

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2021 REMOTELY BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mrs T Mugridge Mr A Palin and Mrs C Steggle, 1 member of the public, Mrs C Marsh (Clerk)

Due to the current pandemic, The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on 4th April 2020. The regulations provide Councils with the power to hold their Council and Committee meetings remotely, by electronic means, between 4th April 2020 and 6th May 2021.

- 151 Apologies Mr O O’Grady

- 152 Public Participation Mr Mugridge asked to speak with regard to planning application (DM/20/2292). He explained that this was the third time of submitting this planning application and that there were two issues: 1) the removal of the holly bush; 2) the bank being changed to the garden. He advised that a native hedge will be planted in front of the fence and gabion cages and this will comprise of holly, beech and hornbeam. He felt it would tidy up that part of Lion Lane and advised that the neighbours had no objections.

- 153 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Mrs Mugridge declared a personal interest in Item 7 of the agenda relating to planning application DM/20/2292, 1 Mountfield Court, Lion Lane. Mrs Mugridge took no part in the discussion or decision but did not leave the room.

- 154 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman had nothing to report this month but wanted to say, keep well.

- 155 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

- 156 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk
The Estate have asked for confirmation of the location of the broken stiles near the allotments and will organise either their repair or replacement.
Following the Council’s submission on supporting the improvements to the recreation play area and advising of the damaged fence, MSDC have confirmed they have raised the concern and this will be looked at as part of their normal maintenance.
Mrs Mugridge asked if the Clerk would also let the Estate know that the kissing gate located along the side of the allotments is broken and could they look at repairing this at the same time as repairing the stile.

157 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/20/2292 1 Mountfield Court, Lion Lane
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/21/0014 Turners Hill Burial Ground, Turners Hill Road
The Council continues to believe this is an inappropriate development of a site adjacent to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as evidenced by the orange hoardings which are having a significant adverse impact on the character of the surrounding area and fails to comply with DP12 - Protection and Enhancement of the Countryside.

DM/21/0177 Nobs Wood, East Street
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

158 Report on Previous Applications

DM/20/2619	The Rheedings, East Street	Permission
DM/20/2877	Land North of Turners Hill Road, Turners Hill	Refusal
DM/20/3808	Worth Hall Farm, Turners Hill Road	Permission
DM/20/3406	Shamrock Cottage, North Street	Permission

159 It was RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 18th May 2021 at 7:30pm. It was suggested that the Clerk asks the PCSO if she would be prepared to give a talk and answer questions. If meetings are still being held virtually, questions could be sent to the Clerk who could pass them on to the PCSO to answer and if those asking the questions were unable to attend the meeting, the answers could be published in the Parish News.

160 Annual Council Meeting It was RESOLVED that the Annual Council Meeting will be held on 4th May 2021 at 7:30pm followed by the monthly meeting.

161 Tickets for the South of England Show 2021 It was RESOLVED that should the Council be asked to sell the tickets at The Ark on pre-determined days, this would be considered but that a risk assessment would need to be carried out following Government Guidelines in place at the time.

162 MSDC Call for Sites It was RESOLVED that the Council had nothing to add to the call for sites. However, a tidy up of the Neighbourhood Plan would be advisable. Dr Gibson advised that the site selection DPD is still running.

163 Minutes of ACE Virtual Meeting held on 21st January 2021, as circulated, were noted and approved. The Clerk advised that Mrs Jarvis was at the meeting but her name was not on the minutes. The Clerk will write Mrs Jarvis' name on the copy of the minutes filed with the agenda.

It was RESOLVED to pay for the supply of three Off Valve Actuators at a cost of £340.63 + VAT and to fit said Valve Actuators and test the system at a cost of £585.00 + VAT. Plus to pay £2,080 + VAT for an Electrical Conditioning Report of The Ark, this work has to be carried out every five years by law.

164 Internal Auditor It was RESOLVED to appoint Mulberry and Company as internal auditors at a cost of £240 - £300.

165 Electricity Supplier for the Street Lights It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from SSE with approval being given to the RFO to make the final decision as it was noted the quotes were only valid for 24 hours.

166 West Sussex Association of Local Councils AGM on 25th February 2021. It was RESOLVED that Mr Forbes and Dr Gibson would attend this meeting and vote on behalf of the Council. Dr Gibson will also attend the WSALC Meeting on 18th February 2021.

167 Resignation from the West Sussex Association of Local Councils It was RESOLVED to resign from the Association. The Clerk with write to Mr Leggo, CEO of SSALC advising of the Council's resignation from WSALC, however, the Council would like the opportunity to withdraw their resignation if the meetings of WSALC on 18th and 25th February 2021 encourage them to do so.

168 Accounts Due for Payment

It was resolved that:

1. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being due for payment be paid and
2. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being paid since the meeting held on 12th January 2021, be approved.
3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.

169 Correspondence A new police unit has been launched to track and catch dangerous and wanted criminals using the Sussex roads network. The Specialist Enforcement Unit (SEU) will carry out disruption and enforcement operations on roads across the country, targeting those involved in serious, organised and violent crime. The SEU, a mix of highly-trained police officers and detectives, is equipped to be a one-stop-shop to fight road crime – with the ability to identify, intercept and apprehend offenders, seize drugs and stolen goods and investigate the crimes through to conviction.

The appeal for Tremains Farm, Treemans Road, Horsted Keynes was refused. The Council commented on the original application in 2020 because of the concern regarding the amount of Lorries that would be travelling through Turners Hill.

170 Confidential Item

Meeting closed at 20:38 pm

SignedChairman
2nd March 2021

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