I hereby summons you to attend a Meeting of Pyecombe Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 14th January 2014 At Pyecombe Parish Church at 7.00pm

Members of the public have a right, and are welcome, to attend meetings of the Council. 15 minutes in total will be allowed *before the* meeting for questions to the Council from members of the electorate.

Dawn Langston

Clerk to the Pyecombe Parish Council

Minutes

Attendees –
Cllr David Wilson – Chairman
Cllr Graham Bishop
Cllr Marcus Saich
Cllr Colin Trumble – MSDC
Cllr Peter Griffiths - WSCC
Parish Clerk Dawn Langston
One Member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Received from Cllr Tim Cullen and Cllr David Hunt
2. **Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda**
   None declared
3. **Minutes of previous meeting –** Agreed by Council, signed by Chairman
4. **West Sussex County Council –** Report delivered by Cllr Peter Griffiths please see attached notes.
5. **Mid Sussex District Council –** Cllr Colin Trumble updated council on four main areas;
   Mayfield – Despite MSDC being unsupportive with a shortfall of around 9,000 houses on the Borough Plan and both Horsham and Brighton Council being supportive, these development plans appear to be gathering momentum and should be an area of concern for local residents. Local action group LAMBS is very active and there will also be a media response at the end of the month by local MP's.
   Travellers – There is a new transit site planned for the Chichester District and with a new working approach between the Council and local groups including Law Enforcement Agencies this new relationship appears to be much more productive. Council confirmed that they had received a request for confirmation of any suitable sites however it was resolved that there is nothing suitable in the Parish.
   District Plan – MSDC are disappointed to announce that the District Plan has been Refused by the Inspector on the basis that there was not sufficient cooperation between Brighton and Lewes, although MSDC do not agree with the decision the plan will be resubmitted and it is hopeful that this will be agreed in the Autumn of 2014.
   Polling Station – Although MSDC have confirmed that there will be an inspection of the church, Cllr Wilson confirmed that this has not occurred to date, the polling station review is due by the end of February 2014 so any inspection must be made by end of January 2014.
6. **Highways –**Part of the A23 northbound has been resurfaced with the new quiet road tarmac during December with the remainder planned for completion sometime before May 2014 specific dates are still to be confirmed so remain ongoing. **Action - ongoing**
7. **Planning –** SDNP/13/05124/HOUS 20 The Street, Pyecombe – Application for retention of Straw Barn Outhouse. This application is still pending whilst MSDC hold talks with EDF.

8. **West Sussex County Council Rights of Way –** proposed new signage for Chantry Farm. Despite Council recommendation that two signs be placed one at the bottom of the track and one at the commencement of the bridleway, there is currently only one sign in place which has been located at the bottom of the track. There have also been requests for the sign showing the house numbers for The Street to be replaced to reflect the new properties at number 5 and 6. **Action – Cllr David Wilson**
9. **Community Initiative Project –** In view of how well this item had been received by residents Council proposed holding another two dates this year although the dates are to be confirmed it was felt that early Spring and late Summer were the best times. Due to this becoming an ongoing project it was suggested that an application should be made for funding towards the cost of any relevant equipment. **Action Cllr Wilson**
10. **Mobile Civic Amenities –** Due to the cost implications of using this facility Council will not book any dates for this year.
11. **Flooding and Operation Watershed -** A grant has been received of £2754.48 to rectify flood issues in the area near The Street. Cllr Wilson has attended a meeting arranged by Gulu Sibanda and will continue to monitor the progression. – **Action Cllr Wilson**
12. **100th Anniversary WW1 – 2014** – It was proposed that as a remembrance to those local residents involved in WW1 a tree/s should be planted on the newly cleared bank with a small plaque of acknowledgment. Discussion also took place as to whether this anniversary could be combined with the Village Day with perhaps a VE Day theme. **Action – Cllr Wilson to discuss with Rector**
13 **Finance**

Balance Sheet – clerk updated Council with balance sheet showing balances as at 14.01.2014.

Precept – It was agreed that the Precept should remain at the current level

Confirmation of cheques raised for signature

100867 £258.48 Invoice 8000999007 WSCC Payroll Clerks salary October
100868 £258.48 Invoice 8001004651 WSCC Payroll Clerks salary November
100869 £258.48 Invoice 8001006143 WSCC Payroll Clerks salary December
100870 £75.04 Invoice 0015 EDF Energy

14. Discussion took place regarding the issue of lorries parking in London Road although nothing official can be done as no parking restrictions council will look into the possibility of erecting a mirror so that motorists pulling out of Church Lane are able to see round any obstructive vehicles. **Action - ongoing**
14. **Date of Next Meeting –** Tuesday 4th March 2014.