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Minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th January at Wayfield Park Farm Shop at 7.00pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr M. Saich, Cllr T Cullen, and Cllr G. Bishop.

West Sussex County Councillor P Griffiths

Mid Sussex District Councillor J Wilkinson

Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston. 4 Members of the Public.

01.16 Apologies were received from Cllr C. Bere

02.16 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda; Cllr T Cullen expressed an interest in item SDNP/16/00143/HOUS. Cllr G Bishop expressed an interest as a close neighbour in item SDNP/15/04137/FUL.

03.16 Public Question Time. Council were asked to address the following items throughout the Parish; Infill of the large pothole sited at The Wyshe. A resident has kindly offered to complete this task. Council will highlight to WSCC Highways and confirm timescale. Memorial seat flint wall at School Lane and The Wyshe junction which appears to have been knocked down by a vehicle. Vegetation on both Church Lane and Church Road which following a recent request by the Parish Council to the owner of the land on Church Lane appears to have been cut back with no removal of the waste materials.

Action Clerk and Cllr Wilson

04.16 Minutes of Previous Meetings Minutes of the meeting on 15th December 2015 were agreed by council and signed by the Chairman.

05.16 Matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda. All items are covered by the Agenda.

06.16 Mid Sussex District Council update – Cllr Wilkinson updated Council on the position with the South Downs National Park Plan which although drafted is unlikely to go for inspection before 2017. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of protection this will give the parish. Adjoining parishes are considering the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan however this is still a lengthy process. Mid Sussex District Plan has now been finalised and will be expected to go before the Inspector in the next month. Confirmation was requested regarding protection from the MSDP whilst the SDNP process remains unfinished. **Action Cllr J Wilkinson will confirm and advise Clerk.**

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. It is hoped this would give greater control over Infrastructure, Housing and Development.

Cllr Wilkinson also highlighted the Environmental Award received by Pyecombe Golf Club. Council would like to include this item in the next newsletter. **Action Clerk will liaise with Cllr Wilkinson and send to Editor.**

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<p>07.16 Community Issues. Council updated Cllr Wilkinson on the items below which remain ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Lighting, Pyecombe Street – Clerk has been in touch with SSE Officer and these lights are now being turned off at night. They still appear to be excessively bright. Clerk will continue to work with SSE to rectify this. • Children’s Play Area – Cllr Wilson and Clerk recently attended a meeting with Mid Sussex District Council who are working with Council to achieve the requested upgrade. Clerk will put together a questionnaire for residents with a view to including with the next magazine. Support will also be offered by our MSD Councillors. • Council raised their concerns regarding the footpath and surrounding verges near the BP garage which following the recent SSE works have been left in an unsatisfactory state. Further concerns were raised regarding the ongoing issue with the junction at the bottom of Church Lane where Council would like to see some form of parking measure. Action Clerk will request a meeting with Highways to discuss these concerns. • Operation Watershed funding is being discussed on 19th February 2016 when it is hoped further applications will be sought. Clerk will contact Richard Speller to request information on this item. Action Clerk. • Resident has approached Council with a view to requesting the removal of the conifers along Church Lane. It was felt that these may be an issue in high winds. Council agreed trees were not a health and safety risk and will remain in place. Action Cllr Wilson will advise resident. <p>Cllr Wilkinson left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wilson</p>
<p>08.16 Planning Applications Cllr Cullen left the meeting at this point due to a Pecuniary Interest. SDNP/16/00143/HOUS Nestledown Cottage, 15 Pyecombe Street. Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of two storey extension in its place. Council reviewed plans and objection letter from close neighbour following this discussion during which question were raised and answered by one of the applicants Council agreed it had no objections to the proposals.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>09.16 To receive confirmation of decisions regarding previously discussed 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. No further information was currently available.</p> <p>Cllr Bishop remained in the meeting for this item as this was purely an update by Chairman and no decisions were being taken.</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). Report has been uploaded on to the MSDC Planning Portal which show this application is recommended for approval. Residents expressed their disbelief surrounding this recommendation given the number of projected vehicles involved. Council believe this application will be discussed at the MSDC Planning Committee Meeting on 4th February 2016. Action Clerk will confirm this when Agenda is received.</p> <p>Cllr P Griffiths arrived at this point.</p> <p>Council highlighted their concerns regarding the above application. Disappointment was shown regarding the Highways report which does not seem to take account of the projected 28 car parking spaces and the increase in traffic movements this would mean.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>10.16 West Sussex County Council –Cllr P Griffiths confirmed that following the recent crash on the A23 Mr P Phillips from WSCC Highways has confirmed improvements to this surface of the highway in this area will be scheduled.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths thanked Council for their responses regarding proposed rises in Council Taxes. The majority of feedback received shows that residents are happy to pay more if changes are being made to infrastructure. It was generally felt that WSCC have made some positive changes it is hoped these will continue.</p> <p>Cllr Wilson highlighted the issues surrounding the path and verges at the bottom of Church Lane. Council once again raised the possibility of yellow lines or traffic enforcement. Cllr Griffiths will liaise with Mr R Speller to arrange a site meeting with Council. Action Cllr Griffiths.</p> <p>11.16 01 March 2016 Contract renewal proposal EDF Energy. Council resolved to accept the terms of the contract. Action Clerk</p> <p>12.16 Finance/Clerks Report Balance Sheet handed to all councillors. Acceptance of Budget 2016/2017 discussion regarding items on the budget and the impact this would have on the current Precept. Council resolved to raise the Precept to £6,000 for the year 2016/2017. Action Clerk to advise MSDC.</p> <p>Confirmation of cheques raised for signature; £175.00 Pyecombe PCC Invoice £267.52 WSCC Invoice 8001131460 £20.58 D Langston Expenses £50.00 L Saich Meeting Costs</p> <p>13.16 To consider items for future meetings. Clerk will contact Darren Rolfe ref Church Lane Bank.</p> <p>14.16 Dates for future meetings; 15th March 2016 12th May 2016 19th July 2016 20th September 2016 15th November 2016</p>	<p>Cllr Griffiths</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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