Pyecombe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at Wayfield Park Farm Shop, Pyecombe at 7.00pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop, Cllr C. Bere and Cllr M. Saich.
Mid Sussex District Councillor J Wilkinson.
West Sussex County Councillor J Dennis
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston

52.17 Apologies for Absence. Apologies received from Mid Sussex District Cllr A. Watts William

53.17 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda. None declared.

54.17 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th May and 6th June 2017.
Minutes were agreed by Council and signed by Chair as a true record.

55.17 Matters arising from previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

56.17 To discuss Highways issues. WSCC Cllr J. Dennis, Mr R. Speller, WSCC Highways and Clerk recently met on site to discuss the continuing issues with inconsiderate parking throughout the parish. Mr Speller has produced a plan showing the proposed TRO request which Council resolved to support with the timings for single yellow lines set at 08:00 to 18:00. Clerk will submit this request to WSCC Highways ready for discussion at their November meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

Clerk has recently corresponded with Highways England regarding the resurfacing of the A23 which confirms there are no immediate plans to carry out these works. Cllr Dennis requested a copy of the email which Clerk will circulate. **Action: Clerk.**

57.17 Mid Sussex District Council – update by District Councillor J Wilkinson. Mid Sussex District Plan hearings recommence on 25th and 26th July 2017 where Council hope for formal recognition of the proposed housing numbers. The Economic Development Strategy working group are promoting good working ideals within the District encouraging more people to work locally rather than commute out of the area. Discussions as part of the Northern Arc development programme are continuing to discuss the possibility of a new Science and Technology Business park on land on the B2300 at Hickstead.

Cllr Wilkinson confirmed recent communications regarding the Play Area and will continue to liaise with both Cllr Dennis and the Clerk regarding this item. **Action: Cllr Wilkinson/Cllr Dennis/Clerk**

Cllr Wilkinson left the meeting at this point.

58.17 West Sussex County Council Councillor J Dennis highlighted items discussed at the recent Highways meeting and confirmed her support for the proposed TRO request. Operation Watershed issue was also discussed this item will continue to be monitored by WSCC Highways Officer. Consideration must be given to the production of a Winter Maintenance Plan. Clerk will email previous correspondence received from WSCC on this matter to Cllr Dennis.

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WSCC Highways have recently purchased a new SID device for use by MSDC parishes. Council confirmed their interest in this item highlighting both Church Lane and the London Road as possible sites. Cllr Dennis will liaise with Clerk regarding training sessions.

Cllr Dennis confirmed her new role on Finance, Audit and Pensions Committees. Substitute for the Waste and Resources Committee and holds a position as a Corporate Parent.

Cllr Dennis will be unable to make the next planned meeting due to holiday and will ensure a written briefing is circulated to Clerk. **Action: Cllr Dennis/Clerk**

Council raised a vote of thanks to Cllr Dennis for her assistance with the Highways issues.

Cllr Dennis left the meeting at this point.

59.17 Community Issues

59.1.17 Workstream Items – Litter pick parish tidy up. Council expressed disappointment at the lack of Volunteers attending the recent litter pick. Consideration will be given to running this event in the future.

59.2.17 Children's Play area – Clerk continues to liaise with both MSDC and WSCC regarding this item.

59.3.17 Community Defibrillator - Council will formally request this be sited at the Church. Clerk will obtain prices ready for circulation to Council prior to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

59.4.17 Monday Night Group – Clerk will liaise with Cllr Cullen regarding this item. **Action: Clerk**

60.17 To discuss Planning Matters. To include any planning applications received since production of the Agenda.

SDNP/17/02760/HOUS Downdale, London Road, Pyecombe. Erection of rear conservatory. Council has no objections to the application.

SDNP/17/02701/FUL Land to the South of St Helens, Church Lane, Pyecombe. Erection of detached house with associated car parking, covered car port, and access drive. Amendment from previous consent SDNP/17/01260/FUL. Council objects to the application on the grounds of Highways safety.

SDNP/17/03311/FUL South Hill Farm, London Road, Pyecombe. Refurbishment of existing workshop. Conversion of existing stable block into two workshops/storage rooms. Refurbishment works to include replacement of existing roofs and replacement windows and doors. Workshops to be used by Upholsterer. Council supports the application and recognises the important contribution rural businesses and land owners make to the local economy and landscape of the countryside

61.17 To receive confirmation of decisions regarding previously discussed planning applications.

SDNP/17/02286/FUL Hobbs Cottage, Haresdean Lane, Pyecombe. Demolish Existing Garden Room and erect Garden room with further storage. Permission Granted.

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SDNP/17/01777/FUL Office premises adjacent Chantry Lodge, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. External alterations (new roof, relocated entrance and replacement windows) t0 facilitate change of use from offices to single dwelling house. Application in Progress.

62.17 Finance/Clerks Report

62.1.17 To consider the Councils eligibility to use the General Power of Competence. Clerk confirmed the General Power of Competence gives councils the power to do anything an individual can do provide it is not prohibited by other legislation. Council resolved its eligibility as two thirds of the members have been duly elected and the Clerk holds appropriate qualification.

62.2.17

Balance Sheet handed to all Councillors.
Clerk will submit a Transparency Fund Application to ensure compliance is achieved this will cover additional work load and office equipment.
Confirmation of VAT refund of £125.63
Confirmation of cheques raised for signature;
£391.54 WSCC Invoice 8001234753
£ 47.72 D Langston
£ 49.51 EDF Energy Invoice 000003019211

63.17 To confirm dates for future meetings:

5th September 2017
7th November 2017

64.17 Any other business (Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item, matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information). Clerk highlighted several areas within the parish which need repair/repainting. Councillors will consider these items prior to the next meeting.