Pyecombe Parish Council

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Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL *on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at Pyecombe Church at 6:15 pm*

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr M.Saich, Cllr G. Bishop, Cllr C. Bere and Cllr T. Cullen.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston
Mid Sussex District Councillor C. Trumble
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis
Three Members of the public

Minutes

29.18 To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council and receive declaration of office. Cllr Wilson was proposed by Cllr Bere seconded by Cllr Bishop and duly elected. A declaration of office was signed and passed to the Clerk.

30.18 To elect Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and receive declaration of office. Cllr Saich was proposed by Cllr Bere seconded by Cllr Bishop and duly elected. A declaration of office was signed and passed to the Clerk.

31.18 Apologies for Absence. Apologies received from MSD Councillor A. Watts-Williams and Cllr. J. Wilkinson.

32.18 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda. Cllr Bishop declared a pecuniary interest in planning application SDNP/18/02071/FUL.

33.18 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th April 2018. Minutes were agreed by Council and signed by Chairman.

34.18 To receive and consider any Mid Sussex District Council reports and communications. Cllr Trumble confirmed Mid Sussex District Plan now policy. Pyecombe is not covered in the District Plan as part of the SDNP. MSDC are now in a better position to resist any unwanted large scale development from Mayfield Market Town. There have been communication issues between MSDC and SDNP. In view of this there is a need to sharpen and enhance representation. A new role will be decided in June 2018 to deliver this when discussions will resolve how best to proceed.

Broadband speeds in some areas of Pyecombe continue to be an issue. MSDC are working with Simon Hughes WSCC and B4RN. An update on this item is expected in four weeks. Cllr Trumble will continue to keep Council updated. Processes to move forwards the Northern Arc development are expected with proposed infrastructure to support three to four thousand new homes.

Our MSD Councillors have been elected as:

- Cllr C. Trumble Vice Chair of Council
- Cllr J. Wilkinson Vice Chair District Planning
- Cllr A. Watts-Williams Vice Chair Planning

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35.18 To receive and consider any West Sussex County Council reports and communications.
Cllr J. Dennis gave a brief update on her first year in office which include; Main Scrutiny Committee confirmation that WSCC are in a sound financial position with small increases this year into Social Care and Homelessness. During the winter period there were reports of eight and a half thousand potholes in the County. Additional work gangs have been brought in to help rectify the problem with an additional four gangs in place by April 2018 plus a roving patching team. All issues with road surfaces can be reported via the Love West Sussex website.

Operation Watershed funding is still available. Council will once again look into the possibility of an application for funding to resolve the issues with runoff in the parish particularly in Pyecombe Street.

A2300 dualling is due to commence during 2019 with public consultation starting at the end of summer 2018. It is anticipated that diverted traffic will have an impact on the Pyecombe highways.

36.18 Community Issues:
36.1.18 Overnight vehicles London Road – Local policing team have patrolled the area and have advised that there are no issues with the current overnight vehicle parking.
36.2.18 Traffic Bollards on London Road – Item remains ongoing and will be carried forward to the next meeting.
36.3.18 Work stream items – Cllr Bere and Cllr Wilson will undertake the painting of the village gates. Council resolved to order a replacement fingerpost and consider an annual maintenance visit.

37.18 To resolve the following planning applications.

SDNP/18/02071/FUL Land East of Church Lane, Church Lane, Pyecombe. Full application for five residential dwellings with garages, access and associated landscaping. Council took onboard the comments from the members of public in attendance and resolved to object to the application. In view of the ongoing issues with raw sewage aggravated by the additional development adjoining this site. Clerk will request a site visit with both SDNP and Southern Water to highlight the issues being experienced.

Clerk will write to SDNP objecting to the application on grounds to include:

- Lack of play provision
- Safety concerns regarding emergency and amenity vehicle access
- Sewage issues
- Overdevelopment of site based on Draft SDNP Local Plan
- Prejudicial to highways safety
- Lack of infrastructure

38.18 Acceptance of all Standing Orders previously emailed to Councillors. Council accepted all standing orders.

39.18 To confirm the retention of a Data Protection Officer. Council resolved to contact other rural parishes for recommendations and accept the services of a Data Provision Service.

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40.18 To nominate the Councils representatives to outside bodies including Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils and West Sussex Association Local Councils. Cllr T. Cullen was elected as MSALC representative whilst Cllr D.Wilson will be representative for WSALC.

41.18 Financial Matters

41.1.18 To carry out a review of the system of internal control and prepare the Annual Governance Statement. Council reviewed the internal control procedures and prepared the Annual Governance Statement.

41.2.18 To decide and approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor 2018/2019. Cllr Wilson will contact Mr Moallemi regarding this item.

41.3.18 To confirm acceptance of the NALC pay award. Council accepted the proposed pay aware. Clerk will amend this with WSCC Payroll.

41.4.18 Orders for payment:

£343.72 WSCC Invoice 8001297440

41.5.18 To receive and approve the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st March 2018. Council reviewed the Internal Audit Report. The Accounting Statement was duly signed by the Chair Cllr D. Wilson and Clerk D. Langston.

42.18 Date of next meeting. Tuesday 10th July 2018