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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Wayfield Park Farm shop on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson Chairman, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr D. French, and Cllr M. Saich
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis
Mid Sussex District Councillor A. Bennett & R. Jackson.

Minutes

1.22 Apologies for absence were received from Mid Sussex District Councillor C. Trumble and Pyecombe Parish Councillor G. Bishop.

2.22 No interests were declared.

3.22 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2021. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.23 Mid Sussex District Councillors Alison Bennett and Rodney Jackson updated on the following items:

- MSDC budget update has been prepared for the next financial year and will go before the Scrutiny Committee on 12th January 2022. A slight increase in council tax of around 2.8% is being considered.
- Mid Sussex Council District Plan is under review for the years 2031-2038. The total number of houses that the district needs to allocate is 7,029. However, this excludes any unmet need arising from neighbouring authorities. Therefore, this baseline figure will be the minimum requirement for the updated District Plan. Our local Ward Councillors received an update which shows the numbers proposed in Hurstpierpoint, Sayers Common and Albourne are 3,803. The main allocation between Albourne and Sayer Common of 1850 dwellings will be provided by Mayfield Market Town.
  The updated draft District Plan will be scrutinised by the Housing, Planning and Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 19th January. Subject to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations, the District Plan will be considered by Council on 9th February 2022 seeking approval to commence a 6-week consultation. If approved this will commence w/c 14th February and close w/c 28th March, with all stakeholders able to provide their comments.
- Fly tipping Officers at MSDC have had additional training and can now issue prosecution notices to offenders.
- MSDC are offering grants to those businesses in both the hospitality and travel sector who have been affected by Covid.

5.22 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis updated on the following items:

- WSCC budget currently being prepared additional funding for the Highways Department.
- Councillor J. Dennis will liaise with Clerk regarding TRO.
- Special rewilding verges Programme. Council will review possible plots.

Cllr Dennis, Cllr Bennett, and Cllr Jackson all left the meeting at this point.

6.22 Update on Highways matters.
TRO has been marked out throughout the parish. Once implemented Council will investigate additional signage for London Road. Cllr Dennis will liaise with Clerk on installation dates. Issue with sunken manhole opposite the golf club. Clerk has reported on Love West Sussex and will chase up. Further issues with breaking road surface on Clayton Hill Clerk will raise this issue with WSCC Highways.

7.22 Update on Community Projects.
7.1 Children's Play Area. A very positive meeting was held with representatives from MSDC on 26th November 2021. A further meeting is planned for 11th February 2022.
7.2 Village Project. Clerk has now obtained permission from Highways England to proceed with the proposed works adjacent to and opposite the M&S Store. Updated quotations are now being obtained before being submitted to SDNP for approval.
7.3 Platinum Jubilee. Council has agreed a date of Friday 3rd June 2022. Tickets will be provided free of charge to each household.

8.22 Footpath Reinstatement Project. Cllr French would like council to push for the reinstatement of footpath WSX/PY6/6. Clerk will liaise with Cllr French on this matter.

9.22 To resolve the following planning issues:
Article 4 direction placed on land at Clayton Hill, New Way Lane, Clayton. Council resolved to submit comments in support of the article.

10.22 Financial Matters
Council agreed the 2022 Budget
Balance Sheet was handed to all Councillors and signed by the Chair.
Council resolved to set the 2022 Precept at £13,000. (Thirteen Thousand Pounds)
Payments raised since last meeting:
£376.57 WSCC Invoice 8001575966
£120.20 D. Langston Expenses to include Wayfield Park Farm Venue Hire
£ 40.83 B&H SWET Ltd Invoice 59945
£376.57 WSCC Invoice 8001582110

11.22 To confirm date of next meeting as 15th March 2022.