

# Pyecombe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at Pyecombe Church at 6.00pm

**Present –** Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr M. Saich, Cllr T Cullen, Cllr C Bere and Cllr G. Bishop.  
Mid Sussex District Councillor J Wilkinson  
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston. 2 Members of the Public.

<p><b>15.16</b> Apologies were received from Cllr A Watts Williams</p> <p><b>16.16 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda;</b> None declared.</p> <p><b>17.16 Public Question Time.</b> Council were advised that the large pothole sited at The Wyshe has now been infilled by a resident. Council will reimburse cost of materials used. Memorial seat flint wall at School Lane and The Wyshe junction are still awaiting repair. Clerk has contacted a local firm who specialise in flint wall repair work to ask for a quotation. Resident raised concerns regarding the Health and Safety issue arising from this damage. Cllr Wilson will visit the site to survey the damaged area.</p> <p>Residents are concerned about the damage to the grass verge along the side of the The Wyshe. Council will look into ways of stopping motorists driving along this area.</p> <p><b>18.16 Minutes of Previous Meetings</b> Minutes of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed by council and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>19.16 Matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.</b></p> <p><b>5.1.16 Overgrown vegetation, Church Lane.</b> The vegetation that was recently cut back has now been tidied away from the Highway by the contractor.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Plan.</b> Cllr Wilkinson asked Council to consider working with adjoining Parish Councils to produce a joint Neighbourhood Plan. This would give the parish additional protection against unwanted large scale development. Council will discuss under Planning.</p> <p><b>20.16 Mid Sussex District Council update –</b> Cllr Wilkinson advised Council of the recent increase in Council Tax of 3.8% overall. The Mid Sussex District Plan is still ongoing. MSDC are currently taking advice from their Barrister although it is hoped to be ready for inspection during the summer whilst the South Downs National Park Plan is unlikely to be in place prior to 2018. The Devolution process is still under discussion. MSDC are currently involved in two different areas, one involving East Sussex, West Sussex and Surry the other combining with Brighton and Hove, Lewes, Worthing and Adur and any decision on these two combinations is not expected before June 2016.</p> <p>Council raised a number of concerns regarding planning items with Cllr Wilkinson who will look into these with the Officers concerned and advise Clerk of outcome.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson left the meeting at this point.</p> <p><b>21.16 Community Issues.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Street Lighting, Pyecombe Street and Pathway Reconstruction–</b> Clerk and Cllr Wilson recently met with SSE Management regarding this issue and are assured that this will</li></ul>	<p><b>Clerk Cllr Wilson  Council</b></p> <p><b>Clerk Cllr Wilkinson</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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<p>shortly be rectified. Council are still concerned with the number of vehicles parking on the grass verges and will look into ways to eradicate the problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Children’s Play Area</b> –Clerk has put together a questionnaire for residents this has been included in the latest Newsletter. Residents have been asked to return these by 15th April 2016 following which the Clerk will compile a list of requirements.</li> <li>• <b>Newsletter</b> – Following the very sad passing of Rita Hemsley Council agreed that the Clerk would take on the production of the Newsletter. Vicky Clapperton agreed to continue as Editor for the foreseeable future. Council felt that as was the case with Rita there should be a nominally fee to accompany this role. Ms Clapperton felt that this was not required and suggested that perhaps a small donation to a charity of her choice would be appropriate.</li> <li>• <b>Notice board</b> – The recently successful planning application at The Cart Shed means that the notice board will need to be moved from the current position. The applicant has kindly agreed to take on the task of moving and re-erecting the board whilst council pay for the new posts and cement. Council considered the siting of the board with several options being suggested. Cllr Cullen and Cllr Wilson will discuss this matter with the residents affected. It was also agreed that both notice boards needed some repair and remedial work this will be looked into by Cllr Wilson.</li> <li>• <b>New Website</b> Council will continue to review the recently constructed page and will liaise with Clerk.</li> <li>• <b>New Dog Bins</b> – MSDC have suggested that the site for the new bin should be moved away from the position put forward by council. Council agreed that this was not acceptable and Clerk will contact MSDC to convey this.</li> <li>• <b>Bank Church Lane</b> – Cllr Wilson updated Council on the situation with funding offered by WSCC to complete this task. Pyecombe will need to supply a minimum of five volunteers whilst the remainder will be located through WSCC sources. Council resolved to accept the funding offered with a view to completing at least some of the proposed works. Cllr Wilson will confirm this with WSCC.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Council</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b> <b>Council</b></p> <p><b>Cllr</b> <b>Cullen /</b> <b>Wilson</b></p> <p><b>Council</b> <b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr</b> <b>Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>22.16 Planning Applications.</b> There were no planning applications to consider. Council gave consideration to the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk will put together some tentative items in order to update Councillors who have not been involved in this process.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>23.16 To receive confirmation of decisions regarding previously discussed planning applications.</b></p>	
<p><b>SDNP/15/04556/FUL</b> 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. No further information was currently available. Permission Granted.</p>	
<p><b>SDNP/15/04137/FUL</b> 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). Permission Granted.</p>	
<p><b>SDNP/16/00143/HOUS Nestledown</b> Cottage, 15 Pyecombe Street. Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of two storey extension in its place. Permission Granted.</p>	
<p><b>24.16 Finance/Clerks Report</b> Balance Sheet handed to all councillors. Confirmation of cheques raised for signature; £486.88 WSCC Invoice 8001136834 £322.36 WSCC Invoice 8001142905 £ 75.36 EDF Energy Invoice 000001386904</p>	

£ 81.60 D Wilson Newsletter Expenses  
£ 20.05 D Langston Expenses  
£330.84 MSDC Invoice 4097429254  
£535.49 Came & Company Insurance Renewal

**25.16 To consider items for future meetings.** Cllr Saich will look into obtaining a quote for the works which Council would like to cover under Operation Watershed. Due to the expected high volume of applicants this quote is required by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

**26.16 Dates for future meetings;**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Cllr  
Wilson  
Cllr Saich**