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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Wayfield Park Farm shop on Tuesday 14th March 2023 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.

Minutes

10.23 Apologies for absence were received from Mid Sussex District Councillor A. Bennett and Pyecombe Parish Councillor M. Saich.

11.23 Councillor Wilson raised a vote of thanks to our Mid Sussex District Councillors A. Bennett, R. Jackson, and C. Trumble for their efforts and hard work over the years on behalf of the parish.

12.23 No interests were declared.

13.23 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2023. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

14.23 Update on flooding issues Pyecombe Street. Clerk has highlighted the issues to WSCC Highways and asked for the storage container to be emptied. Clerk will contact Operation Watershed regarding this matter. Councillor Dennis will liaise with the drainage team on this item.

15.23 Update on litter issues. There are ongoing issues being experienced with litter predominantly caused by the overnight vehicles parked on London Road. Clerk has asked MSDC to carry out a clearance of the area. Council will investigate the installation of additional litter bins at this point.

16.23 Highways update to include Community Highway Scheme South Downs Crossing.

- Council will apply for enhanced facilities at this point.
- Councillor Dennis will investigate cycle path options.
- National Highways have planned construction works planned for October 2023.
- WSCC have raised a job to repaint the faded lines on the eastern slip road to the northbound A23.

17.23 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis gave an update on the following items.

- New school at Brookleigh is just commencing construction. £57 million project carbon neutral, zero emissions which will cover ages up to age 16 years.

- Woodland Meed school has been completed and is almost ready for opening.
- Lane rental came into power on 1st October 2022. This scheme has seen changes raised to companies carrying out works on the highways. Monies raised will be used for highways projects.
- Speed policy has been amended. Parishes ca review the speed on rural lanes. Council will review this item.
- Councillor Dennis highlighted the use of a Jetpatcher throughout the district and the impact this will have on pothole repairs.
- Increase in Highways budget for next financial year. Projects will include dealing with riparian rights matters.
- Council highlighted issues with cyclists using the footpath at the Wyshe. Clerk will raise this item with WSCC PROW team.

18.23 Mid Sussex District Councillors R. Jackson and C. Trumble gave an update on the following items.

- Council raised the ongoing issues with power outages in the parish. This item remains ongoing.
- Budget has been agreed with cross party support across council. Council tax will be under government cap with no use of reserves.
- Looking to clear garden waste waiting list.
- District plan review will be going to review with scrutiny committee on 15th March 2023.
- £20,000 fund available for community groups to celebrate to coronation.
- Levelling up consultation has now closed. MSDC have requested more flexibility on housing numbers.
- Gypsy Traveller site at Fulking has now gone to appeal.

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

19.23 Update on Coronation Event. Councillor D. Wilson confirmed a sports day will be held on Monday 8th May 2023. There will be an interparish stool ball match between Poynings and Pyecombe. Additional items will be provided for the children. Councillor T. Cullen will lead this project.

20.23 Appointment of Tree Warden. Following recent communication Council resolved not to recruit a Tree Warden.

21.23 Financial matters.
Balance Sheet handed to all Councillors and signed by the Chair.
Payments raised since last meeting:
£589.68 MSDC Invoice 4101696578 Dog Bin Collection
£420.95 WSCC Invoice 8001671107 Salary & Pension

22.23 To confirm date of next meeting as Tuesday 16th May 2023