

# Pyecombe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Wayfield Park Farm Shop, Pyecombe at 7.00pm

**Present –** Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr C. Bere and Cllr T. Cullen.  
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.  
Mid Sussex District Councillor C. Trumble.

**1.18 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received from Cllr G. Bishop, Cllr M. Saich and West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis

**2.18 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda.** No declarations were made.

**3.18 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017.** Minutes were approved by Council and signed by Chairman.

**4.18 Mid Sussex District Council – update by District Councillor C. Trumble.** MSDC budget will be scrutinised at the end of January with Council Tax figures being circulated towards end of February. Cllr Trumble confirmed ongoing discussions with DCLG regarding financial payback requirements. There will be a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to discuss the MSDC District Plan on Hassocks. Council hope to have the plan signed off by Easter 2018. Mayfield Market Town land options are soon to expire and they are therefore keen to push forward any possible development however this remains unsupported by both MSDC and HDC.

Rural Broadband speeds continue to be an issue. Information supplied by residents has been submitted to MP N. Soames confirmation received verbally from Cllr Dennis regarding further discussions on this matter at county level.

### **5.18 Community Issues.**

**5.1.18 Dog Bins.** Clerk has highlighted all issues to MSDC and will continue to monitor this item. A further update will be given at the next meeting.

**5.2.18 Play Area.** A Community Play Area account has been set up to enable grant funding to be applied for. Council will review the number of children now in the village and continue to support the project by working with both MSDC and WSCC.

**5.3.18 Finger Post/Village Gates.** Clerk highlighted the finger post located at the bottom of School Lane required removal from the grass verge. Further investigation will be carried out into replacing this item and will be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr C. Bere and Cllr D. Wilson will carry out remedial repairs to the village gates.

**6.18 To discuss the appointment of the Councils Data Protection Officer.** Council resolved the appointment of Cllr T. Cullen to the position of Data Protection Officer.

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## 7.18 Finance/Clerks Report

**Transparency Fund Update.** Clerk confirmed funding had been received from this source and will proceed with the purchase of the necessary equipment.

**To consider Clerks Salary.** Council resolved to raise the Clerks Salary by one salary scale.

**Budget Update and Precept.** Council agreed the proposed 2018/19 budget and confirmed that the precept will remain at £7,500.

Clerk circulated an up to date balance sheet to all Councillors.

Confirmation of cheques raised for signature;

£ 16.20 Vision ICT Ltd Invoice 7468

£343.72 WSCC Invoice 8001266935

£ 25.76 D Langston

£ 49.10 EDF Energy invoice 3693439

£343.72 WSCC Invoice 8001273093