

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2022 AT THE ARK AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Dr I Gibson
Mrs C Steggles 2 members of the public, Mrs C Marsh (Clerk)

- 213 Apologies Mrs C Jarvis Mr A Palin Mr O O’Grady - Absent
- 214 Public Participation None
- 215 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None
- 216 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman had a meeting with Chief Constable Jo Shiner, ACC Tanya Jones and Sgt Laurence Cartwright on 25th February. Sussex Police are using “Big Data” (basis for further inference) to turn millions of records of phone calls, crimes, investigations and court trials into a tool to drive productivity and make people safer. It will enable officers to predict trends, identify serial offenders, study crime hotspots and devote more time to victims. Each day before they go out they will log on to the data.
- 217 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 218 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk Update on the RTC on 10th January at the Crossroads – Enerveo have been chased again for a quote to replace the street light, nothing has been received. However, the Clerk contacted Streetlights for a quote which has been received. JAKK have provided their quote for the Finger Post, therefore, once the quote from SSE is received or if the Council decide to move their street light maintenance to Streetlights, the Clerk will be able to progress the claim with the insurance company and start the progress for the replacement of the street light on the Village Green.
- 219 Planning Applications
It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:
 - DM/21/3264 Rowfant Sawmills, Wallage Lane, Rowfant
The Parish Council supports this planning application.
 - DM/21/0537 Cornerstone Telecommunications, Burleigh Quarry Farmhouse, East Street
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

220 Report on Previous Applications

No reports on previous applications were received this month.

221 Minutes of the ACE Meeting held 10th February 2022, as circulated, were noted and approved.

222 Minutes of the Village Enhancement Scheme held on 10th February 2022, as circulated, were noted and approved.

223 Minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on 17th February 2022, as circulated, were noted and approved. The Clerk asked whether the Committee would like to review the job description and contract or were they happy for her to finalise these documents. It was agreed the Clerk can finalise both documents.

224 Parish Council Street Lights It was RESOLVED the Council will move the maintenance of the Parish Council's Street Lights from Enerveo to Streetlights.

225 Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee

Mrs Hughesdon has spoken to Mr Phil Shoubridge at The Crown and he is happy to put on a bar with a couple of staff.

Mrs Steggles has spoken to WI and they may be happy to do something.

Mrs Steggles will also contact Mrs Jackie Lake of the Free Church to ask if they would like to get involved.

The Chairman asked for this item to be added to the agenda for April when a final decision will be made.

226 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 February 2022, be approved.
3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.

227 Correspondence MSDC sent out a press release regarding the installation of the new playground equipment in the recreation ground in Turners Hill.

The old metal climbing frame has been replaced by a new timber unit that offers children a variety of ways to climb up or slide down. To improve accessibility, there is a new in-ground roundabout that can be accessed by children with limited mobility and some wheelchairs. The old bark pit has been removed and a new rubber safety surface now links together all the play equipment. Before the summer MSDC will also be installing a half-pipe mini ramp for skateboarders, BMXers and scooter riders to enjoy.

Help is on hand for elderly and vulnerable residents to stop them being targeted by fraudsters.

West Sussex Trading Standards is offering to install call blocking devices free of charge to help stop nuisance calls. Residents need to satisfy certain criteria to qualify for the devices, which are proven to block up to 98% of nuisance calls. To qualify for a call blocker residents need to: live in West Sussex; regularly receive scam and nuisance calls and have care or support needs due to factors such as age, mobility or mental health.

Relatives, carers or friends can also apply on behalf of West Sussex residents who meet the criteria. To apply for a call blocker, contact Trading Standards online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/callblocker or call 01243 642124 (Option 2).

One of the busiest stretches of the A22 in East Grinstead will be resurfaced soon.

The A22, London Road, between the junction with Yew Lane and the Surrey boundary is being resurfaced.

The project is set to start on Monday 7th March 2022 and is expected to take about a week, subject to factors such as the weather.

The main works will take place between 8pm and 6am each day under a full road closure, with through traffic diverted via a signed route. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained, although delays could occur for operational or safety reasons and access to some side roads off London Road may be restricted whilst works are taking place in that location.

Daytime restrictions, including a 30mph speed limit, will be in force for safety reasons until the final resurfacing is completed. New road markings will be installed as part of the scheme.

More than 20% of the aggregate used in this scheme will be recycled materials recovered from other roads in and around West Sussex. The scheme is estimated to cost approximately £250,000.

228 As the following items were Confidential, the Chairman asked the members of the public to leave the meeting:

Meeting closed at 8:02pm

SignedChairman

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