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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at Pyecombe Church at 7:00pm

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop, and Cllr T. Cullen.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston
Mid Sussex District Councillors C. Trumble and A. Bennett.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis
One Member of the public.

Prior to the commencement of business a vote of thanks was raised to Mrs Jane Cullen for organising the recent Music Festival. A sum of around £900 has been raised towards Church funds. Our thanks to all those who were involved in the event.

Minutes

43.19 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Mid Sussex District Councillor R. Jackson and Pyecombe Parish Councillors M.Saich and Cllr C. Bere.

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

45.19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th July 2019. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

46.19 Mid Sussex District Councillor – update by both C. Trumble and A. Bennett:

- Site allocations review being carried out as part of the development plan through to 2031. MSDC are currently looking at 22 housing and 7 employment sites. These will before the Scrutiny Committee on 11th September 2019. If accepted formal consultation will commence on 9th October 2019 with a further consultation during 2020.
- Government has changed the legislation surrounding 5 year housing supply. LPA can now apply to have their 5 year supply tested. MSDC will become one of only 3 to have applied for this testing.
- Current appeal regarding development at Friars Oak in Hassocks.
- Vehicles parked on the London Road continue to be an issue. One caravan has been moved on by MSDC however as they are not the landowner it is difficult to enforce. WSCC have confirmed they will serve notice on these vehicles however no time scale can be given. Cllr Dennis will liaise with Clerk on this item.
- Play area has been assessed for upgrade however it currently sits at 55% which means any refurbishment will not take place for around 18 months. Cllr Trumble will liaise with Clerk on this item.
- A new Burgess Hill redevelopment planning application has been submitted with a new mix of retail, residential and leisure facilities. New River will continue to provide these facilities and despite rumours to the contrary have been proven to be financially sound.

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

- TRO continues to move slowly to the top of the list. Clerk has requested additional signage and lines be considered. Further consultation on these items will take place once TRO is passed.
- Stonepound Crossroads. Access to Hurstpierpoint opened on schedule. Works continue with the installation of the toucan crossing to the north of Stonepound Crossroads. A Traffic Marshall should be positioned at the crossroads between the hours of 07:00 – 17:30 during the period of the works. Concerns were raised as to whether this was happening as there had been numerous delays experienced during recent weeks. Cllr Dennis will review.
- Wild flower seeds are available to local parish councils for use on community areas/verges. Cllr Dennis will send several packets to the Clerk.
- New grass cutting schedule has been realised. Areas of concern should be raised with the Clerk who can highlight these to WSCC Highways.
- Pyecombe PC will once again borrow the SID it is envisaged that Hurstpierpoint PC will be in a position to assist with the download of data.
- Cllr Dennis is continuing to work on updating cycle ways, footpaths and bridleways. With special consideration being given to Clayton Hill.
- Clayton Hill crossing upgrade. Works were due to commence in September. As this is an SDNP item Clerk will chase start date.
- WSCC has recently started electric vehicle consultation. Email has been circulated to all Councillors.

48.19 Highways Matters. All highways matters were covered under 46.19 and 47.19.

MSDC and WSCC Councillors left the meeting at this point.

49.19 Community Items.

- Quotes are still being obtained for works to the grass verges. Council agreed once obtained these can be discussed with those interested in sponsoring this item.
- Village signs will be investigated for erection on the village gates. It is hoped that these will highlight the village/rural nature of the surroundings to road users.
- Village Sign will be moved to the opposite side of the road. Clerk will liaise with WSCC Highways on this item.
- Bank at Church Lane needs to be tidied. Council will discuss this item with Love Your Village volunteers.
- Council resolved to purchase an additional grit bin for the bottom of Church Lane. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Bere regarding this item.

49.19 Finance/Clerks Report

Balance Sheet handed to all councillors.
Cheques raised for signature:
£361.71 WSCC Invoice 8001393463
£ 72.00 Kitman Limited Invoice 8915
£488.04 Glasdon Invoice S1780448
£340.00 T Steer Installation Costs
£ 15.34 D. Langston

50.19 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 12th November 2019.