

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 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 Mrs C Steggles 2 members of the public, Mrs
C Marsh (Clerk)

198 Apologies Mr A Palin

199 Public Participation A member of the public asked when the barriers at the crossroads would be replaced. The Clerk advised the Council have a meeting with Richard Speller of WSCC on 10th February 2022 and this item was on the agenda.

The same gentleman asked if the remnants from the wrecked finger post that are at The Crown are still required. The Clerk advised that JAKK were sent the pictures but have not advised whether they are still required. She asked if The Crown wanted them removed and was told they could remain in situ.

Mr O O’Grady joined the meeting at 19:40.

200 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Mr Forbes advised that with regard to any comments he makes on any planning application, he reserved the right to alter his views on any application and submission should it come before the Area Planning Committee or District Planning Committee, following reading the Planning Officer’s report, considering any verbal update the Planning Officer may provide and taking into account the views expressed by other Members or members of the public at the meeting.

201 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman announced the final recommendations for the new electoral arrangements for Mid Sussex District Council have been received from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Turners Hill will now be in the Ward with Ardingly and Balcombe with effect from the elections scheduled for May 2023.

202 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

203 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk

RTC on 10th January 2022 at the Crossroads – Enevero and JAKK have been chased regarding a quote to replace the street light and finger sign, nothing has been received to date.

Street Lights within Turners Hill – Street lights are slowly being repaired but Enerveo are still taking far too long to carry out the work or reply to enquiries. The Clerk advised that Enerveo’s lack of customer service is beginning to reflect badly on the Parish Council and this cannot continue. She has, therefore, contacted a company called Street Lights to discuss their charges for taking over the maintenance. Their website had testimonials and one was from Slaugham Parish Council. The Slaugham Clerk was asked if she still used them and was happy with the service they provided and she gave a glowing reference. Therefore the Clerk will contact the company in question and get prices which she will add to the next agenda.

204 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

The Clerk advised the Chairman that he could suspend the Standing Orders of Turners Hill Parish Council (item 3 – Meetings Generally) in order that Members could ask questions of the representative of the planning application DM/21/3930.

- DM/21/3930 Land adjacent to Ivy Cottages, North Street
The Parish Council have concerns with this planning application and they are:
 - They feel the highway access on to this already busy road is dangerous.
 - Any access to the new development will need to be created before any construction starts.
 - The design of these homes, the Council feels, is against DP26 of the District Plan. They feel the properties should be tile hung which is more in-keeping with the row of cottages.
 - They also have concerns over the street scene, these two homes appear to overshadow the nearby homes.

DM/22/0164 6 Jay Walk
The Council will accept what the Tree Officer recommends.

DM/22/0212 Turners Hill Park Country Club, Nightingale Lane
The Council will accept what the Tree Officer recommends, however, one Councillor who has lived on The Park for 16 years said that he has seen many trees removed but has yet to see any replaced. Therefore, the Council would like to see some replacement trees especially when 100 are being taken down and they would like this made a condition of this application.

205 Report on Previous Applications

DM/21/3818	22 Hill House Close	Permission
DM/21/4118	1 Mount Noddy, Paddockhurst Road	Permission
DM/21/4123	The Old Hoop Shed, Selsfield Road	Application withdrawn

206 It was RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 17th May 2022 at 7:30pm. Various topics for a presentation were put forward and will be followed up.

207 Annual Council Meeting It was RESOLVED that the Annual Council Meeting will be held on 3rd May 2022 at 7:30pm followed by the monthly meeting.

208 Tickets for the South of England Show 2019 It was RESOLVED that the Council will sell the tickets at The Ark on pre-determined days if they are asked by the South of England Agricultural Society.

209 Finance Committee Report as circulated, was noted and agreed.

210 Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee It was RESOLVED that Mr Forbes would e-mail MDSC's Councillor Belsey regarding a tree being planted in the recreation ground as part of the Queen's Green Canopy because the Clerk has not had a response to the e-mail she sent in October 2021.

A celebration at The Ark was suggested for Thursday 2nd June 2022. Mrs Hughesdon, Mrs Jarvis, Mr O'Grady and Mrs Steggles made suggestions, therefore, this matter will be added to the March Agenda for further consideration.

211 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 11th January 2022, be approved.
3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.

212 Correspondence MSDC have advised the Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth, at its meeting on 19th January, agreed to pause consideration of the draft District Plan review.

The Council is mandated by national policy and by the Planning Inspector who examined the current District Plan to undertake a five year review which is now due. The results of this review have now been published so the community can understand the scale of the challenge that faces Mid Sussex.

It is now sensible to press the pause button given the significant issues which impact the Council's planning. The Leader of Mid Sussex is writing to the Secretary of State, Michael Gove, calling for MSDC's housing targets to be reset to a level more consistent with their environmental and infrastructure constraints and liaising with their local MPs to make their case in Westminster. The Levelling Up White Paper will be published shortly, and it is hoped the Government uses this as an opportunity to review the housing numbers currently set for parts of the South East such as Mid Sussex.

It is essential that the Plan maximises the amount of brownfield and windfall development that can be counted, although brownfield sites are limited in Mid Sussex. The amount of unmet need from neighbouring Councils that Mid Sussex are expected to take needs to be thoroughly scrutinised. The rapidly emerging issues raised by Natural England about water neutrality in West Sussex also needs much greater clarity and resolution.

Mid Sussex is a great place to live and MSDC must keep it that way by balancing the need for new homes for local people needing to get on the housing ladder with protections for the environment and the critical improvements to the infrastructure that must always come alongside new development. An updated timetable for the preparation of the Plan review will be published in due course.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

SignedChairman

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