

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2022 AT THE ARK AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mr O O’Grady 3 members of the public, Mrs C Marsh (Clerk)

229 Apologies Mrs S Hughesdon Mr A Palin Mrs C Steggle

230 Public Participation Mr Stuart Beare of Tulleys Farm advised he has purchased the land from Hartmires Investments Limited which had planning permission for a burial ground or crematorium, this also included the strip of land which runs from the field to the church. He is planning on planting pumpkins this year and has promised to work with the Parish and MSDC in order to protect the land, however, it will not return to a strawberry field. He has already started tidying the land and will talk with walking groups because he would like more structure when it comes to people walking across the fields, he is looking at permissive footpaths across the land. He promises to be sensitive and to work with everyone.

Mr Beare also advised the three containers have now been removed by Southern Pursuits.

231 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None

232 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman displayed items that had been purchased for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, they were a flag, bunting and 10 plaques to fit around street lights in the Village.

233 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st March 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

234 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk
Annual Parish Assembly - The contact at the Queen Victoria Hospital has advised that no consultants will be available to give a presentation on the history of the QVH from past to present. However, the secretary of The Guinea Pig Club passed a request on to his colleague at East Grinstead Museum who sometimes gives talks on McIndoe and the history of the hospital. He has agreed to give a 45 minute talk on Sir Archibald McIndoe and the Guinea Pig Club and is willing to take questions after his presentation.

Half-Pipe - MSDC have started work on installing the half-pipe mini ramp in the recreation ground.

Garden to the right of The Ark - As requested at the end of the last meeting, the Clerk contacted Barcombe Landscapes regarding the Council's disappointment with the way the work was carried out on the garden. They replied and said clearly it was a mistake to use the machine and they were intending to return to do some more tidying up. After discussing how the area could be made to look tidier with Michael, the Steward, the Clerk wrote to Barcombe with the suggestions and asked if they were prepared to undertake this work at no additional cost. They were asked for the cuttings to be removed, the brambles to be removed by hand and topsoil and grass seed to be added to the tyre tracks. On the night of the meeting, this work was being carried out by Barcombe and they sent their sincere apologies for how it was left.

235 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/22/0545 Worth School, Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/22/0676 The Rheedings, East Street
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/22/0381 1 Mountfield Court, Lion Lane
The Parish Council will accept what the Tree Officer recommends.

DM/22/0741 Bonavista, East Street
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

236 Report on Previous Applications

DM/21/4010	Old School House, 31 Church Road	Permission
DM/21/2529	1 Hill House Close	Permission
DM/22/0164	6 Jay Walk	Permission
DM/21/3264	Rowfant Sawmills, Wallage Lane Rowfant	Permission

237 Minutes of the MSALC Meeting held on 24th February 2022, as circulated, were noted.

238 Minutes of the CAGNE Forum AGM held on 16th March 2022, as circulated, were noted.

239 Minutes of the Emergency Planning Liaison Group Meeting held on 24th March 2022, as circulated, were noted.

- 240 To Review the Insurance Cover and Asset Register for 2022/23 It was RESOLVED that the insurance cover and items insured was adequate.
- 241 Action Plan 2022/24 It was RESOLVED to approve the Action Plan 2022-2024.
- 242 Code of Conduct Policy It was RESOLVED to adopt the policy.
- 243 Grant application from Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance It was RESOLVED to write to the Air Ambulance and ask them to apply for a grant in February 2023, close to year end, when we will know if any local organisations have applied for a grant and how much money is left in the budget.
- 244 Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee It was RESOLVED the Parish Council would not pursue a celebration. It was felt residents will not venture to The Ark but instead would hold events in their garden or street, especially with Covid numbers so high at the moment.
- 245 Installation of LED Lights in the Dunlop Hall It was RESOLVED to replace the lights with LED at a cost of £1,993.00 plus VAT and to replace the two emergency fire exit lights with brighter boxes at a cost of £36.00.
- 246 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 March 2022, be approved.
 3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.
- 247 Correspondence Following the Emergency Planning Liaison Group meeting attended by the RFO, MSDC have advised they will no longer be holding these meetings but will report the content at the Town, Parish and District Communications meetings. This will be interspersed with newsletters (probably three per year) on any relevant issues not covered at the communications meeting.
The Parish have been advised of the London 2 Brighton Challenge charity walk, jog or run event which will be taking place on 28th to 29th May 2022.
- 248 As the following items were Confidential, the Chairman asked the members of the public to leave the meeting:

Meeting closed at 8:23pm

SignedChairman

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