

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on 10th January 2013 held 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.
8 members of the public

- 1. Chairman welcomed** the members of the public and opened the meeting at 7.30pm
- 2. Apologies.** None
- 3. Declaration of Interest:** Chairman Kate Watson declared an interest in the Broadreeds planning appeal.
- The minutes of the previous meeting held 11th October 2012 having been previously circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

Planning

Market Garden

PC wrote to MP Nick Herbert to ask for his help with regard to the traveller site in Fulking. Replies were received from both Nick Herbert and Paul Williams in the Department for Communities and Local Government. Both stated that they could not comment on individual cases, but re-iterated that it is on the Government's agenda to tackle the lack of sites for travellers. Nick Herbert has written to the Chief Executive of MSDC and the Secretary of State and will be in touch when he receives their replies.

The PC feels that the way forward is to keep in regular touch with MSDC about the ongoing progress with regards to the commitment to establish more sites for travellers in the area. The PC will be contacting them in the near future to discuss points raised at the meeting in August. (Clerk)

Old Pump House

Recent activity has been reported. The PC has been advised that the owner can do pretty much what she wants until 17th April 2013 when she has to move out of the property. They then have until 17th May 2013 to clear the property. The PC has made a note in the diary to chase MSDC with regards to the enforcement order after that date. (Clerk)

Lower Kents

The PC will be contacting Steven King for an update on this property as nothing appears to be happening. (Clerk)

Pam and Kate attended a meeting in November on the development of the SDNP Management Plan. It was hoped that there would be some useful information on planning policy, but in reality it was about the SDNP 'vision for the future'.

Planning applications

Vicky Lyndon has suggested that the PC be provided with a laptop to download plans and then circulate or have a pre-planning meeting to discuss the application. Paper plans are not an option. The PC will continue to view plans online on personnel computers.

A reminder that any planning applications can be found on the SDNP website even though they may be dealt with by Mid Sussex.

Highways

A fourth meeting in five months was held with Tim Boxall & Gulu Sibanda from WSCC on November 7th to try and resolve some of the issues. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we have received no updates on actions since then.

Shepherd & Dog

A request for further concrete banking has been resubmitted and a date for the works has yet to be confirmed.

Ladybrook Spring

More substantial temporary fencing has been placed around the spring, until it can be replaced with permanent wooden fencing.

Four Acres Corner

No date has been given for the size of the sump to be increased. Once the work has been done the PC have agreed to monitor the results.

Clappers Lane

A request has been made for the banking to be scraped back, once this has been done it will be up to the owners to maintain.

Highways arranged for the ditches to be cleared and asked the PC to write to landowners/residents requesting them to maintain this in the future. The PC sent letters as requested and put a small article in the PP.

Clappers Lane is due to be closed due to road repairs on 22nd February for 6 days. A round robin will be sent out reminding everybody of this nearer the time. (Kate)

Potholes in Fulking and Poynings – one has been repaired Please do not wait for someone else to report it, but ring 01243 642105 to report. Details of this number will be put in PP and on the website. (Clerk)

Preston Nomads

Five out of the six parking spaces have been taken- the invoices will be set out soon. If anybody is interested in taking up the sixth space, please contact the clerk.

Footpath 4f

There has been no change since the last meeting. The PC will be advised when the consultation period begins.

Community bus

A donation of £100 was received with thanks .

Fountain

The bollard in front of the fountain has now been fixed back in place.

Training courses

The Clerk attended a Networking day in November which was useful to make contacts to help with the Working With Your Council training course.

Winter Management

The winter management plan is now in place and posted on the website and published in the PP and on the noticeboard. The clerk will advise the PC of bad weather and a round robin will be sent to all residents to advise of bad weather.

Councillor vacancy

The PC still has a vacancy so please do ask around.

6. Report from Councillor Peter Griffiths .

The agenda was moved on as Councillor Griffiths had not arrived. He arrived after the close of the meeting due to bad traffic.

7. Broadreeds Planning Appeal

Chairman Kate Watson asked to be excused from discussions on this item.

A discussion was held and the PC agreed the following:-

- The PC has concern that in spite the number of objections against the application, the applicants still feel it appropriate to appeal.
- That the Inspectorate needs to visit the site so that he will see that the photo's of the bridleway are misleading. It is not made up beyond Thatchley, that it is in a poor state due to flooding and that extra traffic will deteriorate the bridleway further.
- Parking and turning will be a problem as there is not enough space.

- The new building will create light and noise pollution. (Para 5.11)
- It will be a new build for a new purpose.
- Activity from the holiday let will be modest, this cannot be guaranteed as future owners may see things differently. (Para 5.13)
- More people/vehicles will cause more noise and this will be detrimental to the neighbours.
- The PC would reiterate the points made at the planning meeting on 28th August 2012.

8. North Town Field (NTF)

The outgoings for NTF need to be looked into.

The PC is happy to continue to fund the mowing of the field, general maintenance and conduct playground inspections. However, tree work would no longer be funded from the precept. The trip hazard has been repaired, and the moss will be looked at in the spring. Tony Brooks has offered to look at the gate lock. The name of the bin manufactures will be looked into at the next playground inspection. Further discussions will take place with regards to the bins.

The fencing will need to be looked at as it appears to be loose at the bottom in places.

The PC to put up a disclaimer notice to be used at own risk? (Kate)

A notice to be put in PP asking for help with the playground inspection rota. (Clerk)

9. Village Clean Up

The date of the Village clean up will be Sunday 24th March 2013 10am onwards.

Details will be placed on website in PP and on noticeboard (Clerk)

10. Ladybrook spring

Following on from an article in PP, a couple of people have expressed an interest in making a feature of the spring . The PC has asked for estimates and this will be chased up. West Sussex have indicated that they maybe able to help with some funding for this. (Clerk)

11. Finances

The following payment was agreed and cheques signed

100589 Clerk's salary & expenses £934.77

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

The quarterly bank reconciliation was checked and signed.

12. Budget & Precept

The council has not capped Town or Parish Council's precept for the financial year 2013/14.

Two budgets were prepared and circulated, one with a 15% rise and the other 12.1% rise on a D band property. The latter does not include the community bus donation or APM catering. After a discussion it was agreed to accept a budget of £7303- a 15% increase. This will enable the reserves to be maintained, as the budget may be capped in future years. The precept is about 3% of the main council tax bill.

A precept of £7303 will be requested to enable the PC to maintain the reserves.

Once approved, details of the breakdown will be posted on the website. (Clerk)

13. Crime update

The community support officer for the area has changed as yet nobody has been assigned to Fulking. The Police supplied the following information about crimes specific to rural areas

- Scrap metal
- Burglaries, please be vigilant as there was a burglary last week.
- Cycle theft
- Vehicle damage

14. Comments from the floor

The safety of trees on the bank to the left of Stammers Hill . The PC will look into who owns the land. (Clerk)

Defibrillator training to be held in the village hall on the 12th and 19th January at 9.30am

15. Dates of the next meetings

The meeting dates for 2013 were agreed as April 11th July 11th and October 10th. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2013

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

Signed.....Date.....

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