

**Minutes of the Fulking Parish Council  
Ordinary Meeting  
held in the Village Hall, Fulking  
on Thursday 12 January 2012 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Vice Chairman Ms K. Watson, Councillors Ms L. Dyos, Mrs P. Rowland and Mr M. Trist and Temporary Clerk to the Council Mrs Sheena Trist. Nineteen members of the public were present.

**Apologies for Absence:** Dr D. Slavin

**Declaration of Interest:** None

The Vice Chairman welcomed Mrs Trist and explained that she was acting as temporary clerk until a new one was appointed and that Mr Rowland would handle financial matters in the meantime.

**Matters Arising**

Standing Orders	The previous parish council had voted and agreed to change the start time of the PC meetings to 7.30 - the Standing Orders have now been amended to reflect this.
Preston Nomads	A link from the PC website has been added.
Planning	<p>Lower Kents – planning application is currently pending as MSDC have been waiting for clarification of proposed use. This has recently been received and the PC is now awaiting a decision.</p> <p>Market Garden – a new application has been received to remain on site and for a day/utility room. The PC has objected strongly to this. The application is currently being considered. On 11 January 2012, the PC were advised that the SDNPA is not going to call in this application and is leaving the decision to Mid Sussex. The PC would object to this and ask the SDNP to reconsider their decision.</p> <p>Old Pump House – applicants have gone to appeal against enforcement order, MSDC have objected. Parish Council has sent letter to Planning Inspectorate to support the MSDC in their objection.</p> <p>The PC has been in contact with MSDC Planning Department over these three sites and invited a member of both MSDC planning and SDNPA to attend the PC meeting (or set another date convenient to them) but they both refused on the grounds that these are 'live' applications. They however invited members of the PC to attend a meeting at the council offices to answer any further questions.</p> <p>With regard to an application being called to committee, the rules have recently changed and where an application used to be called in if six or more objections were received, it is now dependent on the planning officer's discretion (or on it being called in by a councillor)</p>
Village Hall	Further to a public meeting being held on 10 December 2011, a Working Committee has been formed and they were now leading this project.
Highways	<p>Letters were sent and articles published in Pigeon Post about speeding.</p> <p>Jo Cairns has agreed to monitor the grit bin at top of Clappers Lane.</p> <p>Flooding – Tony Brooks has asked residents close to the Shepherd and Dog to call Highways to report flooding as and when necessary as the problem is still on going. MSDC are considering adding kerbing here. Tony also in contact with Highways regarding ruts at the northern end of Clappers Land and will report the blocked culvert at The Sands, as this is causing water to run across the road.</p> <p>Stiles, Concrete Road. Previous Clerk did not action this point, Mrs Rowland has spoken to David Elin who said that he is hoping for grant from WSCC and if/when received, he will then make all stiles dog-friendly.</p> <p>One stile crossing by Linda Comber's onto Mr Gort-Barten's land has been done.</p>



	Footpath 4df – Mr Gort-Barten moved a footpath. Margaret Rawlings (Brook House) spoken to John Pirks, Rights of Way officer at Chichester. He is aware of it but it is not priority as access is still available to members of the public. He will be looking into it at some point.
	Finger post junction Clappers Lane/The Street – funding has now been received.
Parish Clerk	Jenny Hartly, who was appointed to take over from Paula Hazard in April, has now resigned. Sheena Trist is holding the fort until new Clerk is appointed. Vacant post is being advertised with SALC, on website and in PPost, and going into February edition of BN5 Magazine. Sheena will invoice for hours worked (£10 hour) at end of her tenure. New Clerk will be interviewed by a panel made up of Trevor Leggo from SALC, Chairman of PC and two other PC members.
Annual Parish Meeting	The date for the APM was set for 3 May, commencing 7.30 pm. Invitations to speak would be sent to Mid Sussex Planning and SDNP and invitations to attend would be sent to District Councillors, Poynings, Albourne and Woodmancote parish councils, and Charlie Cain from the National Trust. Wine and nibbles would be provided (Pam and Kate), normal budget of £50 to cover this.
Notice Board	Made by Peter Jones at Nettledown, will be installed 13 January. As the village hall is staying for the time being, don't have to look for a new site. Grant has been applied for through CLC (Sussex County Local Committee, which offers community grants) who are meeting on 12 Jan so hope to hear soon, Clerk to chase if we don't hear within a couple of weeks.
Ram Pump House	Letter received in June 2011 from National Trust to say they would consider taking over the Ram Pump House. This was followed up and a reply was received in November to say that any acquisition is a lengthy process, but the Ram Pump House is still 'on the list'. National Trust promised to get their surveyor/carpenter to have a look at the door – Clerk to chase.
Financial Matters	Interim Audit, cheque list and cheque stubbs signed off by Ms Watson and Ms Dyos.  Precept for 2012/13 set at £6,344, a 3.26% increase, as agreed at meeting held on 8 December 2011. Clerk to advise MSDC of this.
<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>	
North Town Field	Play Area. Foster Playscapes have not been sending in reports. Mrs Rowland has spoken to ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) who say we don't need to use a company as they do an annual check, and as long as someone is doing a regular check this will suffice. Tony Brooks kindly agreed to do regular checks. Clerk to write to Foster Playscapes to terminate agreement.  Mowing. Mrs Rowland spoken to Mark Stepney – he is happy to do it again this year, at the same price. Clerk to write thank you letter to Mr Stepney
Dates Next Meetings	2012 – 12 April, 12 July, 11 October. 2013 – 10 January

Members of the audience were invited to bring items to the attention of the PC. General discussions held regarding Market Garden site and how to bring it to the attention of MPs Nick Herbert, Caroline Spellman and Eric Pickles. PC to ask WSCC Gypsy Liaison Officers on availability of alternative gypsy sites. Mr Linford thanked the PC for all their hard work at this particularly difficult time.

The meeting closed at 20.10.

Signed: K R Watson (Chairman) Date: 12/14/12