened and Chairman welcomed all for attending. Apologies from MSDC & WSCC representatives. Item 6 moved forward for Rev Caroline Curren to speak on the future of the VH.	
2	Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7.58pm	
	<i>2.1 Questions from Members of the Public</i>	Tony Brooks (TB)– TB wrote to SDNP re: operation of the 28 days rule for the flight strip, however has no response to date. TB to send the Clerk a copy of the information sent so far, so she can chase this through. TB re: Pump House adjacent to the public house – SDNP were to take over responsibility for this issue, however no further correspondence has been received. Clerk to chase. TB updated Members on Broadband via WSCC . TB to keep the Clerk informed of any progress. Fly Tipping at David Elling (Farm) Bostal Area. Regular tipping area. Clerk to report. Bus Services Cuts – Bus cut issues. No 17 from A281. WSCC have not jetted the drains outside the Old Thatch. This issue is in need of attention. Roads – see previous minutes under signposting – ask why the roads were closed.	Clerk to chase the SDNP response re: Pump House. Clerk to chase the SDNP re flight strip. Clerk to chase the fly tipping issue. Bus Services Cuts – Bus cut issues. No 17 from A281. Clerk to investigate. WSCC have not jetted the drains outside the Old Thatch. This issue is in need of attention. Clerk to establish the latest contact at WSCC and let Tony Brooks know. Roads – see previous minutes under signposting – ask why the roads were closed.

	<i>2.2 To receive reports from MSDC Representative</i>	Apologies	
	<i>2.3 To receive report from WSCC Representative</i>	Apologies	
3	Declaration of Members Interests	Nil	
4	Approval of the minutes from the last Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 14th April 2011	Minutes approved by all and signed by the Chairman. .	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	Nil. It was noted the residents of Clappers Lane are pleased to see the signpost has been corrected.	

6	<p>Fulking Village Hall ‘The Future’ – An Update from Caroline Currer</p>	<p>The Chairman gave a brief update on the VH. The Chairman then introduced Rev Currer to brief the meeting in more detail. Rev Currer reported that the Hall belongs to the Parochial Church Council. The hall has been in disrepair for many years. Discussions have taken place regarding selling the site, or demolishing the building and rebuilding. The PCC were reluctant to sell the site commercially. A letter of intent was received by the PCC from residents proposing to develop the site and build a hall for the use in the village. It would be agreed that should this option there would be an agreement that the use is non-commercial gain and for development for the village. This is the current position and still under discussion. The Big Society encourages this type of work with communities. There would be a village trust in place should this option be chosen in order to ensure there are no commercial sales in the future.</p> <p>The ownership was registered without the deeds for the VH therefore whoever purchases the site would take out insurance in order to cover any Covenants issues.</p> <p>Suggestions took place regarding the possibility of the Church considering leasehold for the VH site.</p> <p>The PCC will aim to keep the village informed of the progress on this issue. The next steps are for the PCC to meet with the proposing group to discuss further.</p> <p>The next step should this proceed would be for a surveyor to come and inspect the site for advice. A proposal then goes to the dioceses of Finance for approval before going to solicitors.</p> <p>It was felt it was important to ensure the village have been consulted as part of this proposal.</p> <p>Discussions took place regarding historic ownership. The PC could not afford this in the past due to the costs involved.</p> <p>Thanks extended to Caroline Currer for attending the meeting this evening.</p>	<p>Update to the next PC meeting from a member of the PCC.</p>
7	<p>Planning 7.1 New Applications</p>	<p>No new applications to discuss</p>	
	<p>7.2 Recent Decisions of the Planning Authority</p>	<p>11/00344 Cannonberries - permitted</p>	

