

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2021 AT THE ARK AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mr O’Grady Mr A Palin and Mrs C Steggles, 0 members of the public, Mrs C Marsh (Clerk)

60 The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained that the meeting would start with the presentation of the Civic Award to Mr Mick Harris, however, Mr Harris did not attend.

61 Apologies Mrs S Hughesdon Mrs T Mugridge

62 Public Participation None

63 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Mrs C Steggles declared a personal interest in item 17 of the agenda relating to the grant application because she is a Member of Hilltop WI who are applying for the grant.
The Clerk granted a dispensation for Members to vote on item 16 due to there only being one member left to vote who did not have an interest.

64 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman advised that Mrs Mugridge had resigned from the Council due to ill health.
The Clerk advised that as soon as a Councillor resigns she has to inform Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) who provide a notice of a vacancy for a Councillor for Turners Hill Parish Council.

65 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st June 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

66 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk Greenplan have been contacted regarding the removal of the red signs warning of construction and these have now been removed.
MSDC have responded with regard to the Heat source pumps, they advised that ground source heat pumps are very expensive to put in and this would need to be considered while on the other hand air source heat pumps are better. They have sent links to both and both have pros and cons. MSDC are not aware of any grant schemes for these works, however, they advised that if the Council could provide them with a link to the government grant they can look into it and give more detailed thoughts on the matter. They asked if the Member could provide any further details on this. Mr O’Grady advised it was on the Government website.

Following the request to ask MSDC to plant a tree in the recreation ground, an e-mail has been sent to them with the request but the Clerk also noticed that the National Trust will plant a tree for a donation of £5.00. This is another option the Council could consider.

Wakehurst have been contacted with regard to maintaining the Village Green with a floral display.

An e-mail has been sent to Mr Aggett asking if the Fire Service are prepared to take on the erection of the Christmas Tree.

67 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/21/1912 25 Withypitts
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/21/2248 Burleigh Oaks Farm, East Street
The Parish Council will accept what the Officer recommends.

DM/21/2274 9 Withypitts
The Parish Council will accept what the Planning Officer recommends.

68 Report on Previous Applications

AP/21/0009 Land north of Turners Hill Road The appeal was allowed.
(DM/20/2877)

69 Report on the PCC Focus Virtual Meeting held on 8th June 2021, as circulated, was noted.

70 Report on the Gatwick Northern Runway Project Roundtable Meeting held on 15th June 2021, as circulated, was noted.

71 Minutes of the Finance Virtual Meeting held on 22nd June 2021, as circulated, were noted and approved. It was RESOLVED that the items shown in bold in the minutes were approved:

- 1) Increasing the following reserves by £5,000 each: repairs and renewals and replacing street lights because of a surplus of £20,411 in the year end budget after projects and reserves.
- 2) Increasing the fidelity guarantee to £250,000 at a cost of £11.76 for the next two financial years following a recommendation by the internal audit report.

72 Report on the CAGNE Meeting held on 24th June 2021, as circulated, was noted.

- 73 It was RESOLVED to clean and disinfect both cold water storage tanks at a cost of £560.00 + V.A.T. and label flow, supply and return pipework at a cost of £60.00 + V.A.T.
- 74 Donations to St Leonard's Church and the Parish News It was RESOLVED to donate £600 to St Leonard's Church for the upkeep of the Church Yard and £300 to the Parish News towards production costs incurred in the first half of the current financial year of the Parish News before its closure after the July/August 2021 edition.
- 75 Donation to Turners Hill (C of E) Primary School It was RESOLVED that £300.00 would be donated to the school for funding towards a new front door, transferring this from the Donations Reserve Fund.
- 76 Grant Application from Hilltop WI It was RESOLVED to donate £80.00 transferring this from the Grant Reserve Fund.
- 77 Salt Bin Audit Mr Palin volunteered to complete the audit and return it to the Clerk by 2nd August 2021.
- 78 Allotment Inspections Mrs Hughesdon reported there are a couple of allotments which are considerably overgrown. The Clerk advised that some allotments have been given up due to the holders not being able to look after them any longer. Any overgrown allotments still in the original tenant's hands will be sent a letter.
The fencing seems in good order all the way around the perimeter with one stretch being overgrown with brambles and stinging nettles but it was the same on the last inspection, however, it does appear to be trimmed back.
The grid of the allotments on the notice board at the entrance is water/sun damaged and could do with being replaced. This will be arranged.
The remainder of the allotments are in good order and some are like show gardens and look very nice.
Mr O'Grady asked if new pegs could be made with the numbers of each plot on the peg so they can be easily identified. The Clerk will investigate.
- 79 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 1st June 2021, be approved.
 3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.

80 Correspondence West Sussex County Council (WSCC) have advised that the B2036 Balcombe Road from the B2110 High Street to the Balcombe Road Roundabout at Copthorne will be closed on 6th and 7th July 2021 from 8pm to 6am.

The B2110 East Street from the crossroads to Vowels Lane will be closed on 12th 13th and 14th July from 8pm to 6am.

WSCC advised they have received an application for a highway agreement in the Parish for Worth School with regard to the construction of a biomass plant room, widened access onto Paddockhurst Road and hardstanding/turning area (amended description May 2020).

Meeting closed at 8:28 pm

SignedChairman

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