

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at Fairlight Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors – Ms I Horsley (Acting Chair), Mr R Foster, Mr D Greenup, Mr S Leadbetter, Mr D Richards, Ms C Slack, Mr S Stewart. Also, Parish Clerk Mrs P Collins, Cllr A Mier, Cllr R Bird District Councillors, Cllr C Maynard County Councillor

19198 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr D Shortman

19199 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests

None

19200 Public questions in respect of items on the agenda

Questions were asked about: -

Item 8a – Wakehams Farm planning application and the proposed doctor's surgery. Cllr Leadbetter stated there had been no further updates.

Item 9b – Questions to be dealt with after the agenda item

Item 16 – A resident gave details of an incident

19201 County and District Councillors reports

Cllr Bird - Reported about the new waste/recycling contract with Biffa. He also, informed the meeting that residents can request bins to be collected from any site on their property but this needs to be pre-arranged with Rother District Council

Cllr Mier – Reported he has toured the recycling and incinerator facilities.

Cllr Maynard – Raised the issue of residents and fuel poverty. "Vswitch" website can be used to provide alternative fuel providers and tariffs. A village walkabout has been arranged with Cllr Horsley and the ESCC Highways steward on 24th October 2019.

19202 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2019

The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting, were approved, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19203 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None.

19204 Financial matters

(a) To retrospectively approve additional hours for the Clerk for training and additional meetings.

Resolved to approve and pay the additional hours.

(b) To consider and approve the attached schedule of payments and receipts for October 2019.

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments and receipts for October 2019.

(c) To consider monthly budget and sign the monthly bank reconciliation.

The Clerk reported on the budget and the bank reconciliation was signed.

19205 Planning

(a) To receive the monthly report from Cllr Leadbetter (attached).

Cllr Leadbetter presented his report highlighting any issues.

(b) To receive an update on the progress of Country Park Visitors Centre (Haydon Luke)

Haydon reported work is progressing – the project is at least 2 months behind schedule due to bad weather and geology issues. Two members of staff have been appointed to work in the new centre.

19206 Land Management

(a) To receive the monthly report (Cllrs Richards and Slack)

Cllr Slack reported on Wood Field – the car park fence is scheduled for replacement at the end of October, the new drainage ditch has been re-flattened and will be monitored, the Play Area wall has been inspected by Building Control and is not considered dangerous, footpath issues are ongoing and residents are asked to report any problems to Cllr Slack.

Cllr Richards reported on Knowle Wood – the new drainage is working seeping into the wood, the “No cycling” signs have been vandalised, fly-tipping of old fence panels and garden waste has appeared in the wood behind a property in Knowle Road. Requested the Clerk write to the owner of the property. Due to the bad weather a couple of the dead trees have fallen but have been moved to prevent future hazards. A response had not been received from Natural England about the proposed Eastbourne to Camber coastal path and the Channel Way footpath.

(b) To receive a report on Knowle Wood and discuss/approve future plans (Cllr Horsley)

Standing orders were suspended to receive reports from

Simon Young – National Trust Wildlife Surveyor, Dave Thatcher – A member of the volunteer group

Correspondence had also been received and circulated to councillors. The Public were invited to comment on this item. The volunteer group were thanked for their work and best intentions for the wood.

Resolved Cllr Richards convene a group to discuss and compile a future plan for Knowle Wood management

(c) To consider and approve quotes for removal of fence panels from wall in Wood Field play area

Resolved not to remove panels as 6a Meadow Way panels were fixed to them.

(d) To consider and approve quotes for removal of tree stumps from Wood Field play area (Clerk)

Resolved to accept the quote from Oakden Tree but Clerk to confirm contractor’s insurance will cover any potential damage to the neighbouring wall.

(e) To consider and approve quotes for removal of dead and dangerous trees in Knowle Wood (Clerk)

Resolved to accept the quote from Oakden Tree Care

(f) To approve the Parkhurst Cricket Club request for use of Wood Field for mid-week fixtures in 2020 (Clerk)

Resolved to approve the additional usage of Wood Field on condition the cricket club provide better signage at entrances on match days and advance notice of dates of matches.

