

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at Fairlight Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors – Ms I Horsley (Chair), Mr S Leadbetter, Ms C Slack, Mr S Stewart, Mr G Smith
Also, Parish Clerk Mrs P Collins, District Cllr A Mier

20026 Apologies for absence

Councillors – Mr D Richards, Mr D Greenup, Mr D Shortman. District Councillor R Bird

20027 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests

None

20028 Public questions in respect of items on the agenda

A resident informed the council that they had written to ESCC Highways thanking them for work undertaken to date.

20029 County and District Councillors reports

Cllr Mier reported a draft environment strategy had been produced by RDC. This will be presented at local events and the Public can comment on line up to 18th May 2020. Tree planting is being encouraged as part of this strategy and the RDC would like Council's to record any new trees planted on their website. Bexhill Governance Review has been put out for public consultation until 3rd April 2020.

Cllr Horsley questioned whether climate change would be on the agenda of the Parish Conference on 27th May 2020.

20030 PCSO report

PCSO Winchester did not attend this meeting. However, PCSO Fielder attend the Safer Fairlight event and was well received.

20031 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2020

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.

20032 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None

20033 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 schedule of payments and receipts for February 2020**

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments and receipts for February 2020

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

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

(d) **To appoint a panel to consider grant applications for 2020/21**

Resolved Cllr Greenup, Smith, Horsley and Slack to consider grant applications.

20034 Planning

(a) **To receive the monthly report (Cllr Leadbetter)**

Cllr Leadbetter presented his report highlighting any issues. He also reported upon the new Wakehams Farm planning application for 48 properties and doctor's surgery. The initial application for 150 homes etc has not been withdrawn.

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

Haydon reported that work is progressing with external cladding and internal fitting of services. Warren Road will be closed for two weeks to install water and sewerage pipes.

20035 Land Management

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

Cllr Slack reported: -

The Sussex Lund Grant application will not be submitted to a delay in obtaining quotes. This will be applied for in 2021. Other grant applications will be pursued.

Footpath sign at Stonelynk has been replaced

Parkhurst Cricket Club – the issues of a replacement shed, permanent signs advertising a match in progress and the existing small shed and enclosure were raised.

The Circle has been tidied by Cllr Slack by removing rubbish bags and canes after a complaint had been received. Items and rubbish left on the Circle can be unsightly. It was suggested that the PC pay for a brown bin for the Gardening Club's usage and also offer a storage bench for the Circle.

Cllr Slack is investigating the replacement noticeboard for Channel Way and will be applying for a lottery grant.

A rights of way group has been suggested with Pett PC to maintain footpaths etc. Cllr Slack will discuss with Pett PC and ESCC.

Resolved the Clerk to write to the Cricket Club to raise the issues, approval given for expenditure on an annual brown bin and bench if required.

(b) To note the decision for contracted grass cutting contract for 2020/21 to 2022/23. (Clerk)

Tim Jordon has been awarded the grass cutting contract for 2020/21 to 2022/23.

(c) To appoint a group to review rents of Parish Council facilities and land

Resolved Cllrs Greenup, Smith, Horsley and Slack to consider reviews.

20036 Lower Waites Lane incident report and other water issues

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

The concerns on Lower Waites Lane have been dealt with. The Avenue issues are being carried forward by LWLRMA. The Fairlight Preservation Trust are dealing with the wells on Rockmead and are requesting the pumps be lowered in the bore holes.

20037 Community Hub (Faircomm.) Steering Group

(a) To receive an update from the last meeting – 12th February 2020 (Cllr Horsley)

RDC planners have agreed the outlined ideas. Proposed plans will be available to view at the Safer Fairlight event. Possible costs for planning and reports £5k plus architect fees.

20038 Highways

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

Cllr Horsley thanked Mr J Pulfer for the letter and work which has prompted ESCC to clean the kerbs and laybys on Battery Hill. The hedges are still pending. Cllr Smith will take on responsibility for Highways.

20039 Five-year plan for Parish Council inc communications, action plan for future etc

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

Cllr Horsley thanked the group for all their hard work. The five-year plan with other documents has been distributed to every householder in Fairlight. Initial feedback is good. The next step is for the councillors to meet and roll out projects and confirm budget allocations.

Resolved to hold a meeting in March 2020

(b) To request permission to dissolve the Five-Year plan steering group

Resolved to dissolve the five-year plan steering group but a quarterly review of progress is necessary.

20040 Commemoration of World War events and the fallen - Memorials

(a) To receive an update from the working group and approve recommendations. (Haydon Luke)

The small plaque for the village hall has been ordered.

Planning permission and a church faculty are required for the large memorial at St Andrews Church. Three quotes are being sought. Decisions will need to be made by end of June to allow 3 to 4 months lead time.

(b) To discuss/update on proposed VE Day event - plaque unveiling, celebrity, event programme etc (Clerk)

Resolved Cllr Horsley, Slack and Leadbetter will meet with Clerk to discuss this event.

20041 Parish Assembly

(a) To discuss format of event (Clerk)

Resolved to call the event "Healthier and Greener Fairlight". Cllrs Slack and Horsley will assist with preparations.

(b) To approve the launch of the John Lutman Award and funding for charity donation. (Clerk)

Resolved to approve the launch and £150 for award.

20042 Safer Fairlight event – Saturday 22nd February 2020

(a) To provide feedback from the event (Clerk)

Cllr Horsley thanked all the Councillors and Clerk for their work and participation. She also thanked the public for attending this event. Attendance and feedback from this event were good. All stall holders were well received. It is proposed to have another event in the autumn.

20043 Correspondence

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

20044 Information

The five-year plan/budget meeting has been proposed for Saturday 21st or 28th March at 1.30pm in the Village Hall. Please could Councillors check their availability and inform the Clerk.

20045 Future agenda items

No additional

20046 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

20047 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 24th March 2020 - 7.00 pm at Fairlight Village Hall

Open forum

Discussions were held in respect of parking issues, the Circle, and Parish Assembly

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chair)