

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2022 AT THE ARK AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mr O O’Grady Mr A Palin 1 member of the public, Mrs C Marsh (Clerk) Mrs L Bannister (RFO)

178 The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained that the January meeting starts with the presentation of the Civic Award.

Presentation of the Civic Award Cup to Mrs Chris Jarvis

It was with great pleasure that the award was presented to Chris in recognition of her involvement and hard work in the Village.

Chris has been a School Governor for 29 years and has played an active role in helping some of the children in class. She used to go in weekly and help with their reading etc.

Chris has also been on the Parochial Church Committee (PCC) for more than ten years and together with another couple of ladies from the village set up a youth club and ran it from St. Leonards Church Hall.

Chris has played a part on many committees, in many meetings and is/has been happy to help out when needed.

The Chairman also mentioned the great dedication Chris has shown to the community as a Parish Councillor for 15 years.

The Certificate and Civic Award Cup were then presented to Chris who thanked everyone for their support.

179 Apologies Mrs C Steggles

180 Public Participation None

181 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Dr Gibson declared a personal interest in item 13 of the agenda relating to making a donation to the Crawley Down Village News. He would not support the donation because the Village News are not supporting Crawley Down breaking away from Worth Parish Council.

182 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman announced Mrs Hetty Constable had passed away. The Parish Council’s thoughts go to her family.

183 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th December 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

184 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

The Health and Safety Executive visited on Wednesday 5th January 2022 to check the Council and The Ark are following Government Guidelines on restricting the spread of COVID. They were happy with everything that is in place.

The Parish Office has taken receipt of the new SID paid by the insurance company. The WSCC SID is also in use by the Council at the moment.

The Clerk gave an update on the accident at the crossroads on Monday 10th January 2022, the insurance company were informed, the street light was disconnected, incident numbers were provided by the Police and UKPN and the approximate costs for the disconnection were provided.

185 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/21/4118 1 Mount Noddy, Paddockhurst Road
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/21/4123 The Old Hoop Shed, Selsfield Road
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

186 Report on Previous Applications

DM/21/3759 3 Hill House Close Permission

187 Licensing Application

LI/21/1565 Turners Hill Cricket Club, Turners Hill Road
New Club Premises Certificate

This is for information only because this application came in between the December and January meeting and a response was required. Members were asked to comment on the licensing application by e-mail. The Council's comments were submitted to Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) on 15th December 2021 and their comments and MSDC's response are below:

The Parish Council has no objections provided the Council is satisfied with the following:

Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours.

A Personal Licence holder shall be on the premises at all times that alcohol is sold or supplied.

Evidence of age shall be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 18 attempting to buy alcohol.

They have a Designated Premises Supervisor.

Following the submission, MSDC advised that the Cricket Club have applied for a Club Premises certificate rather than a Premises licence. In the case of a Club Premises certificate there is no requirement for a Personal Licence Holder or DPS and they are not mentioned in the legislation. The supply of alcohol to members of the club is controlled through the Club Committee.

There will be a training requirement for the club members that are nominated to supply the alcohol and they will be operating the Challenge 25 age verification policy for non-members/guests.

- 188 Report on the Mid Sussex County Local Forum Meeting held on 1st December 2021, as circulated, was noted.
- 189 Report on the CAGNE Meeting held on 15th December 2021, as circulated, was noted.
- 190 Donation to Crawley Down Village News It was RESOLVED to donate £450 to The Parish Church of All Saints' which will go towards production costs of their Village News. Turners Hill will become part of the Village News and the name will also change to show their inclusion.
- 191 Budget and Precept for 2022/23 It was RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 14th October 2021 be approved resulting in a Precept Claim of £84,306.00.
- 192 It was RESOLVED to receive and approve the recommendations, as circulated, for hire rates for The Ark including office space.
- 193 Repairing the Emergency Lighting to the rear car park at The Ark It was RESOLVED to use the services of David Edwards to complete the work at a cost of £635.00 plus V.A.T.
- 194 Tidying the garden to the right of The Ark It was RESOLVED to use the services of Barcombe Landscapes to complete the work at a cost of £325.00 plus V.A.T.
- 195 It was RESOLVED to ratify the appointment of Mr Robert Harper to Steward on completion of his three month probationary period.
- 196 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 7th December 2021, be approved.
 3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.

197 Correspondence Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) have agreed to implement flexible season tickets and to increase car parking charges in line with inflation.

The number of people using town centre season tickets is not expected to return to pre-pandemic levels, so a flexible 3-day season ticket will be introduced to fit in with new working habits.

Parking charges in MSDC town centre Pay and Display car parks have remained the same for the past ten years, which means they have not kept pace with inflation or rising management and maintenance costs.

MSDC are increasing car park charges to help protect essential public services and enable continued investment in the parking estate, particularly in new technologies to improve customer service.

Mid Sussex is currently one of the cheapest places to park in the area when compared to neighbouring Council areas and this will continue to be the case. Parking for one hour in a MSDC car park will cost a maximum of £1.50 compared with £1.80 in Lewes, £2.00 in Crawley and £2.80 in Horsham.

Following the installation of new play equipment in the play area in the recreation ground. An e-mail from MSDC confirmed they will be taking the fencing down from around the play area within the next week following the play inspector's sign off. Temporary mesh fencing will remain in place around the turf whilst it establishes.

Work on the half pipe is expected to commence in the spring of 2022 because the ground needs to be reasonably dry. The Officer will chase the suppliers in March 2022.

Meeting closed at 8:04pm

SignedChairman

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