Pyecombe Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 6th January 2020 7:00pm at Wayfield Park Farm Shop.

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

Minutes

1.20 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Mid Sussex District Councillors A. Bennett and R. Jackson and Pyecombe Parish Councillors C. Bere and G. Bishop.

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

3.20 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2019. Cllr Trumble requested minutes be amended to show item as 54.19 MSDC Procurement is aligning MSDC where possible to become a Fairtrade Council. Minutes were then approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.20 Update by MSDC Councillor C. Trumble.

- Discussions continue regarding proposed updates to the Play Area. A new Playground Strategy is available from spring 2020 however full details on this are not yet available.
- Several planning applications have recently been approved by SDNP despite being unsupported by the local parish councils. In view of this MSDC have requested a meeting with the SDNP Planning team.
- A food waste recycling pilot scheme will be held at selected sites in MSDC. It is envisaged this will help to raise the percentage of waste that is recycled in the District.
- 2020/21 Council Tax Support Scheme has been amended. Previously this scheme was based on purely on income it will now be reflected as a banding scheme. This should ensure that any minor changes will not have such an impact on the tax and should see 25% of people currently on the scheme should benefit.

5.20 Update by WSCC J. Dennis.

- Potholes throughout the District have been an issue with major problems being caused by the recent severe weather conditions.
- Clerk will report the sunken manhole covers on Clayton Hill to WSCC Highways.
- A23 still has issues with noisy tarmac however this falls under Highways England.
- TRO still progressing. Clerk has been in contact with WSCC Highways and will chase this item.
- Operation Watershed monies are still available. Council will reinvestigate this item.
- £750.00 grant available through local CLC meetings. Consider projects which may benefit from this funding.
- New MP will hold their first surgery on Friday 10th January 2020 in Hurstpierpoint. Cllr Dennis will look into arranging a meeting at which local Parishes can highlight the issues specific to them.
- WSCC have seen changes to the top level staff with a new Chief Executive it is hoped this will bring some stability to the council. Cllr Dennis has been elected as Chair of the main Scrutiny Committee.
- Council requested further usage of the SID. Cllr Dennis will action this item.

- Cllr Dennis has proposed a motion for quiet lanes. This would result in legislation whereby local parishes could designate 'quiet lanes'. Resulting in additional signage highlighting walkers, children, cyclists and horse riders. There are currently quite high cost implications for smaller councils. Cllr Dennis hopes to see parishes join together to implement these proposals.

6.20 Highways Matters.

- TRO Update. Covered in item 5.20
- Vehicles on London Road. Covered in Item 4.20

7. 20 To resolve the following planning matters:

SDNP/19/05429/LDP Seven Acres Pyecombe Street Pyecombe Brighton West Sussex BN45 7EE
Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Development - Use of land for the stationing of a caravan.
Council reviewed the application. No comments were raised due as it is a Lawful development Certificate application.

8.20 To discuss the 850th anniversary of Pyecombe Church. Council resolved to make a donation of £425.00 towards the cost of anniversary events. As Chairman of MSDC Councillor Trumble confirmed he would be willing to attend local events. Cllr Wilson will ensure that the Church is aware of this offer.

9.20 Finance/Clerks Report
Balance Sheet handed to all councillors.
Budget Update. Clerk updated Council on proposed budget.
2020/21 Precept was set at £10,500. Clerk will confirm this to MSDC.
Payments raised since last meeting:
£4033.00 Mr T. Steer.
£ 918.86 Glasdon UK Limited Invoice S1787849
£ 46.44 WSCC Invoice 8001418487
£ 361.71 WSCC Invoice 8001419626

10.20 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 10th March 2020.