



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 14th November 2023 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP) and Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS).

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO) and DCllr D Stewart-Roberts

Absent: CCllr S Osborne

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1. To accept apologies for absence
 - None – SO not in attendance
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - None
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 9th October 2023
 - Unanimously approved – chair signed to that effect.
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Clerk advised on report distributed prior to the meeting and is published to the website.
 - Email from Elivia Homes had been received regarding the build outs and he advised that it could not be readdressed as this would be amendment to the plan and resubmission. Exhibition taking place on Monday 27th November at the village hall 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Reserve Matters are out now – can PPC comment on the Reserves Matters? **Clerk to ask planning.**
 - Clerk requested a meeting with Southern Water to attend the PC meeting but no response. Clerk to keep on at SW. County Cllr and District Cllr to make contact with SW as well.



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5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
 - Cllr DSR – main is Eton news – positive that LDC decided not to include in local plan unless evidence can prove otherwise. LPP2 consultation will encourage people to get involved and comment on it.
 - Don't urbanise Hamsey campaign has been formed
 - Leigh Palmer – not heard from Devine due to covenant issue (field north of the police house)
 - Enforcement officer at Rectory Meadow – confirmed temporary structures are not the height of the actual build.
 - Good meeting with Racecourse. Have extended lease for a significant period. Codes for race days where local residents can get a reduced entry fee.
 - Flexibus service – recently tightened up their system that overlaps with Compass Bus service. Compass Bus – encouraged to update their timetable as improved times especially on a Saturday.
 - Work with SO and DSR in getting Southern Water to meet.
 - NB advised met with college on how to get them involved within parish. DRS is meeting with college in Jan.

6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
 - MoP – aired his frustrations over the second Southern Water (SW) road closure. Compensation for the shop with the road being closed?
Cllr GP - Need a permanent solution required by Southern Water. Clerk to keep on with arranging a meeting.
 - NB has years of letters and emails to collate and record.
 - Planning legislation allows SW to state they are prepared to make foul system suitable for a prospective development even if the current system isn't adequate and Southern Water do nothing
 - MoP met with Cllr RJ and Cllr JB about the no smoking around the vicinity of the pavilion. No one will take any notice of it. All three walked around the perimeter to find somewhere for the smoking to take place. There is nowhere for a cigarette bin to be placed and now a sign will have to be erected as PPC need to follow the Fire Risk Assessment Report. PPC cannot police. **Clerk to arrange signage.**

7. To approve the minutes of the planning committee held on 2nd November 2023
 - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.

8. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

LW/23/0659
Kilwarren Station Road, Plumpton BN7 3BU
Replacement single storey rear extension and conversion of internal garage with alteration to fenestration and associated landscaping (resubmission of LW/22/0765)

Decision: No comment



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Laines Cottage, Plumpton Lane Plumpton East Sussex BN7 3AJ

Variation of Condition 2 (plans) related to Planning Approval SDNP/22/02147/HOUS to include various minor changes and replacement of existing clay tiles with black timber cladding.

Decision: No comment

Applications needing approval before the next meeting and after agenda publication.

SDNP/23/04597/REM

Plumpton College, Ditchling Road BN7 3AE

Reserved matters application with regard to appearance, landscaping and scale relating to SDNP/22/05768/CND

Decision: No comment

Clerk to send the planning document on what you can comment on – send to Cllr NDS and Cllr GP. – **Clerk to action**

To note approved/refused applications from local authority.

- Nothing to note

9. Correspondence

- 16. Complaint from a resident re contractor parking – Clerk explained.
- 18. Percy's Patch – S Akers – PPC have put it on the list to speak to the College.
- 28. Cllr NS request for a wedding on a Tuesday who will be gone by 8pm. No preparation and a request that they didn't want to pay the £980 for a wedding – looked at it and to charge the hirer rates just short of £400. Approved. One regular booking costing £11. PPC meeting that night – NB said to have meeting at the Racecourse. **Clerk to action**
- Cllr NDS – correspondence re Nolands – NB was talking to resident about the build out as concerned for safety of pedestrians.
- Fountain Inn is now open.

10. Finance Committee

Cllr PB reported - Budget discussion – will come before you next month.

Cllr PB Went through expenditure items – couple of additions

VH Initial £49.21

J Donovan £33.91

PF - £59.82 initial

SDF Pest Control £127

J Brown - £3.48



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PPC ESALC £48.00

- a. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules. – Unanimously adopted
- b. To adopt year to date accounts. – lines to note – charge for the passing places and manhole cover had been moved from PF account to PPC from CIL. VH – noted income on a straight line basis slightly under – Hallmaster system forecasts income of £28,250 by year end. Unanimously adopted.
- c. To adopt combined bank reconciliations – all tallied – unanimously adopted.

- d. To consider/approve four additional urban cuts of £513 with ES Highways.
 - Unanimously approved
- e. Update from CIL presentation held on 6th November.
 - Had a brief discussion – advice received to get moving and if we have a project in mind – get the ball rolling. LDC very happy to help with process.
 - Cllr NB/NS and Clerk were at the ESALC conference today and Action in Rural Sussex can help with community projects.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllrs NB and NDS are meeting with Landacre, the developers for Riddens – whilst there has been a notice of approval of reserved matters, PPC are still awaiting clarity on the drainage and access strategy and other outstanding conditions
- NB, GP and NDS met with Wealden Group
- Cllrs NDS/GP attended LDC Strategy for the local plan – very important that everyone comments on the consultation, not just the planning part but all elements of proposed Local Plan as this affects all residents. Planning Liaison group to arrange a meeting with local and district councillors and interested parties to work collectively on a strategy to combat policy.

