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Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL *on Tuesday 27th April 2021 commencing virtually at 7:15pm*

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr G. Bishop, Cllr T. Cullen and Cllr D. French.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston
Mid Sussex District Councillor C. Trumble and R. Jackson
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.

Minutes

34.21 To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council and receive declarations of office from all Councillors. Cllr Wilson was proposed by Cllr Cullen, seconded by Cllr Bishop and duly elected.

35.21 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Mid Sussex District Councillor A. Bennett due attendance at another meeting and Pyecombe Councillor M. Saich.

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

37.19 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th March 2021. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

38.21 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis previously circulated a reported to update on items such as:

- Lifting of Covid-19 restrictions.
- Shielded and Community Hub.
- Libraries, Record Office & Ceremonies.
- Care Homes and Hospital Capacity.
- Update on meetings attended and project involvement.
- Ongoing issues with parking on Mill Lane and New Way Lane. Cllr Dennis and Cllr Trumble have been liaising on these issues.

39.21 Mid Sussex District Councillors C. Trumble and A. Bennett reported on the following items:

- Leisure Centres in the District have reopened.
- Local Business Recovery Grant monies available
- District Boundary review being carried out by Boundary Commission. This may impact the wards covered by District Councillors.
- Platinum Jubilee tree planting project. MSDC, WSCC are liaising with SDNP regarding site location and type of trees.
- MSDC call for sites' consultation going to Inspector with response expected by early summer.
- Hospitality starting to reopen with temporary structures allowed outside pubs etc.
- Legislation covering virtual meetings was to be rescinded on 7th May 2021.

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40.21 To consider community items:
40.1.21 Children's Play Area at The Wyshe. Council is keen to see this area upgraded and have received S106 monies from SDNP towards this project. Cllr Trumble requested Clerk to email R. Anderton at MSDC on this matter.
40.2.21 Speeding on A273 update given by Cllr French. Consideration to reducing the speed limit on this road. Request for installation of cycle path on north bound route. Cllr Dennis highlighted the need for Council to make the presentation to R. Speller Area Manager Highways West Sussex County Council.

Mid Sussex District Councillor C. Trumble and R. Jackson and West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis left the meeting at this point.

41.21 Cllr D. Wilson was duly elected as representative to Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils.

42.21 Financial Matters
42.1.21 Council did not review the system of internal control and prepare the Annual Governance Statement as these are with the internal auditor.
42.2.21 Council resolved to appoint S. Moallemi as Internal Auditor for the period 2021/2022.
42.3.21 All internal control documents previously circulated were accepted by Council.
42.4.21 Payments raised since last meeting:
£398.41 Came & Company annual insurance invoice 1541503
£ 64.64 EDF Energy Invoice 9470515
£378.14 WSCC Invoice 8001524235
£ 39.42 WSCC Invoice 8001524086
£ 42.56 D. Langston Administration Expenses
42.5.21 Council did not approve the accounting statements for year ending 31st March 2021 as these are still with the Internal Auditor.

43.21 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 29th June 2021.