19207 Lower Waites Lane incident report and other water issues

(a) To receive a monthly report of LWL incidents and other water issues (Cllr Horsley)

Cllr Horsley reported on leaks. She is continuing discussions with Southern Water. The Fairlight Preservation Trust are checking the wells on Rockmead to ensure they are working.

19208 Community Hub (Faircomm.) Steering Group

(a) To receive an update from the last meeting – 9th October 2019 (Cllr Horsley)

Cllr Horsley reported that Simon Kiley from Action in Rural Sussex had attended the meeting and was able to advise on next steps and how to formulate a business plan. The date for the meeting with RDC planning has still not been confirmed.

19209 Highways issues

(a) To receive an update on current issues (Cllr Horsley)

Cllr Horsley will be meeting Cllr Carl Maynard and the ESCC Highways steward on 24th October 2019 for a village walkabout.

19210 Five-year plan for Parish Council inc communications, action plan for future etc

(a) To receive an update on five-year plan (Cllr Stewart)

Surveys have been received and data is being processed. A meeting of councillors will need to be arranged to discuss the results etc. The Parish Council website development is ongoing. Cllr Horsley thanked the working group for their work towards the village survey to date.

19211 Feedback from meeting/events attended

(a) RALC Speeding Workshop 26th September 2019 (Cllr Horsley)

Issues of speeding were discussed and ideas were put forward by RALC members

(b) ESALC Conference 10th October 2019 (Cllr Slack)

Issues from ESCC, changes to community policing, improving communications and creating social value were presented at this event.

19212 Parking in Fairlight

(a) To receive an update on current issues – resident’s responses previously circulated (Cllr Foster)

Cllr Foster had delivered letters to Shepherds Way and Fairlight Gardens residents. Suggestions received from residents were speed bumps and yellow lines. Employees of the care home in Lower Waites Lane are now parking on site. Additional cars parking on the road may occur when the Cove Public House opens.

Resolved to continue with public awareness of parking concerns and discuss with the Highways steward possible solutions.

19213 Crime in Fairlight

(a) To discuss and consider actions in respect of crime in the village (All)

Current crime levels in the village were discussed. Reporting of crime by residents needs to improve. Cllr Mier is meeting with the Police to discuss recent incidents. New PCSO is being appointed for the village and liaison links with them need to be formed.

19214 Commemoration of World War events and the fallen

(a) To consider a resident's request to whether various World War anniversaries will be marked with a tangible memorial (Chair of History Group – H Luke)

A silent soldier, poppies and crosses have been placed on the Circle but the Royal British Legion and the Gardening Club. Councillors were in favour of the suggestion and thought May 2020 – 75th anniversary of VE Day was a day to unveil a tribute. The Fairlight History Group and the British Legion will need to be consulted.

Resolved to defer any decision to the next meeting

19215 Correspondence (see attached list)

All correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting and was available to the Public at the meeting

19216 Information

(a) Budget 2020-21 (Clerk)

The Clerk requested that Councillors provide any items for 2020-21 budget as soon as possible for consideration and inclusion in next year's budget

(b) East Sussex PCSO allocation announcement 4th November 2019

Once notification received the name and contact details will be circulated

(c) Helping Hands – Robertsbridge and Salehurst (Cllr Horsley and Slack)

Cllrs Horsley and Cllr Slack have visited this project and will continue to develop a potential scheme for Fairlight.

19217 Future agenda items

To support Rother District Council Climate Change Emergency and consider local issues

19218 Close of meeting - Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

19219 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26th November - 7.00 pm at Fairlight Village Hall

Open Forum

Discussions were held in respect no cycling on Wood Field and in Knowle Wood, new drainage pipe and Knowle Wood maintenance. A request for volunteers to do door-to-door collection was received from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal organiser.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chair)