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## Minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Pyecombe Church at 7.00pm

**Present –** Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr M. Saich, Cllr T Cullen, Cllr C. Bere and Cllr G. Bishop.  
West Sussex County Councillor P Griffiths  
West Sussex County Council Highways Representative Mr R Speller  
Mid Sussex District Councillor C Trumble  
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston

<p><b>85.15</b> Apologies were received from Cllr A Watts-Williams and Cllr J Wilkinson Mid Sussex District Council.</p> <p><b>86.15 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda;</b> None advised.</p> <p><b>87.15 Minutes of Previous Meetings</b> Minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were agreed by council and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>88.15 Matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.</b> <b>Street Lighting, Pyecombe Street</b> – Clerk has been in touch with SSE Officer and will continue to work to resolve the issues. <b>Children’s Play Area</b> – Mid Sussex District Council have recently carried out some much needed repairs and maintenance on this area. Clerk will continue to work with MSDC with a view to upgrading this area.</p> <p><b>89.15 West Sussex County Council Highways update by Mr Richard Speller</b> – Mr Speller introduced himself to the meeting confirming that in recognition of historic poor services he has now been appointed Area Highways Manager for the Mid Sussex area. There are now a team of six staff members who now deal with all Highways enquiries giving a single point of contact.</p> <p>The issue with flooding at the bottom of Pyecombe Street appears to be caused by the runoff from the nearby hill with the increase in rainfall intensity and poor maintenance having alleviated the problem. Prior to the meeting Cllr Wilson, Cllr Cullen and Mr Speller met to discuss a solution with the best way forward appearing to be the building of a new soak away, Mr Speller confirmed there is currently no funding for this item. In view of the lack of funding the best way forward is to use maintenance to resolve the issue. Mr Speller confirmed that he is happy to attend each maintenance visit along with a Council representative to ensure that silt clearance is taking place on a regular basis.</p> <p>Mr Speller confirmed that no funding for this item would be available from Highways as it is not considered to be a Highways problem. It was agreed to make representation for funding at the next CLC meeting being held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 at Downlands School, Hassocks, when Council should ask for a statement from members to ensure this item is Minuted. Clerk will email Rachel Elm prior to meeting.</p> <p>A further site meeting will be held between Mr Speller and Cllr Wilson to review the drainage during the next few weeks.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ Cllr Trumble</p> <p>WSSC/ Cllr Wilson</p> <p>Full Council/ Clerk</p> <p>Mr Speller Cllr Wilson</p>
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<p>Cllr Saich raised the issue of white lines along the concrete cycle path leading to Wayfield Farm. Mr Speller will look into this item however there is a considerable back log on this item.</p> <p>Council raised their concerns regarding the junction at the bottom of Church Lane where residents have requested both double yellow lines and/or a mirror. Mr Speller confirmed that although TRO's are hard to obtain Council are able to request this item. Clerk will look into prior to next meeting. The siting of a mirror is not allowed on any public land due to the public liability implications.</p> <p><b>90.15 Update from WSCC</b> Cllr P Griffiths confirmed WSCC have agreed to take part in the Government's voluntary scheme to support Syrian refugees. They are waiting for further details on how this scheme will work, but they anticipate providing support for approximately one refugee family per month, possibly for the next 5 years. If any residents would like to host please contact WSCC.</p> <p>The County Council, through the Care, Wellbeing and Education Directorate, will provide the coordinating role for this. This will ensure that links to all key strategic bodies are maintained and that refugees are properly supported in and by the local community.</p> <p>We are likely to be particularly looking for help from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voluntary and community groups or individuals who are keen to help</li><li>• Syrian communities already in West Sussex</li><li>• Arabic groups that might be in a position to offer practical support and welcome</li><li>• Faith groups that are expressing an interest in providing support</li><li>• Any groups that have experience or expertise in supporting refugees</li></ul> <p>If any residents would like to assist please contact WSCC.</p> <p>A summit meeting is planned for 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to discuss rural Broadband. Currently there is a £3,000 ticket on offer to assist small local businesses towards better connections. Further details can be obtained from WSCC.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths left the meeting at this point.</p> <p><b>91.15 Mid Sussex District Council update</b> – Cllr Trumble confirmed his recent appointment as Leader Scrutiny &amp; Strategy Committee. Update given on two big items involving MSDC, firstly devolution is taking a big step forwards with Cornwall looking to be the first to have devolved powers approved. Locally we have three counties at devolved powers namely, East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey. It is hoped this would give greater control over Infrastructure, Housing and Development. Secondly the SDNP Plan consultation has just finished recommendations are for a total of eight houses in Pyecombe and a permanent gypsy site in the district, with a current application pending consideration in Fulking.</p> <p>The MSDC District Plan which does not support the Mayfield Market Town shows an amendment to the number of dwellings per year with an increase to 800 per year up to 2031. It is hoped that these numbers will be increased by density rather than any amendments to current Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>MSDC have agreed in principal a £65 million redevelopment of Burgess Hill Town centre with a planning application expected by the end of the year. New River the proposed company in charge of the redevelopment have a proven track record with small towns and will run and manage the application.</p>	<p><b>Mr Speller/Cllr</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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<p><b>92.15 Community Events -</b>  <b>Website</b> – Cllr Wilson and Clerk have been looking into updating the Parish Website. Due to the cost implications it was decided to wait until the new year when a local resident had offered to assist.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/Cllr Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Bank Clearance Church Lane</b> – Cllr Wilson and Clerk recently met with Mr Rolfe from MSDC with a view to taking over the planting of the bank from WSCC Highways. Mr Rolfe is looking in to this item and will liaise with Clerk.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>93.15 Planning Applications</b>  <b>SDNP/15/05314/LDE</b> Jack Mill Pumping Station, Clayton Hill, Pyecombe. New above ground water tank to replace old below ground tank condemned for non compliance by water authority. Council agreed it had no objections to the application.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>94.15 Finance/Clerks update</b>  Council discussed Budget paperwork this item will be finalised at the January meeting. Cheques raised for payment or issued since last meeting confirmed as follows;  £267.52 WSCC Invoice 8001115171  £ 75.42 Invoice 000000874572 EDF Energy  £720.00 Lewis &amp; Co Planning South East Ltd.  £ 87.70 WSCC Invoice 8001115884  £267.52 WSCC Invoice 8001120014</p>	
<p><b>95.15 To consider items for future meetings.</b> The handrail on the bridge at Pyecombe Street needs replacing. Clerk will contact WSCC Ranger for advice.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>96.15 Dates for future meetings;</b>   <b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Wayfield Park Farm Shop</b>  <b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>  <b>17<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>  <b>20<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>  <b>15<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b></p>	