

## Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Village Hall, Fulking

**Present:** Chairman Miles Firth, Councillors Kate Watson, Linda Dyos and Mark Hind, Clerk to the Council Derek Blackhall, MSD Councillor John Wilkinson, and 7 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Vice Chairman Mr Michael Trist, MSD Councillors Colin Trumble and Anthony Watt Williams, and WSC Councillor Peter Griffiths.

**Please will all Councillors or district/county council representatives** ensure that they notify the Clerk of any possible non-attendance, ideally 24hrs before the meeting.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July having been previously **circulated**, were taken as **read, approved** and **signed** by the Chairman.

### 2. Matters Arising:

**2.1 North Town field.** We still await quotes for tree maintenance. **Action ???**

**2.2 Projector.** Agreed to proceed with this purchase (approximately £300) **Action Miles to identify actual model, Clerk to order.**

**3. Highways** Awaiting 4 quotes from Edburtons for **Clappers Lane drainage** issues-there may be a two-week closure to complete the work.

#### **Gullies/Drains**

As usual, any problems/blockages must be reported to <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/Reports> or **01243 642105**. Please pass info to the PC for its records.

The Parish Council must be informed of highways/flooding issues for them to follow up; please send incident numbers to the Parish Clerk. Richard Speller has an interest here.

### 4. Reports from WSCC & MSDC.

4.1 Nothing available from WSCC.

4.2 MSDC-John Wilkinson reported:

- MSDC are terminating their agreement to provide planning services for the SDNP with effect from 31 March, 2017. A hard copy of the letter explaining the decision was left with the Clerk as the Parish were unaware of its existence. Apparently the SDNP Chichester office will process our local planning applications in future. It is unclear whether MSDC will still input to planning applications; or the effect of this relative to the MSDC or SDNP Neighbourhood plans potential (housing?) change demands levied on the Parish Council. **Colin agreed to investigate and report back.** Action Colin Wilkinson. There are Parish concerns regarding both the handover and future functionality of the changes; also who the new contact points will be. Action Clerk to investigate. It may also be appropriate to raise the matter at the SDNP meeting on 23 November if it is still unclear. **Action Mark/Derek.**

- Pondial Wood is proving difficult to sell-probably due to the substantial underlying reinstatement costs.
- The MS District Plan was submitted for inspection on 15<sup>th</sup> August and there is hope for a first hearing before Christmas; perhaps final approval by May/June 2017.
- In respect of the 3 Counties devolution bid, a result may be forthcoming in six months' time. In terms of scope, it involves some £300M/annum for 30 years and this should produce a £9BN contribution towards the current £40Bn deficit; and that if approved would provide a welcome improvement over the current situation.

5. The meeting was suspended at 8.15 to allow comments from the floor:

-worries were expressed regarding developers obtaining planning permission whilst no approved MSDC/SDNP or FPC Neighbourhood Plans existed. It was agreed to look at Albourne, Twineham, and Bolney Plans (**Action Clerk to circulate**) and convene a separate meeting before Christmas to consider our position/strategy going forward.

-An offer was kindly made, and accepted, to receive a spare projector screen from a resident.

The meeting reconvened at 8.21.

## 6. Other matters.

6.1 A working party is to be convened to **maintain Ladybrook Spring** **Action Michael**

6.2A meeting has been held in respect of the '**4 parishes' Neighbourhood Plan** proposal. It was noted this would only provide nominal protection as there was no agreed housing plan in existence. It was agreed Fulking P C would not to participate in this initiative.

6.3 In respect of **Edburton Drainage** it was agreed to compose a letter to Richard Speller **Action Michael to compose and circulate for agreement.**

6.4 Miles will update and circulate the **village action plan** to be agreed at the next meeting.

6.5 In respect of **Clappers lane increased traffic** it was noted that

-more and bigger lorries visited Preston Nomads in the cricket season and that they were actively considering possible alternatives

-**Mark will contact WSCC** regarding signage options at each end

-there is nothing the Parish Council can do regarding Clappers Lane residents parking in the street

-in respect of satnavs actually guiding traffic into Clappers Lane, **Miles will look at alternative possibilities.**

7. **Additional transparency funding** has been applied for and we await the outcome.

8. The outcome of the potential **WSCC funding for the area West of Ladybrook Spring**, the outcome seems to be we did not rank high enough to secure funding. It was agreed to consider possible alternative sources (SDNP/grants/MSDC/own very limited reserves-and obtain confirmation no other WSCC sources of funding exist). **Action Clerk**

9. It was noted that the **NTF dog bin proposal** had been rejected by the Trustees, but that since it appears they did not have all of the available views of residents in the immediate vicinity, it should reappear on our next agenda. Action Clerk MSDC to be notified we only require one Clappers Lane bin at present. **Action Clerk.**

**Post meeting note:** The NTF Trustees have now decided they do want the dog bin-MSDC have been notified by the Clerk

10. **Kate is to lead** on the draft **SDNP survey** response.
11. **Miles is to lead** on any further **mailing list developments** and it was agreed it is working quite well.
12. All of the **revised Parish procedures** presented were approved and will now be updated on the website. **Action Miles.**

### 13. Financial matters

#### 13.1 The following cheques have been processed since the last PC meeting

Date	Description	Cheque No.	£
07/2016	E on direct debit	012901574940A	37.40
14/07/2016	D Blackhall net pay & expenses	100675	748.60
14/07/2016	HMRC income tax	100676	165.80
14/07/2016	M S Assoc of Local Councils	100677	10.00
05/08/2016	Kate Watson mileage & APM food	100678	53.00
05/08/2016	CLCC subscription	100179	118.00
01/08/2016	Mark Stepney grass cutting	100662	360.00
•	Emergency blank cheques given to Kate Watson at this meeting	100684/5/6	

- **NB** Advance email acceptance must be obtained from the Parish Clerk in all cases **before** using an emergency cheque in order to ensure full financial compliance

whilst ensuring as far as possible suppliers are paid in the month the invoice is received-this meets SSALC best practice advice.

**13.2 The draft precept for 2017/18**, relative to the 2016/17 forecast outturn was discussed, and it is currently proposed that it will increase by 2% next year. The Clerk emphasised that as formal approval to the final bid must take place at the January meeting, we need to see specific proposals before Christmas in respect of NTF play area and tree works in 2016/17.

14. The P C approved the following **proposed dates of 2017 meetings**: 12<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> July, and 12<sup>th</sup> October. APM/AGM 4<sup>th</sup> May; all at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at 9.16pm**

**Signed.....**  
**Minute 10/2016**

**Date.....**