

# Pyecombe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Pyecombe Church, Pyecombe at 7.00pm

**Present –** Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr C. Bere and Cllr M. Saich.  
Mid Sussex District Councillor C Trumble.  
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston  
One Member of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Councillor Wilson advised Council of the recent sad passing of Peter Blackford. Peter had previously been a member of the Council and continued to audit the Council accounts. Council offered their condolences to the family.

**18.17 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received from Mid Sussex District Councillors J Wilkinson and A. Watts Williams.

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

**20.17 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** Minutes were signed by Chair as a true record.

**21.17 Mid Sussex District Council** update by District Councillor Colin Trumble. The financial outlook facing local government continues to be challenging but Mid Sussex District Council has set a balanced budget that protects frontline services, invests in key projects and continues to support the voluntary sector. Over the last seven years, Revenue Support Grant funding for Mid Sussex has reduced massively from £6.4 million to £845,000. This year the grant funding will reduce even further to just £128,000.

Mid Sussex District Council has bridged the financial gap by maintaining a tight control over costs and using new, cost effective ways of delivering services. The savings generated mean that the Mid Sussex District Council element of Council Tax will rise by just 1.99%, an increase of £3.05 for an average Band D property, which is less than 6p per week.

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 all planning matters within the SDNP will pass from Mid Sussex District Council Planning Officers to the SDNP Planning Department. Any outstanding applications, including preapplication advice, which have not been resolved by this date, will also be handed over to SDNP.

SDNP will be attending a meeting with Fulking PC on 16<sup>th</sup> March regarding the implementation of these changes should Council wish to send a representative. Clerk will contact Fulking to confirm details. **Action: Clerk.**

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The Mid Sussex District Plan remains ongoing. The Inspector's views are that the District can accommodate 1026 new homes every year for the next 17 years. Whilst MSDC recommends that 800 new homes could be delivered every year. The Council is carefully considering the range of options available, in the light of the Inspector's interim findings and has postponed recently planned hearings to look into this item.

Councillor Trumble highlighted the availability of two affordable homes located at Church Lane, Pyecombe. Clerk has emailed this information round to local residents and will recirculate. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Wilson queried the projected S106 money. Cllr Trumble will liaise with Cllr Wilkinson on this matter as Council are investigating possible funding sources for the Children's Play Area. **Action: Cllr Trumble/Clerk.**

Councillor Trumble left the meeting at this point.

**22.17 Public Question Time.** Member of the public highlighted the issue of Fly tipping along Church Lane and suggested a village litter pick could be organised. Council have various items throughout the parish which need attention/repair Clerk will raise a work stream list for consideration. **Action: Clerk.**

Councillor Wilson will visit the Site Manager at Church Lane with a request for a general tidy up of the area prior to completion. **Action: Cllr Wilson.**

Email received from resident regarding the dumping of recently removed trees from properties along Church Lane onto the opposite bank. Confirmation was received that the removed trees were taken away from the area and disposed of by the contractor. Trees belonging to another landowner have been chipped and laid onto the bank. Council believe this land is privately owned. Clerk will confirm this prior to next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

Request also made for an additional Dog Waste bin to be located along the London Road. Clerk confirms there will be a charge for the purchase of the bin and its erection. Council will consider this item at the next meeting when Clerk will produce financial implications. **Action: Clerk.**

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

**23.1.17 Fly tipping, Church Lane.** This item was covered during Public Question time.

**23.2.17 Traffic bollards on London Road.** Clerk has been working with WSCC Highways to resolve the problem of HGV vehicles parking along the grass verges on London Road. Bollards have been obtained for installation along the stretch by the BP Garage and the costs of this project will be met by BP. Clerk will continue to liaise with Highways and BP on this matter. Clerk also highlighted to Council how invaluable the assistance of Mr Tim Boxall, WSCC Highways Officer has proved. **Action: Clerk.**

**24.17 To receive confirmation of decisions regarding previously discussed planning applications.**

**SDNP/16/06113/HOUS** Warrene Barn, New Way Lane, Hurstpierpoint. Single storey extension attached to the southern end of building by a glazed link. Permission Granted.

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**SDNP/17/00024/FUL** Haresdean Farm, Haresdean Lane, Pyecombe. Extension to existing outdoor arena. Permission Granted.

**25.17 To discuss the Parish Plan.** Clerk will produce a tracked version of the Village Design Statement and circulate to Councillors for discussion at the next meeting. Contact will also be made with Chris Pattison SDNP to confirm Councils intention. **Action: Clerk.**

## **26.17 Finance/Clerks Report**

Updated balance sheet issued to Council. Clerk will arrange for a transfer of funds into the Community Account to cover the running costs to the end of the financial year.

Council will meet the current website hosting costs. **Action: Clerk.**

Council were advised of Clerks CiLCA qualification and agreed to the relevant salary change.

Confirmation of cheques raised since last meeting;

£175.00 Pyecombe PCC

£328.91 WSCC Invoice 8001202604

£328.91 WSCC Invoice 8001206999

Confirmation of cheques raised for signature;

£ 25.00 Pyecombe PCC

£ 50.00 D Langston Expenses

£ 39.63 K Lewis Website Launch Event

## **27.17 To confirm dates for future Meetings.**

9<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> July

5<sup>th</sup> September

7<sup>th</sup> November