

Pyecombe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at Pyecombe Church at 7.00pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr M. Saich, Cllr T Cullen, and Cllr C. Bere.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.
Nine members of the public.

97.15 Apologies were received from Cllr G. Bishop and Cllr J Wilkinson Mid Sussex District Council.

98.15 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda; None advised.

99.15 Public Question Time. Resident questioned Council on the continuing flooding issue at the bottom of The Street. Cllr Wilson confirmed this remains an ongoing item due requirement of a new sump. Following recent meetings with Highways the short term solution is to remove a curb stone which should be completed within the next month. Comments were also made regarding the cutting of grass verges /hedges and the general upkeep of the parish. Clerk will raise this item with WSCC.

100.15 Minutes of Previous Meetings Minutes of the meeting on 10th November 2015 were agreed by council and signed by the Chairman.

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

Street Lighting, Pyecombe Street – Clerk has been in touch with SSE Officer and will continue to work to resolve the issues.

Children's Play Area – Mid Sussex District Council recently met with Clerk and Cllr Wilson to review the play area. A working group will be set up in the New Year to liaise with MSDC with a view to upgrading this area. It was suggested that a village survey be carried out prior to any works to find out what residents would like to see the area contain.

102.15 Planning Applications

SDNP/15/04556/FUL The Cart Shed, Pyecombe Street. Proposed demolition of the existing dilapidated Cart Shed and the erection of a pair of semi-detached cottage style dwellings. Amended plans. Resident enquiry as to why Council have not made public aware of the meeting to discuss this item. Also felt that the Conservation Officer statement and plans should have been delivered to nearby households. Council and members of the public confirmed that the Agenda had been in place on both parish noticeboards since 8th December and is also on the parish website. Council are not required to hand deliver planning applications as the onus is on the public to obtain via the Mid Sussex or South Downs portal.

Council had previously objected to the application on the grounds of the height of the proposed dwellings and the need to comply with current building line. Confirmation was given by the Conservation Officer that neither building line or the proposed height of the application were considered to be an issue.

There was a request from a resident for a postponement of the decision until Council /Residents could meet with Conservation Officer. As this is not normal procedure Council do not feel this is necessary.

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<p>Council have no objections to the application although concerns are still noted with regards to the height of the dwellings and the site impacting on the setting of a listed building and the neighbouring property at No. 4.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>SDNP/15/04137/FUL Land Parcel to The East of church Lane. Erection of 8 residential dwellings (2 affordable) with garages, access, associated landscaping and acoustic fencing. Amended description. All residents and Councillors have severe concerns regarding the road traffic impact. Highways report has requested additional work be carried out to make the path to the M&S Store/Garage more accessible however to access this path residents will need to cross the road at a point adjacent to a blind bend.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Council resolved to raise the following objections and/or requests regarding the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Officer revisits the site during peak times to view the flow of traffic at the junction of London Road/Church Lane • Affordable Housing is removed from the site and replaced with a contribution towards housing in Hassocks which can supply the local amenities required. • If Affordable housing remains on site these dwellings are moved further away from the neighbouring property. • In line with the rural nature of the village there should be no street lighting. • With the proposed increase to the village population a contribution should be made towards a kick about/play area. • Council will request the application be called to a Planning Committee Meeting. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Clerk will put together a letter of objection which will be sent to all council members for clarification prior to submission.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>103.15 Finance/Clerks update Acceptance of Draft Discretions Policy for LGPS. Council resolved to accept this policy. Clerk will forward this to WSCC. Cheques raised for payment or issued since last meeting confirmed as follows; £ 97.20 Visionict Invoice 5578 £267.52 WSCC Invoice 8001126395 £ 22.00 D. Langston Expenses</p>	
<p>104.15 Dates for future meetings; 21st January 2016 at Wayfield Park Farm Shop 15th March 2016 17th May 2016 19th July 2016 20th September 2016 15th November 2016</p>	