

Pyecombe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at Wayfield Park Farm Shop at 7.00pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr C. Bere and Cllr M. Saich.
Mid Sussex District Councillor J. Wilkinson
West Sussex County Councillor P. Griffiths
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston
Member of the public Mrs A Finney

1.17 Apologies for Absence. Apologies received from Councillor G. Bishop.

2.17 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda. None declared.

3.17 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th November 2016. Minutes were signed by Chair as a true record.

4.17 Matters arising from previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

84.16 Fly Parking. Council highlighted continuing issues with Fly Parking along the London Road. Cllr Griffiths will look into the supply of signage for village gateways. **Action: Cllr Griffiths/Clerk.**

88.3.16 Operation Watershed. Cllr Wilson is still awaiting further information from LandBuild. Council are concerned that funding applications will be closed before three comparable quotes are received. Cllr Griffiths will look into this item and liaise with Clerk. **Action: Cllr Griffiths/Clerk.**

Cllr Griffiths has spoken to Richard Speller regarding line markings at the junction of Wayfield Park Farm and will chase this up on Councils behalf. **Action: Cllr Griffiths/Clerk.**

5.17 West Sussex County Council update by Councillor Peter Griffiths. Cllr Griffiths highlighted the Great Britain Spring Clean a litter picking event to be held between the 3rd and 5th March 2017. Health Care has been a big consideration with a high priority given to Dementia. People requiring information on Dementia are now more able to locate information on different aspects of help available. Central government are trying to squeeze local government to implement a 2% increase on Council Tax to assist with health care programme.

Education funding is a high priority with the Worthless campaign being backed by local MP's Soames and Herbert. West Sussex schools are ranked third worst in the DFE funding per pupil table which is not helped, in some cases, by local schools failing to keep track of their funding. Louise Goldsmith has supported the stance local Head teachers are taking although schools are still unlikely to receive all the monies requested. Cllr Wilkinson raised the issue of the lack of sixth form colleges across the Mid Sussex area. County will continue to look into this provision of these facilities.

Rural broadband is still being rolled out across the district. WSCC will be receiving a refund from BT which they hope will be used to upgrade a further four thousand homes.

West Sussex County Councillor P. Griffiths left the meeting at this point.

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6.17 Mid Sussex District Council update by District Councillor John Wilkinson. To augment income MSDC have taken on the lease of the Orchard shopping centre in Hayward's Heath. Overall the council is very proactive when thinking about funding sources.

A potential science high tech business park based at the A2300 could create up to four thousand additional jobs. There have been a total of six District Plan hearings with some indication the Inspector is looking for additional housing figures. Opposition continues to be expressed regarding any Mayfield development although the Inspector is careful to say he is not looking at specific sites. Further hearings are planned on 8th/9th February with an expected announcement on 1st March 2017.

Clerk asked Cllr Wilkinson to look into possible funding sources for the Children's Play Area. Details on the proposals will be sent over by Clerk. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Wilkinson**

7.17 To consider the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. Council discussed the recent meeting held with Chris Pattinson of SDNP. In light of recent issues with local Neighbourhood Plans and planning appeal decisions due to a lack of a five year housing supply it was resolved in conjunction with the progressing SDNP Plan an updated Village Design Statement would be a better option for the village. **Action: Full Council/Clerk**

Mid Sussex District Councillor J. Wilkinson left the meeting at this point.

8.17 Community Issues

8.1.17 Hedge cutting/Gully clearance. Clerk confirmed that MSDC have now cleaned pavements of excess leaves. WSCC highways have taken onboard an additional tree/hedgerow cut and have also implemented a recent gully clean.

9.17 To discuss Planning Matters. To include any planning applications received since production of the Agenda.

SDNP/16/06113/HOUS Warrenne Barn, New Way Lane, Hurstpierpoint. Single storey extension attached to the southern end of building by a glazed link. Council resolved it had no objections to the application.

SDNP/17/00024/FUL Haresdean Farm, Haresdean Lane, Pyecombe. Extension to existing outdoor arena. Council resolved it had no objections to the application.

10.17 To receive confirmation of decisions regarding previously discussed planning applications.

SDNP/16/05478/PA30 Chantry Lodge, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. Determination as to whether prior approval is required for the conversion of the existing office building (Class B1a) into dwellings (Class C3) to a single storey dwelling house. Prior Approval Granted.

SDNP/16/04783/FUL Pangdean Farm London Road Pyecombe Brighton West Sussex. The proposal is for the creation of a new farm track. Approved.

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12.17 Finance/Clerks Report

Updated balance sheet and budget issued to Council. Council resolved to raise the precept to £7,500, seven thousand five hundred pounds.

Consideration was given by the request from Church for donation towards recipe booklet. Council will not support this request due to current funding.

Confirmation of cheques raised since last meeting;

£ 97.20 Vision ICT Invoice 6561

£328.91 WSCC Invoice 8001195939

£ 43.92 WSCC Invoice 8001198039

£ 59.78 Martyn Knott Invoice PPC002

Confirmation of cheques raised for signature;

£ 97.14 D Langston Expenses

13.17 To consider dates for future Meetings.

7th March 2017