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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Pyecombe Church, Pyecombe on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 6:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson Chairman, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr K. Grocott.
Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.
Clerk D. Langston.

Minutes

46.24 Due to a venue issue as there were no members of the public in attendance the meeting was moved to the Church.

47.24 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Saich and Cllr L. Sullivan.

48.24 No interests were declared.

49.24 Minutes of 3rd September 2024 meeting were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

50.24 To receive an update on Parish items to include:

- Flooding issues. Flooding adjacent to the M&S Garage is an ongoing issue. Clerk will email details to Councillor Dennis. Pyecombe Street/London Road any additional jettying sessions must be requested via WSCC as a priority.
- Parking issues along London Road. This item remains ongoing.
- Children's Play Area. Mid Sussex District Council have now sent over the relevant consultation paperwork. Flyers will need to be delivered to every household. Council is disappointed with the proposed design. Clerk will email MSDC to highlight council comments.
- Litter Bins. Council discussed the issues surrounding litter adjacent to the BP Garage and bus shelter. Four litter bins will be ordered and placed throughout the parish. This item remains ongoing.
- CIL projects. Defib has now been delivered and is ready to be installed.
- Cllr Grocott confirmed bulb planting is underway within the parish.
- WSCC have confirmed an additional planter can be installed on a site on the London Road past the white gates. Clerk will liaise with Highways for licences.

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

- The Community Highways Scheme application for an updated crossing at the SDNP site on Clayton Hill was favourably received the final decision will be circulated.
- Road safety items at various locations in the district to include the area adjacent to The Ginger Fox.
- Digital bus information boards have been favourably received. Council thanked Councillor Dennis for her work on this item.
- Confirmation there are no plans to close WSCC Libraries in the area.

52.24 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler gave an update on the following items contained in the previously circulated report:

- The Inspector completed Phase One of the District Plan's Inspection which is to decide whether it is legally compliant. The 2 weeks sessions were challenging but we do expect to progress to a Stage 2 hearing in the spring when the detailed policies, including specific sites, will be reviewed. Whilst this is positive, the Inspector appeared to be pressing hard for the housing number to be increased further to support "unmet need" in Brighton and Crawley as anticipated in my last report. Brighton need would have to be met in the south of the district. She also asked for further work to be done on transport and other areas and challenged some of the assumptions. The detailed assessment of flooding and transport on proposed sites would be discussed in Stage 2.
- No updates on parking charges within the rural villages.
- Road and pavement cleaning completed on a schedule. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Zeidler on this matter.

53.24 Financial Matters and Administration.
Balance sheet handed to all Councillors and signed by the Chairman.
Council resolved to purchase two leaf blowers up to the value of £1500.00. Councillor Grocott will liaise with Clerk on this item.
Clerk will purchase anti-graffiti remover for the cleaning of the bus shelters.
Council reviewed the budget and will review prior to setting the precept at the January meeting.
Council agreed acceptance of the NALC pay review. Clerk will remain on a six-hour contract on scale twenty-four. Payments raised since last meeting:
£279.99 K. Grocott Bulbs.
£100.00 K. Grocott Auger.
£ 24.00 Vision ICT Invoice 18987 Hosted email.
£252.00 Moore Invoice 17921/979 External audit.
£527.49 WSCC Invoice 8001783725 Salary & pension.
£235.00 Perfect Print Invoice 00012006 Newsletter printing.
£527.49 WSCC Invoice 8001788660 Salary & pension.
£304.80 K. Grocott Plants.
£292.00 K. Grocott Community Planting.
£339.90 EDF Energy Invoice 20674274.
£189.36 K. Grocott Mower Service.
£750.00 London Hearts Defibrillator.
£527.49 WSCC Invoice 8001795683 Salary & pension.
£ 57.38 WSCC invoice 8001794561 Payroll provision.

54.24 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 7th January 2024.