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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 24th July 2019 at Wayfield Park Farm Shop at 6:30pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop, and Cllr T. Cullen.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis
Two Members of the public. One addressed Council during the open forum and then left the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of business Chairman D. Wilson congratulated Cllr Cullen on a very successful village weekend. Our thanks were passed to all who were involved in the event.

Minutes

36.19 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Mid Sussex District Councillors C. Trumble and A. Bennett. Pyecombe Parish Councillors M.Saich and Cllr C. Bere.

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

38.19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2019. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

39.19 West Sussex County Councillor – update by County Councillor J. Dennis:

- Stonepound Crossroads. The works are in three parts commencing on 24th July to 2nd September 2019 with Hurst Road closed at the crossroads so no direct access between Hurstpierpoint and Hassocks. Diversion is via the A273 to Pyecombe. With temporary lights on the crossroads. September to November all 4 arms of the crossroads will be open but works will continue as will the temporary lights. November to January when the work at Stonepound has finished, the installation of the toucan crossing to the north of Stonepound Crossroads will commence. Overall works will include adding two havens for both pedestrians/cyclists. Widening of the corner and pavement at the Hurst Road junction, upgrading the electrical ducting and increased lighting. A Traffic Marshall will be positioned at the crossroads between the hours of 07:00 – 17:30 during the period of the works.
- Cllr Dennis recently visited the new recycling plant and will circulate information on recycling to Clerk for inclusion in the next newsletter.
- Wild flower seeds are available to local parish councils for use on community areas/verges. Cllr Dennis will send several packets to the Clerk.
- Hayward's Heath Sixth Form College will reopen in September 2020.
- A2300 works will fully commence during spring 2020. As part of the Burgess Hill connectivity project both pavements and cycle ways will be enhanced. The Brow and town centre will continue to be developed with the current fire station being upgraded to a new "Blue Light Building".

- Gatwick expansion decision will now rest with the Secretary of State. The expansion plan is not currently supported by WSCC. Gatwick are still pushing for use of the emergency runway for take- off only however there are o plans for improvements to roads, trains or basic infrastructure. Gatwick are also currently rewriting their business plan for review during 2020.

40.19 Highways Matters.

- **South Downs Way Crossing Clayton Hill.** As highlighted by a member of the pubic prior to the start of the meeting the crossing point on Clayton Hill is very dangerous. Clerk confirmed works will commence in September to improve this area with a widening of the footpath, bridleway, raised and buff coloured road surfacing, additional signage and cutting back of vegetation to allow for clearer view of both pedestrians and vehicles. Council would like to see a toucan crossing point at this point. Cllr Dennis is very keen to have a joined up cycle route from Sayers Common through to both Hassocks and Brighton and is very supportive of any plans to upgrade this area. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Dennis regarding an application for a Community Highways Scheme (CHS).
- **TRO.** The previously agreed TRO scheme is still underway and it is hopeful works will commence later in the year.
- **A23.** Cllr Wilson asked Cllr Dennis to raise the matter of quiet tarmac as the increased road noise is having such an impact on local residents.
- **Road signage/Dog Bins.** Council have had a request from a local resident to remove traffic signage at the junction of Church Lane/School Lane and to relocate the dog bin. Council agreed that the current site of the dog bin is the best place to ensure it is well used by hikers/residents. Clerk will discuss the road signage with WSCC Highways.
- **SID.** Council requested additional use of the SID. Cllr Dennis will arrange.
- Clerk has been liaising with WSCC Highways and BP regarding the tidiness of the area surrounding the MS shop and garage. This project remains ongoing.
- Two new benches have been installed at the bottom of London Road and the bank by the church. An additional grit bin and one new litter have also been ordered and should be installed shortly.

Cllr Dennis left the meeting at this point.

41.19 Finance/Clerks Report

Balance Sheet handed to all councillors.
Cheques raised for signature:
£ 373.61 WSCC Invoice 8001381485
£ 56.45 EDF Invoice 5991768
£281.02 WSCC invoice 8001385193
£ 70.74 D. Langston
£361.71 WSCC Invoice 8001387705
£200.00 Pyecombe PCC
£100.00 Wayfield Park Farm Shop Venue Hire

It was agreed Clerk will look into online banking and liaise with Council on this matter.

42.19 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 10th September 2019.