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Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop and Cllr T. Cullen.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.
Mid Sussex District Councillor R. Jackson and C. Trumble.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.
One Member of the public who left following item 44.20

Minutes

41.20 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Cllr C. Bere and Cllr M. Saich.

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

43.20 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th September 2020. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

44.20 Mid Sussex District Council – update by Mid Sussex District Councillor Rodney Jackson and Colin Trumble items covered:

- Closure of Clair Hall, Haywards Heath. Consultation will take place with the public to confirm what they would like to see replace this.
- Dog fouling in open spaces has been looked into however with only a handful of Rangers this item is hard to police.
- MSDC Design Guide has been considered will sit along other planning policies.
- Leisure Centres had previously re-opened now unfortunately closed again. Outside open recreational spaces are still remaining open.
- Government Business Grants large sum given to MSDC to dispense to local businesses and community organisations along with discretionary grants to aid both struggling families and rough sleepers.
- Covid figures are increasing within the district although still remain very low at present.
- The loss of work at Gatwick is having an impact on outside suppliers.
- Broadband 8km of fibre trunk system between Brighton and Crawley now laid. As part of the Northern Arc development broadband is being upgraded within the area.
- £300m has been received from government on Covid recovery plan.
- Garden and household waste collections are continuing as normal.
- Small electrical items now collected from pavement.
- MSDC has produced a directory of local suppliers to encourage people to shop locally for Christmas.
- Safe High Street plan is being implemented as an example Hurstpierpoint have removed several laybys to assist
- Residents who fall into the extremely clinically vulnerable category are being assisted by MSDC who are working in conjunction with the Community Hub.

- Recently held meeting of four local villages to talk about planning issues being experienced with SDBP. Following that meeting Sally Bloomfield and Judy Holmes MSDC who then liaised with SDNP representatives to highlight issues being experienced. A further meeting will be held to discuss these issues. Cllr Trumble will then advise parishes of outcome.
- Cllr Wilson asked whether a clearance of leaves along both the London Road and Church Hill on footpaths and also in gullies can be arranged before the weather becomes to bad.

45.20 To discuss continuing issues with power and water supplies within the parish. Cllr Trumble has been liaising with UK Power who confirm substation 524723 has seen a number of interruptions over 3 minutes this year with additional short interruptions of less than a minute. There is currently a fault on two of the pieces of equipment on the lines supplying this area and the network is currently running abnormally which can cause extra time to restore. These issues have been escalated to the Operations Area manager to get the issues resolved as soon as possible. Council will continue to keep a log of the problems.

45.20 West Sussex County Councillor – update by County Councillor Joy Dennis updated on:

- COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, figures and vaccine progress.
- Infection Control Fund.
- Hospital Capacity.
- Community Hub.
- Record Office, Births & Deaths Registration, Libraries, Ceremonies and Household Waste.
- Education update.
- Applications are now open for West Sussex based businesses to apply for funding for apprenticeship training from West Sussex County Council**.**
- Highways and Footpaths.
- Gigabit Broadband Scheme. One project to bring fibre up the railway line in particular along the Northern Arc development. Spines will then run off this to different villages. The gigabit scheme is being run by WSCC where the option is a householder can claim up to £4,000. Also, on offer is the facility to combine households to pool finances. Limited funds are available with applications closing at the end of the financial year. Clerk will look into circulating a survey to residents highlighting the scheme.
- Financial Pressures and Service Delivery at WSCC.

47.20 To discuss ongoing issues with footpaths and highways to include TRO request. Cllr T. Cullen, Clerk and Cllr Dennis met with WSCC Highways Representatives to discuss the scheme. Several amendments have been suggested to protect the area around the bus stop adjacent to the BP garage. Further consultation will be carried out on the amended plan.

Councillor C. Trumble and Cllr. J Dennis left the meeting at this time.

48.20 To discuss correspondence received from MSALC. Previously circulated. Council did not feel it had enough background information to support the proposals suggested.

Councillor R. Jackson left the meeting at this time.

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49.20 To discuss programme of works.

- Quote received for the renovation of the second Pyecombe sign which includes the erection of an additional flower bed. Clerk is still waiting for the remaining quotes to arrive.
- Meeting recently held with contractors regarding the installation of planters along the grass verges adjacent to the BP Garage and the bridge located at the bottom of Pyecombe Street. Clerk has chased the contractors for an updated quote.
- MSDC have recently raised the bin collection service to a daily collection it is hoped this will resolve some of the issues being experienced with litter throughout the parish.

50.20 Financial Matters.
Confirmation of payments since last meeting:
£ 30.13 B&J SWET Ltd Invoice 57911
£367.91 WSCC Invoice 8001487128
£ 47.30 WSCC Invoice 8001486359
£ 65.28 EDF Energy Invoice 8432077
Council confirmed donation of £200.00 to Pyecombe PCC.

51.20 To confirm dates of future meetings:
12th January 2021.
16th March 2021.
11th May 2021.
12th July 2021.
14th September 2021.
9th November 2021.