



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

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Minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Parish Council held on Monday 29th March 2021 at 8:00pm

Members

Ken Allfree	Paul Brown
Will Buckley	Jenny Edwards
Kevin Gould (Vice Chairman)	Neil Greatorex
Anne Halligey*	Claire Hilton
Douglas Denham St Pinnock (Chairman)	Martin Robinson
	Nicholas Griffin

* denotes absence

Also present:

Leanne Andrews (Clerk)
Andy Beams (Locum RFO)
Cllr Lea (WSSC)
Cllr Stockwell (MSDC)

Due to the restrictions put in place in response to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held using video conferencing technology.

There was 1 member of the public present

351) To receive apologies for absence.

Anne Halligey sent apologies.

352) To receive declarations of interest from Parish Councillors in respect of any matter on the agenda.

There were none.

To approve minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Parish Council held on 22nd February 2021 (Document Reference 2106)

The minutes were approved and the chairman will sign them as a true record at a later date.

353) To receive the clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted.

354) To receive Councillor reports

a)

West Sussex County Councillor Report (Andrew Lea)

- A petition to save West Sussex children and family centres has been received as a result of the potential closure of some of the centres.
- The Pay Policy review for 2021/22 has taken place.
- Motion on Pension Investment: An amendment was agreed at the full council meeting. 10 members abstained.

A member of WHPC asked Cllr Lea a question on the requirement to now book to use some of West Sussex refuse sites. It was noted that this may encourage fly-tipping.

Cllr Lea also answered a question on whether more money will be spent on roads. It was noted that highways is unlikely to be heavily invested in but grants are sometimes available.

b)

Mid Sussex District Councillor Report (Cllr Lin Stockwell)

- Business Grants: new grants are to be available to help those businesses reopening.
- The Haywards Heath Town Centre master plan consultation has closed and is going to full council. It was noted that the plan includes close to 200 social houses to be built in the area which is an excellent achievement.
- An easter egg trail will be running at St Johns park in Burgess Hill, Victoria park in Haywards Heath and Mount Noddy in East Grinstead.

Mid Sussex District Councillor Report (Paul Brown)

- Haywards Heath Town Centre Master Plan: It was noted the document does have some flaws as it may reduce the traffic through the town centre.
- Electoral Boundary Commission review: The consultation has now begun Cllr Brown expressed that if adopted it will reduce MSDC Councillors seats from 54 -48.

355) To receive the feedback from the PWLB consultation

The feedback was received and discussed.

It was noted that Mid Sussex have not offered to house the archive and it has been agreed previously to keep the archive in the parish.

The parish council agreed to proceed with the project.

356) To consider a resident's request to hire North Lane rec

After discussion it was agreed for the Pavilion working group to address some of the complexities and report back to the council with a recommendation.

357) To discuss and agree the closure of the Hoathly Hub website

It was agreed to ask the possible volunteer to take over the site.
Otherwise, it was agreed to close the website.

It was noted that the Parish Council had made the payment for only one additional year.

358) To agree the date and agenda for the Parish Assembly

It was agreed to hold the Parish Assembly on the 4th May at 20.00

The agenda was also agreed.

359) To consider moving the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting to the 4th of May 2021 to comply with the Coronavirus act and hold the meeting remotely.

It was agreed to move the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting to the 4th of May at 19.15 to comply with the Coronavirus act to hold the meeting remotely.

360) To review the Financial Statements to 28th February 2021

- a) Parish Council Bank Reconciliation
- b) Parish Council Summary Receipts and Payments

The Parish Council financial statements were noted.

- c) Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall Bank Reconciliation
 - d) Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall Summary Receipts and Payments
- The Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall financial statements were noted

361) To ratify and approve the payments for March 2021

- a) Parish Council Payments

The payments of £6,420.63 were agreed and approved.

- b) Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall Payments

The payments of £2,532.90 were agreed and approved.

362) To receive Committee Reports

- a) To note Minutes of Meetings taken place
 - i) Planning Committee 22nd February 2021 (document reference 2105)
 - ii) Asset & Highways Committee 15th March 2021 (document reference (2107))

The minutes were noted.

363) To receive updates from Parish Council working groups

Bluebell woods

Points of interest and next steps include:

- Atkins have been appointed to undertake the land condition report.
- A padlock has been fitted to the access gate.
- An Oak tree condition report has been obtained.
- A volunteer weekend is to be set up after the 17th May to work on clearing the site.
- A letter has been sent to Bluebell Lane residents.

364) To receive correspondence

Correspondence was received and discussed.

365) To receive reports from external meetings attended by councillors

a) WSALC AGM 25th Feb 2021 (Douglas Denham St Pinnock, Claire Hilton)
It was noted the special resolution was carried by 90% of members.

Douglas Denham St Pinnock has now been elected as Chairman of WSALC.

b) MSALC AGM 4th March 2021 (Douglas Denham St Pinnock, Claire Hilton)
Tony Steer was re-elected as Chairman.

c) Ashdown Forest meeting 25th March (Douglas Denham St Pinnock, Clerk)
The Chairman and Clerk met virtually with the new CEO James Adler. James was invited to the upcoming Parish Assembly.

366) To note items of interest or items for inclusion at next meeting of the Parish Council

It was agreed to add the following to the agenda of next months meeting.

- Electoral Boundary Commission review
- Grant request from The Air Ambulance.

Date of next meeting 26th April 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:45

Chairman-----