

## **Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Village Hall, Fulking**

**Present:** Chairman Miles Firth, Vice Chairman Mr Michael Trist (part), Councillors Kate Watson, Linda Dyos and Mark Hind, Clerk to the Council Derek Blackhall, MSD Councillor Colin Trumble, WSC Councillor Peter Griffiths, and 15 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

**Apologies:** None. **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:** Mark Hind declared an interest in 1 cheque to be signed.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 having been previously **circulated**, were taken as **read, approved** and **signed** by the acting Chairman.

### **2. Matters Arising:**

**2.1 Clappers Lane increased traffic**-The width of lane at southern end could be slightly increased offering more safety for cars occasionally parked there - see item 8.3. Cost needs to be evaluated; but no available cash from MSDC; WSCC Highways can supply the materials if FPC pay for the installation.

**2.2 Clappers Lane SATNAV**-The speed and HGV suitability have been reported to the two main sources of Satnav data; issues can be reported via Google; the more complaints the better.

**2.3 Clappers Lane Unsuitable for HRVs sign**-the new sign was installed but has gone missing; this is a criminal offence for reporting to the police; a consultation is to take place with WSCC regarding a possible replacement. **Action: Mark**

**2.4 Additional grit bin updates**-a new bin has been installed at the bottom of Clappers Lane, and the damaged bin at Stammers Hill has been replaced.

**2.5 Development/Planning transfer to SDNPA**-the SDNPA Data Manager will speak at the AGM in May; he has already been met to discuss the planning changeover-this was a good meeting and we now have a contacts list.

**2.6 Ladybrook Spring maintenance update**-imminent. **Action: Michael**

**2.7 Drainage along Edburton Road**-ongoing. **Action: Michael**

**2.8 Proposed parking measures West of Lady Brook Spring**-There are no WSCC funds available; David at the pub will be asked about the quotes he was seeking, and the new WSC Councillor will be approached after being appointed regarding possible 'personally approved funding'. **Action: Mark**

**2.9 Hillside bridle path drainage**-continue to monitor.

**2.10 Flooding on Poynings Road & 'the Deans'**-ongoing. **Action: Michael**

**2.11 Transparency funding**-we await application instructions from SSALC. **Action: Derek**

### 3. Highways

#### **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 In **MSDC**, the ongoing District Plan discussions are paramount as the submission included 800 houses per annum (excluding the SDNP area) but the Inspector requires 1026 (this equates to 17442 additional houses) in order to cover for the Crawley and Brighton shortfalls. There are a lot of constraints to consider.

The SDNPA Plan is envisaged to be submitted in October 2017 and adopted in July 2018. Mayfield homes-MSDC and local MPs do not want this; and they do not have any land in any case. Following the Planning transfer to SDNPA, Colin said MSDC ward members are still available for advice.

The SDNPA Plan is awaited in respect of gypsy sites allocations.

4.2 **WSCC**-Peter Griffiths thanked FPC for excellent co-operation over the years; and FPC thanked Peter for his support and wished him well in retirement.

### 5. Comments from the floor:

-The SD ranger has been consulted regarding 'the Deans' ongoing monitoring.

The meeting was suspended 7.47 and a presentation was made to Tony Brookes who is leaving the Parish. He was thanked for many years of proactive FPC efforts, both as a Councillor and also as a resident attending many PC meetings.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.51.

### 6. Planning

SDNP/17/01505/HOUS | Demolition of existing conservatory and part of ground floor.  
Construction of extension to the ground floor. Removal of existing roof and construction of new pitched roof with accommodation at first floor level. Demolition of existing summerhouse | Hillbrook Clappers Lane Fulking BN5 9NH

The following points were discussed:

- The site's visibility from the South Downs and Clappers Lane
- Not in keeping with local housing - no other chalet style properties in Fulking
- The standard of overall design is a concern.
- Not good quality building materials
- Acknowledged that while the site would not be over developed; and some site improvement is still needed if approved (e.g. garages).
- This application appears rather 'rushed', and needs further consideration to be optimised.
- These issues (and others) conflict with the Mid Sussex and SDNP Local Plans in respect of quality of design, materials and maintenance of views / landscape appearance.

The resulting vote was 3 objections and 1 neutral to the application.

## **7. Other matters.**

**7.1 Playground quotes**-In addition to the original bid of £1100 for painting; the Chairman reported he now has separate quotes from an alternate supplier of £630 for painting along with £404 for post renewal. The latter quotes were approved by FPC.

**7.2 Operation Watershed**-WSCC have awarded FPC £17,000 for works at the top of Clappers Lane, Preston Nomads, opposite Sands, and by Hillbrook. The Parish council voted to proceed with Edburtons. In respect of flooding at the bottom of Clappers lane, it was felt the drains may be insufficient-in which case we can apply for further funding.

**7.3** In respect of **the AGM/APM** it was agreed to provide up to £50 for refreshments.

**7.4 Neighbourhood Plan**-is largely about housing in the case of FPC, and after discussion (bearing in mind FPC is within the SDNP), it was felt on balance that to proceed would involve a disproportionate amount of effort and funding.

## **8.0 Clappers Lane issues**

**8.1 Richard Speller** is fully involved in all discussions.

**8.2 Preston Nomads** have agreed to sort their entrance issues, but currently have a budget issue.

**8.3** Discussions are in progress regarding possible **kerb and road widening**; but of itself, this does not create additional parking spaces, but still recommended for health and safety reasons. MSDC own the verges-and could lease them to FPC to maintain-however we would need to be very clear on the additional funding required.

8.4 It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would convene a separate **public** meeting in order for all affected to air their views on the best way(s) forward.

## 9. Financial matters

9.1 The following cheques have been processed since the last PC meeting

DATE	Description	Cheque No.	£
23/01/17	E on direct debit	012901574940A	43.90
13/01/17	Street Lights-repair	100690	158.40
13/01/17	Mark Hind-signs, grit bin	100691	205.33
19/02/17	Sussex Tree Surgeons-NTF work	100685	1158.00
02/03/17	SSALC-spring conference	100692	48.00
	Total		£1613.63

- **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.

**Meeting closed at 9.05pm.**

**Signed..... Date..... Minute 6/2017**

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