

# Pyecombe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Pyecombe Church, 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.

Two members of the public who addressed Council prior to the commencement of business and then left the meeting.

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

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

**16.18 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.** Minutes were approved by Council and signed by Chairman.

**17.18 Mid Sussex District Council – update by District Councillor C. Trumble.** MSDC budget was agreed at the last Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The budget has increased by 3.2% which is felt reasonable since the government grant has reduced from £6.2 million in 2010 to zero in 2018. MSDC are also required to pay a financial payback levy of £736k per year to DCLG in order to subsidise other less well off councils. This cost continues to be appealed by MSDC with the assistance of MP N. Soames.

MSDC are working on an investment development management strategy and in view of this are in the process of setting up an Economic Development Team. The view moving forwards is to encourage/retain commuters.

Cllr Trumble congratulated the parish on being the only MSDC Parish not to increase the precept and noted there have been significant increases in neighbouring parishes.

The MSDC Plan has been found sound by the Inspector which offers greater protection from Mayfield Market Town. Mid Sussex District council will have to provide 16390 dwellings through to the end of the plan. These figures are higher than expected due to the requirement to take onboard the excess from both Brighton and Crawley who are unable to meet their quota.

**18.18 Community Issues.**

**18.1.18 Dog Bins.** Clerk confirmed that these have finally been replaced by MSDC.

**18.2.18 Play Area.** A grant funding application has been submitted on behalf of the Community group by the Clerk. Further information will be brought to the next meeting.

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## **19.18 To resolve the following planning applications:**

**SDNP/18/00785/LIS** Hobbs Cottage, Haresdean Lane, Pyecombe. New low level pool with underground pool house plus accommodation and associated earth removal. In principle Council have no objections to the application although they consider this will be a commercial development and wonder if this is permissible in the grounds of a listed building.

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**20.18 To review the Data Protection Officer role and consider GDPR implications.** Cllr T Cullen and Clerk have both attended recent SSALC training events on this subject where they were advised that the Data Controller cannot be either a councillor or Clerk. There are a number of companies who offer the service of Data Protection Officer to local Councils. Council will consider the services of a remote company offering this facility at a cost of £150.00 per year.

**21.18 To consider Parish maintenance.** Clerk highlighted the finger post located at the bottom of School Lane having been laid on the grass verge for H&S reasons has now been stolen. Clerk will instigate an insurance claim for replacement. Cllr C. Bere and Cllr D. Wilson will carry out remedial repairs to the village gates as soon as the weather improves. Clerk has obtained quotes for the works on the path and verges located near the garage/shop and will liaise with the Manager to instigate these works.

## **22.18. Finance/Clerks Report:**

Balance Sheet passed to all Councillors.

Cheques raised for signature since last meeting:

£447.48 S Langston Transparency Fund purchase of new laptop

£ 49.99 M Knott Invoice PPC003

£ 57.60 SSALC Invoice 11567

£ 19.20 SSALC Invoice 11621

Confirmation of cheques raised for signature;

£343.72 WSCC Invoice 8001279075

£ 44.21 WSCC Invoice 8001284772

£691.52 WSCC Invoice 8001286168

£ 34.40 D Langston Expenses

£ 31.50 T Cullen Training event expenses