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Minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th January at Wayfield Park Farm at 7.00pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop, Cllr T. Cullen and Cllr M Saich.
Mid Sussex District Councillor J Callaghan
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston
6 Parishioners

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Council were asked to pass on thanks from a parishioner regarding a recent letter published in the Parish Newsletter. Parishioner raised concerns over the Council plans to consider spending £1440 on the services of both a Planning Consultant and a Highways Consultant to fight any unsuitable development at land in Church Land. As it was not felt this was relevant to the majority of residents. Also questioned the request for a donation of £79.00 towards a recently held party which it was felt was not a good use of public monies. General discussion by members of the public regarding the proposed development at PY1 and its implications on the village as a whole. Once again concerns were raised about the proposed number of houses being much higher than the suggested 5/7 and the lack of infrastructure to deal with a development of this size. Further discussion on this matter will be raised at Item 5.15. Planning.	
1.15 **Apologies for Absence**; Councillor C Trumble and Councillor P Griffiths.	
2.15 **Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda;** As a resident of Church Lane Cllr G Bishop raised a Pecuniary Interest in Item 5.15.	
3.15 **Minutes of Previous Meetings** - Tuesday 11th November and Wednesday 10th December were agreed and signed.	
4.15 No updates were available from District Council due apologies received.	
5.15 **Planning – Land at Church Lane, Pyecombe** Following the discussion with members of the public prior to the commencement of the meeting Council advised they are aware of a preplanning application for this site looking at the possibility of 8 houses. The advice from MSDC has been to reduce the number down to 5 houses in line with the requirements of the District Plan. Council raised concerns over the cost implications should any planning application need to continue to appeal. Council resolved to write to both the Consultants accepting quoted rates and asking them to act, if required, in the light of any unsuitable development at this site. Clerk will raise letters.	**Clerk**
SDNP/14/06412/HOUS 1 School Lane for the partial demolition of existing conservatory and erection of oak framed sun room with pitched and flat roof with roof lights – Council raised no objections.	**Clerk**
SDNP/14/06642/FUL Haresdean Farm, London Road –Change of arena surfacing from grass to all weather surface and construction of collecting ring. Council raised no objections.	
6.15 **Highways -** Overgrown hedgerows and verges **–** Councillor Wilson confirmed he is still waiting for an update on this item from West Sussex County Council.	**Cllr Wilson**

7.15 Children's Play Area Update – Despite recent works there are still areas which need tidying up. Clerk has requested new/updated equipment from MSDC and will continue to liaise with them regarding this. Cllr Callaghan has suggested a point of contact and is happy to assist with this project if help/support is required.	**Clerk**
8.15 Church Lane – Bank Planting – Confirmation from Clerk that we have been allocated £500 by WSCC to plant this area with bulbs/shrubs. Council felt that this area would need clearing again in the Spring as part of a Community project and will remain ongoing. Clerk will liaise with WSCC.	**Clerk**
9.15 Flooding and Operation Watershed – Cllr Wilson confirmed that he is liaising with Gulu Sibanda, MSDC, regarding this item and is still waiting to receive a report regarding the works carried out.	**Cllr Wilson**
10.15 Finance/Clerks update – Council resolved to accept the NALC Pay Award with effect 1st January 2015. Balance sheet was handed to all Councillors. Cheques raised for payment since last meeting confirmed as follows; £261.84 WSCC Invoice 8001057220 Clerks Salary October £175.00 Pyecombe church Upkeep/Meeting Hire £261.84 WSCC Invoice 8001061245 Clerks Salary November £75.36 EDF Energy Invoice 579902725750 £20.32 Clerks Expenses Request for £79.00 contribution towards local celebration. Although Council felt this was not a relevant use of Parish Council funds they were all happy to make a personal contribution towards the event.	**Clerk**
11.15 Budget 2015/2016 Clerk has produced Budget Sheet for this period which was handed to all Councillors. Having discussed the figures it was agreed to keep the Precept at £4814.00.	**Clerk**
12.15 Dates for future meetings; 10th March, 19th May, 14th July, 15th September, 10th November. Venues to be confirmed.	
13.15 Concerns were raised about the increase of Fly Tipping in the village. Large amounts of garden waste are being deposited along the banks on Church Lane whilst Clerk has seen a small van leaving items of rubbish next to the bin on the London Road. Clerk will add this item to the next Newsletter and will remind residents that this is a criminal offence.	**Clerk**