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Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at Pyecombe Church at 7:00 pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop, and Cllr T. Cullen.
Mid Sussex District Councillors C. Trumble, J. Wilkinson and A. Watts-Williams.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.
One member of the public.

Minutes

14.19 Apologies for absence were **r**eceived from Cllr C. Bere and West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.

15.19 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda. No interests were declared.

16.19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2019. Minutes were agreed by Council and signed by Chairman.

17.19 Update by Mid Sussex District Councillors:

- With the election of both District and Parish Councillors in May this is the last meeting of the administration. Council were thanked for their support over the period of office. Our District Councillors will stand for re-election in May and Council hopes to continue to work with them in the future.
- Corporate Plan was agreed last week and will result in an average 3.1% rise to Council Tax.
- Recent planning issues in the district include gypsy/traveller sites at both Fulking and Copthorne. Despite recommendation for approval from SDNP the application at Fulking was overturned on NPPF policies.
- MSDC will carry out a car park strategy review this will look into locations/charges/capacity and flow of traffic in/out.
- £2 million has been allocated to a review/upgrade of play areas and open spaces. Pyecombe continue to push for an upgrade to the children's play area and this is supported by our MSDC Councillors.
- A call for sites and site allocation has been undertaken due to an expected shortfall of 2,500 dwellings towards the end period of the District Plan. These sites continue to be reviewed.
- Hassocks NBP remains un-adopted due to its non compliance. MSDC continue to work with Hassocks PC on this matter.
- Capital Budget has seen a recent spend on Poynings Pavilion and Court Bushes in Hurstpierpoint which will formally open in May 2019.
- WSCC confirmed under a government trial it will retain business rates. These monies will go towards upgrading digital infrastructure with a specific focus on rural economies.
- Council requested assistance with the removal of the abandoned vehicle on London Road which despite numerous emails/telephone calls remains in situ.
- Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Trumble will attend the SDNP Planning Committee on Thursday 14th March 2019 to support PPC in their objections to planning application SDNP/18/06068/FUL.

- Fulking PC has requested a meeting with SDNP to discuss planning issues in their parish. It is envisaged that Poynings PC will also be involved in this meeting. Clerk will contact Fulking to request PPC be included in any arrangements. MSDC has also written to SDNP highlighting their concerns.
- At the recent Inter Parish meeting representatives from Horsham District Council confirmed Mayfield Market Town has lodged a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with them. MSDC do not support Mayfield Market Town as not in the District Plan.

All MSDC Councillors left the meeting at this point.

18.19 Highways Issues.

- TRO is progressing Pyecombe are currently eighth on the list with projects one to five being dealt with. Council have requested this be extended to include an area to the North of the white gates on the London Road and additional signage.
- A recent repair to gas mains at the bottom of Church Lane has resulted in an uneven road surface. Clerk has reported to WSCC Highways but will meet with WSCC Highways representative to discuss this item.
- Benches located on the bank at by the Church and the bottom of The Street will be replaced. Clerk continues to liaise with Cllr Saich on this item. It is envisaged that these will be in situ by early spring.
- Clerk will contact BP Garage to request repairs be carried out to pathway.

19.19 To consider and resolve the following planning applications:

SDNP/19/00598/FUL Pyecombe Manor, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. New chalet style, detached, two bedroom dwelling, with associated landscaping works. Demolition of old swimming pool pump room. Council resolved it has no objection to the proposal. Conditions must be imposed to ensure alterations to the existing outbuilding/garage are included in this application.

Member of the public left following this item.

SDNP/19/00932/FUL Office Premises adjacent Chantry Lodge, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe.External alterations. New and replacement windows and doors, replacement of one open sided porch with two open sided porches, erection of new open sided porch on west elevation. Council resolved it has no objection to the proposal.

20.19 Finance/Clerks Report

Balance Sheet passed to all members and signed by Chair.
Cheques raised for signature:
£ 349.81 WSCC Invoice 8001359506
£108.00 Vision ICT Invoice 9116
£392.37 Came & Company Invoice 1541503
£ 45.29 WSCC Invoice 8001362693

21.19 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 14th May 2019.