

**Minutes Meeting of Pyecombe Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 5th
November 2013
At Pyecombe Parish Church at 7.00pm**

Attendees :

Cllr David Wilson – Chairman
Cllr Graham Bishop
Cllr Tim Cullen
Cllr David Hunt
Cllr Marcus Saich
Parish Clerk Dawn Langston
Six Members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Received from Cllr Colin Trumble
2. **Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda.** None declared
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Agreed by Council, signed by Chairman
4. **West Sussex County Council** – Carried forwards to next meeting
5. **Mid Sussex District Council** – Cllr Wilson confirmed that the details of the Anti Social Officer had been passed to him by Cllr Trumble however members of the public advised that the previously reported behaviour had now been dealt with and was not ongoing.
6. **Highways** –Confirmation received that a section of the A23 northbound will be resurfaced with the new quiet road tarmac sometime between November 2013 and May 2014 specific dates are still to be confirmed so remain ongoing. **Action – ongoing**
7. **Planning** – SDNP/13/04470/LIS- Pyecombe Manor, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe, Brighton West Sussex BN45 7EE
Various works to include: new extractor fan through south facing bathroom wall, new flue through south facing flat roof, replacement of modern internal doors, replacement of existing plastic guttering and improvement works to external tile hung cladding. After discussion it was resolved that Council have no objections to the applications.
SDNP/13/05124/HOUS 20 The Street, Pyecombe – Application for retention of Straw Barn Outhouse as this application was only brought to the attention of the Council on 4th November 2013 most Council members had not yet had the opportunity to view the application on the Planning Portal therefore Cllr Cullen who had spoken to both the agent and visited the site advised Council that the Agent had been led to believe that as a replacement garden building planning permission was not required. Members of the public confirmed that there is a significant difference between the size of the previous garden building and the new structure. Council raised concerns over the time lapses between the commencement of building works and the planning application, size of structure, also utilities and drainage aspects used to complete the works. In view of these concerns Council recommends permission is refused.

8. **West Sussex County Council Rights of Way** – proposed new signage for Chantry Farm. Cllr Wilson confirmed that Solicitors letter received by council had been responded to and no further communication had been received. Discussion took place over the best possible siting for the signage Council recommendation is that two signs be placed one at the bottom of the track and one at the commencement of the bridleway. **Action – Cllr Wilson to respond to ROW Officer regarding proposals.**
9. **Community Initiative Project** – All members felt that the initiative had been very successful however in view of the recent adverse weather conditions it was imperative that any remaining trees be maintained by the land owners. **Action Cllr Wilson to discuss with land owners.**
Discussion also took place regarding the clearance of the footpath adjacent to the Old London Road as part of a new Community Initiative however it was felt that by Council that as there may be some heavy lifting due to the thickness of the vegetation it may be better to look into methods of clearance prior to asking for assistance. **Action - Cllr Wilson, Cllr Hunt and Cllr Saich will look into methods of clearance.**
10. **Winter Maintenance Plan** – Cllr Wilson confirmed that there will be 3 new salt bins delivered to specified locations with the delivery of extra grit being made to Cllr Saich who will then implement gritting at the request of the Council.
11. **Flooding and Operation Watershed** - Council have applied for funding to assist with flooding issues at the bottom of Pyecombe Street and will confirm once funding is received – **Action ongoing**
13. **100th Anniversary WW1 – 2014** Whilst Council felt that this date, 28th July 2014, should be acknowledge in some way it was important not to celebrate the onset of War rather the retention of Freedom, further discussion will take place at the next meeting. **Action - ongoing**
12. **Finance**
Confirmation of cheques raised for signature since last meeting
100861 £867.16 Invoice 8000985084 WSCC Payroll Clerks Salary
Period May to August 2013
100862 £75.14 Invoice 0014 EDF Energy
100863 £36.00 Invoice SB20131941 PKF Little John External Audit Costs
100864 £258.48 Invoice 8000993817 WSCC Payroll Clerks Salary September
100865 £30.00 Invoice 7075 SSALC Clerks Networking Day
100866 £50.00 Cllr Wilson annual Chairmans Expenses
Cash Flow Sheet
13. Discussion took place regarding the issue of lorries parking in London Road Cllr Bishop will update council at next meeting. **Action - ongoing**
14. **Date of Next Meeting** – 14th January 2014 to be confirmed.