	7.3 Enforcement Issues		
	(i) Lower Kents	<p>Cllr Rowland updated: 2 buildings – one achieved retrospective planning. The second building required full planning permission; however there had been delays due to Elections and neighbourhood issues with consultation. MSDC thought there was no need for this application to go to committee, however, following lengthy discussions with our MSDC Cllrs we have managed to get this to go to committee. No date set yet.</p>	
	(ii) Market Garden	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8.15pm for Richard Linford to speak. The 5-year agreement expires on 26th Sept 2011 in order to give MSDC time to establish further information. Martin Small and Mike Bleakley – from SDNP are the Link Officers for MSDC, and have been involved in this issue. It would be key to continue with Mike Bleakley with this issue as the SDNP are not happy with the current situation. The owner is thought to be registered at the Withey Patch, so the 5 year agreement was due to the lack of availability to re-homing them. CLAG asked for support from the PC to work with MSDC to establish what has been worked on in the 5 years since this 5 year temporary planning was granted. The PC agreed this issue will be supported and will work with CLAG where required. The land is understood to be owned by the Hearne family. Cllr Dyos updated that the SDNP felt this was of significant issue, therefore will require further investigation. Meeting reconvened at 20.27pm</p>	<p>PC to chase the SDNP for their help in this matter as the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Bleakley (SDNP) request update 2. MSDC – what done on 5 years 3. Make sure the Parish is consulted fully on any further planning permission being considered. Have MSDC provided further places for Travellers as they were asked to? 4. Involved MSDC Cllrs. Land Registry search for the Lower Kent's lane.
	(iii) Old Pump House	<p>Previously known as smugglers walk. A mobile home was placed in situ in April, and subsequently the Enforcement Officers from MSDC completed a site visit.. There is a 6-8 week timescale currently for the removal of the mobile home, along with various building materials. There has been a history of Enforcement issues with this property.</p>	
8	Update on the following:		

	8.1 Backway	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8.30pm</p> <p>The Chairman updated everyone on this issue.</p> <p>It was noted there are more vehicles using the backway –access for 3 vehicles only had been agreed.</p> <p>This is a Bridleway, and should be 3 metres wide. This was subsequently corrected by another member of the meeting that the width should be 1 metre (approx. 3 feet). MSDC mentioned this stretch of land in their conservation survey. The SDNP has used this area with their photographs.</p> <p>It was noted there are no issues with lambs on this land.</p> <p>The Chairman informed members that this issue was not for the Parish Council and this should be discussed between the residents in the area.</p>	
	8.2 South Downs National Park	<p>Members are attending meetings throughout July, further updates will be made via Pigeon Post and further PC meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Dyos attended a recent SDNP Conference and the speakers have offered to attend a future PC meeting.</p> <p>Sustainable Communities Fund available via the SDNP communities within the SDNP. Richard Corner has also agreed to continue his liaison with the SDNP.</p>	
9	Chairman's Report	<p>Thanks to the PC for the support so far.</p> <p>Residents were reminded to be vigilant with crime around the village.</p> <p>The Village Action Plan – to be delivered with this week's Pigeon Post.</p> <p>Thanks to all those who have worked on the Action Plan.</p> <p>The PC will continue to monitor the use of Microlights.</p> <p>The PC plan to have a regular slot in PP entitled 'Parish Matters'.</p> <p>This will give an update on the relevant issues from PC meetings and anything else the parish may be interested in.</p>	
10	Highways/Footpaths/Rights of Way	No further updates.	
11	Finance Report <i>Approve Payment Schedule for 7.7.11</i> <i>Update on Year End Accounts</i>	See report issued	

12	Notice Board <i>To discuss the possibility of a new notice board for the Parish Council</i>	Cllr Dyos stated that the current notice board is in need of repair and is too small'. Clerk to look into the costs of a new notice board.	Clerk to look into the costs of a new notice board.
13	Members Information/ Questions and Meetings Attended	Nil. The Chairman informed Members that the cut off for the Agenda will be one week in advance of the meeting. Village Fair on 31.7.11 from 12noon Cllr Dyos requested books/Cd for the fair to be taken to her in advance of the date. Tombola items to Mr & Mrs Rowland. Concerns have been mentioned to Cllr Watson regarding the control of dogs around the access land in order to protect nesting birds. 1 st of March to 31 st July. Information is on the National England Website.	Parish Matters for PP – Information relating to dogs.
14	Next Meeting Date	Thursday 6 th October 2011 at 7.30pm Meeting closed at 9pm	

Signed _____ Date: _____