

# Pyecombe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Wayfield Park Farm Shop at 7.00pm

**Present –** Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr T Cullen, Cllr M Saich  
West Sussex County Councillor P. Griffiths  
Mid Sussex District Councillor C Trumble  
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.  
Two Members of the public

**61.16** Apologies were received from Cllr G. Bishop, Cllr C. Bere and Mid Sussex District Councillor A Watts Williams.

**62.16 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda;** None declared

**63.16 Music and Arts Festival.** Chairman passed on his congratulations to those involved in the Organisation of this event.

**64.16 Public Question Time.** Council were addressed by a member of the public who questioned why nothing had been done by Council regarding outstanding grass cutting and the waste spoil on Wayfield Park Farm. Council confirmed that Clerk had contacted WSCC on 18th May and had been advised that the work program allowed for the grass cut in the parish to be carried out on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Due to inclement weather this was then revised to 20<sup>th</sup> June with one week's grace. As per legal requirements the cut back of hedges and vegetation remains dependent upon the nesting season. Council have received a complaint from another resident regarding the damage caused by the WSCC grass cutting team. Clerk will contact WSCC to request further information on work programme. All works should now have been completed.

The resident raised further concerns regarding the site of planning application SDNP/15/04556/FUL. Cllr C Trumble will investigate these concerns if resident passes the information too Cllr Wilson.

Confirmation was queried the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the parish. As this is not a Council function Cllr Wilson agreed to look into this and confirm. Following the meeting it was confirmed that there is currently no longer a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in Pyecombe.

A resident asked Council to pass on his thanks to the builders working on Church Lane despite the size of the site it is felt that they are showing consideration towards residents during the construction of the new houses. Council will write to the builders and also contact the site to enquire as to the possibility of a site visit.

The resident complimented Council on the clearance of the bank at the top of Church Lane. Council confirmed that the cut vegetation, once dried out, would be removed and disposed of by Cllr Saich.

**65.16 Minutes of Previous Meetings** Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July were duly amended by Clerk and then agreed by Council and signed by the Chairman.

**66.16 Matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.** None arising.

Cllr  
Wilson

Clerk

<p><b>67.16 West Sussex County Councillor update</b> – Cllr Griffiths informed the meeting that he has not been re-elected to post and will therefore only remain as our West Sussex County Councillor for six months. Chairman passed on Councils thanks to Cllr Griffiths for all his work on behalf of the parish.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths has recently attended meetings with the new Director of WSCC Education and Skills, Deborah Myers, to pass on concerns raised by local parishes about school place provision and the standard of results at local schools.</p> <p>Another new Director that Cllr Griffiths has arranged meetings with recently has been Matt Davey, WSCC Director of Highways and Transport where he has highlighted the feelings from parishes about the frustration about how long it takes Highways to do anything. Council once again highlighted the issues surrounding the path and verges at the bottom of Church Lane with the request of the possibility of yellow lines or traffic enforcement. Council will continue to monitor the situation and will pass collated information onto Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Trumble.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p><b>Full Council</b></p>
<p><b>68.16 Mid Sussex District Council update</b> – Cllr C. Trumble updated Council on the planning process within the SDNP which is currently delegated to MSDC who carry out the process on behalf of the South downs National Park. This contract is currently being renegotiated and will certainly be taken back in house. MSDC will retain the power of call in although these meetings may then be held in Midhurst with Committees formed of elected representatives. It is envisaged that District Councillors will still have the power to represent residents on planning committees. This item remains ongoing with further information expected towards the end of the year.</p> <p>Cllr Trumble highlighted issues within other parishes with Travellers and Gypsies. Council will be villigent.</p> <p>Cllr Trumble left the meeting at this point</p>	
<p><b>69.16. Community Issues</b></p>	
<p><b>69.1.16 Footpath Clearance</b> – Cllr Cullen highlighted the work of The Monday Night Group who undertake clearance and repairs of footpaths throughout Sussex. Council felt that there work may be beneficial in some areas of the parish. Cllr Cullen will liaise with local representative and Clerk.</p>	<p><b>Clerk Cllr Cullen</b></p>
<p><b>69.2.16 Neighbourhood Plan</b> – Cllr Wilson, Cllr Cullen and clerk recently attended a meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 with neighbouring parishes at MSDC Officers. Council felt that further information on the process would be beneficial and Clerk will contact another local parish who have been through the procedure to ask for advice. Clerk will also email neighbouring parishes to ask whether they are interested in an informal meeting to discuss the benefits of a ‘cluster plan’.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>69.3.16 Pathway Reconstruction Issues/Proposed Bollards</b> –Clerk is liaising with WSCC Highways and SSE regarding this matter which remains outstanding.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>69.4.16 Flint Wall</b> – Repairs have recently been carried out to the wall. Council resolved to add an additional bollard to the area at the top of the wall to protect the wall from further damage.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>69.5.16 Community Bank Clearance</b> – WSCC Officer Darren Rolfe and a team of volunteers have recently carried out another bank clearance. Council will consider spraying this area and then grassing and/or planting. Clerk will contact Darren Rolfe to request further advice.</p>	
<p><b>69.6.16 Operation Watershed</b> – Council have received two quotes for the works and are awaiting third quote. Cllr Wilson and Clerk are liaising with WSC highways Officer Tim Boxall on this matter.</p>	<p><b>Clerk Cllr Wilson</b></p>

