Pyecombe Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Pyecombe Church, Pyecombe on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 6:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson Chairman, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr K. Grocott and Cllr M. Saich.
Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler.
Clerk D. Langston.
2 Members of the public who left after item 5.25.

Minutes

1.25 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L. Sullivan.

2.25 No interests were declared.

3.25 Minutes of 12th November 2024 meeting were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.25 To receive an update on Parish items to include:

- Flooding issues. As highlighted by residents flooding adjacent to the M&S Garage is an ongoing issue with several near misses in recent weeks. Clerk will contact Operation Watershed with a view to funding some works to alleviate the ongoing issues. Clerk will request a meeting with WSCC Highways and Operation Watershed on this matter.
- TRO request London Road. Council will apply for additional time restrictions along London Road. This item remains ongoing.
- Parish works project update to include bins and defib. Four litter bins will be ordered and placed throughout the parish. Defib has been delivered and is ready to be installed. This item remains ongoing.
- WSCC have confirmed additional planters can be installed on a site on the London Road past the white gates. Clerk will liaise with Highways for licences.
- Cllr Grocott confirmed bulb planting is underway within the parish. Council resolved to continue to fund planting within the parish. Councillor Grocott will liaise with the Clerk on this matter.
- Children's Play Area. Mid Sussex District Council recently sent over the relevant consultation paperwork. Flyers have been delivered to every household. Council is disappointed with the proposed design. A meeting is being held with MSDC representatives on Thursday 9th January 2025.
- Additional bus services within the parish. Clerk will contact WSCC and Stagecoach on this matter.

5.25 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler gave an update on the following items.

- Budget review currently taking place with a Council tax increase proposed to around 3%.
- Planning the District Plan is awaiting inspectors report. Previous housing figures per year were agreed at 1039 the new figures proposed are 1356. It is hoped the District Plan will be agreed with the original numbers.
- Local Government Devolution and Reorganisation upper tier local authorities are being requested to work together in their area to develop combined authority proposals in line with the criteria set out in the recent White Paper and to submit those proposals to the Government for consideration by 10 January 2025. It is envisaged ESCC, WSCC and Brighton Hove City Council will all consider working together as one unilateral organisation.
- Councillor Zeidler is reviewing how to ensure planning conditions are enforced. Clerk will highlight any parish issues to Councillor Zeidler.

6.25 To resolve Council's response to planning application.
SDNP/24/05260/HOUS Crabtree Lodge, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. Erection of detached garage. Council resolved it had no objections to the application.

7.25 Financial Matters and Administration.
Council will investigate a cut of the bank adjacent to the Church. This item remains ongoing.
Council reviewed the budget and set the 2025/2026 precept at £14,500, fourteen thousand, five hundred pounds.
Council agreed to consider a donation towards the upgrade of the play area. This figure will be reviewed following meetings with MSDC.
Balance sheet handed to all Councillors and signed by the Chairman.
Payments raised since last meeting:
£527.49 WSCC Invoice 8001803156 Salary & Pension.
£206.00 D. Langston Administration expenses to include venue hire.
£195.00 Perfect Print Invoice 00012310 Newsletter printing.

8.25 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 11th March 2025.