12. To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.

Cllr RJ – Nothing to report.
Bags of sand by archery container needs removing.
Path round pavilion crumbling
Loose slabs – on JB list
VH a couple of items
All in hand

13. Update on broadband fibre optic community scheme and actions.



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- Nothing to report

14. To approve parish handyman job description and rate of pay and agree where to advertise.

- Clerk issued the details prior to the meeting a few amendments to make but overall Unanimously approved. **Clerk to action**

15. Committee/Working Group Reports

i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Congratulations to the Monday Group for their accolade.
- Contact Trevor Leggo – PSCO not been seen in the parish for sometime. **Clerk to action.**

ii. Allotments update

- No update – very wet.

iii. Update from Cllr NS/Clerk on the ESALC AGM

- Attended ESALC AGM and conference. Presentations from AIRs, Steve Tilbury planning consultant, ES Highways regarding budget and potholes and introduce Balfour Beatty the new contractors.

iv. To agree PPC should start the process with ESCC Highways to apply for a 40mph speed limit on Station Road, north of the 30mph zone to the Plough, along South Road and along St Helena Lane to Parish Boundary.

- Agreed to start the process for a 40mph limit. **Cllr NB to action**

v. Percy's Patch - clean up and gate repair/replacement. Approach College as part of the integration with College and the Parish. 1st week of December to meet with the college.

f. Village Hall

i. Update on management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath

- Cllr NS - Fred has cleared all of the area and looks really good. Make sure keep on top of it.
- Cllr NDS – litter clear up required. Fred hoped to use the old mulch and make pathways but the weather was against him. Speak to college about landscaping work and get wildlife group to take a look at it. Cllr NS reported some areas of pathways at VH are waterlogged – Jane was



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going to speak to Simon Bull to see if gravel from Saxon Gate could be removed from that.

- ii. Update on building assessment.
 - Nothing received. **Clerk to chase.**
- iii. To discuss/consider fencing around pond – originally approved at finance committee level but queried if actually required. To be discussed.
 - This was agreed already at finance committee level. However, questions were raised why it was necessary. Partly fenced next to track due to track being narrow. Clear signage and two more lifebuoys. Agreed. **Clerk to arrange.**
 - Inside VH – problem with the state of the rack of tables that need cleaning. Have a willing teenager who will be supervised by the parent. VH to pay £10 per rack (5 racks to do). In principle agreed.
 - JD and Cllr NS have come up with a £500 a year to refresh the rooms, up to date quotes for the WC's. All for budget.

g. Playing Field/Pavilion

- i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.
 - Noted.
- ii. Junior Football update regarding overgrown area

Grateful for the size of the area – not playable this season. Needs further work and cut.
How many weeks of cancellations for Junior FC – Clerk to check agreement.
Clerk to action
- iii. To agree actions on fire assessment report

JB – sort the smoke seal on doors. All other works are in progress
- iv. To note UKPN request for easement
 - Clerk advised of the usual procedure all noted by Council – **Clerk to action**
- v. Update from Cllr JB on pavilion cladding

Cllr JB reported - Covered the area where cladding has taken off. Nothing inside cladding for anything to fix to. Honeybees and changing room is ex channel tunnel building. Bar area is previous classroom and in reasonable condition. JB to sort nails etc.



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Looked at fire escape floor in HB room – unable to physically see underneath. Spoke to Tina who remembers what was done at that time. The floor joists in corner – jacked up and bolted new joists to old joists. Cant access underneath. It was agreed to find interested parties who can sit on the working party, Clerk to look at other pavilions recently constructed. Ansty/Barcombe. Clerk to put on FB – pavilion working group work to meet towards the end of January 2024 with users etc and MoP's

- vi. To ban smoking at KGV field noting unable to police.
- See MoP's questions above
- vii. To discuss/consider/approve Foster Landscapes quotes for playpark inspections/playpark repairs and passing places ideas
- Clerk presented Council prior to the meeting with the quotes from Fosters. It was unanimously agreed for Planters to be made by them for the passing places and playpark work on replacing 4 swing seats, post in the sandpit, sand down one of the climbing frame logs and give the swing frames a lick of paint. Unanimously approved.
Clerk to action.

16. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

17. Communications/Website

- Discuss with Louise – distribution list and meeting on 27th November with Elivia Homes to go on website. Pavilion working group. Information gathering meeting.

18. Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and/or to be included in future meetings

- Christmas tree being delivered on 30th November and Cllr JB and Cllr NS to sort.
 - Cllr NB reported some Cllr's met with the College and PPC thought they would have a community involvement. It was agreed that the way forward would be for the Principle to bring selected staff discuss how PPC can engage together.
 - Clerk to speak to the Fountain Inn.

Meeting Closed: 22:15

Dates of next meetings:

12th December 2023 – Finance Committee 19:00 – PPC 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 20/11/2023



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Anita Emery'.