**69.7.16 Children's Play Area** – Clerk has collated all the survey responses. As grant funding will be required Clerk has arranged several site visits by play equipment specialists for quotation purposes once these have been obtained funding can be applied for from various sources.

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

**SDNP/16/04434/CND** Chantry Farm, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. Variation of planning condition 2 relating to Application Reference Number: SDNP/13/02492/FUL Condition Number(s): 2 Conditions(s) Removal: See Planning Statement The condition should be varied to state: "Camping shall only take place in the areas marked on the plan entitled 'Location Plan'."

Application SDNP/13/02492/FUL grants consent for a low impact and environmentally sustainable campsite use at Chantry Farm. Condition 2 of this consent requires camping "to take place in the areas marked on the location plan, between 1st March and 30th October for each calendar year." This application looks to vary that condition by removing the seasonal requirements and allowing year-round use of the campsite.

Council resolved to oppose the application on the grounds of additional vehicle usage having a detrimental effect on the local community during winter months. The entrance to the camp site via the existing bridleway has no street lighting. Once British Summer time ends the early onset of dusk/nightfall means that any vehicles using this access will be prejudicing highway safety and will be hugely inconvenient for pedestrian's especially local children who may not be immediately visible. In the three years since the camp site opened, in 2013, there have been several near misses between local residents and car drivers unaware of the inadequate road system. Recently one local resident has had a pet run over on the access road causing the death of the animal. Council recommends refusal of this application on the grounds that the removal of the seasonal requirements causes an immediate health and safety issue to the rural community.

**SDNP/16/04141/FUL** Telecommunications Mast at Pyecombe Reservoir, The Wyshe, Pyecombe. Replacement monopole, replacement antennas, one replacement and one additional small cabinet. Council resolved it had no objections to the application.

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

**SDNP/16/02667/HOUS** 1 School Lane, Pyecombe. Extending patio by 1 metre and square off curved part of patio. Pending Consideration.

**SDNP/16/02797/FUL** Ridgemont School Lane Pyecombe BN45 7FQ. Erection of a new dwelling and associated new garage including new garage to Ridgemont. Permission Granted.

**SDNP/16/02562/FUL** 1 and 2 Pyecombe Street Pyecombe Brighton West Sussex BN45 7EB. Two storey side extensions either side of 1 and 2 Pyecombe Street. Permission Granted.

**SDNP/16/02737/FUL** Land Parcel to The East of Church Lane Pyecombe West Sussex. Erection of 8 no. residential dwellings (2 no. affordable) with garages, access, associated landscaping and acoustic fencing. Amended Plans repositioning of plots 6, 7, 8. Pending Consideration.

**SDNP/16/02116/FUL** Chestnuts Riding School, London Road, Pyecombe. Retrospective planning application for Outdoor Menage. Permission Granted.

One member of the public left following a verbal altercation with the other during which threats were made.

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**72.16 Finance/Clerks Report**

Balance Sheet

Confirmation of cheques raised since last meeting;

£258.98 WSCC Invoice 8001164016

£ 49.27 EDF Invoice 1802487

£325.57 WSCC Invoice 8001167192

Confirmation of cheques raised for signature;

£325.57 WSCC Invoice 8001172795

£ 72.00 Kitman Ltd Invoice 5365

£485.00 Ditchling Flint Invoice 015

£325.57 WSCC Invoice 8001177165

**73.16. Any other business (Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information)** Clerk highlighted issues with the security of the potential website and will continue to look into new suppliers.

**74.16. Dates for future Meetings;** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Clerk**