



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 26th July 2021 at 8:00pm in West Hoathly Village Hall

Members

Ken Allfree

Will Buckley

Jenny Edwards

Neil Greatorex*

Claire Hilton*

Martin Robinson

Paul Brown

Kevin Gould (Vice Chairman)

Anne Halligey

Douglas Denham St Pinnock (Chairman)

Nicholas Griffin

* denotes absence

Also present:

Leanne Andrews (Clerk)

There were 2 members of the public present

A member of the public asked the Parish Council whether they felt they had a role in reviving community involvement.

The resident felt that there is a need to revive the local community and community events.

The Parish Council expressed that they would continue to support community events as much as possible.

It was recognised that restrictions have only just lifted and that there is still uncertainty in holding larger events. It was noted that the church had recently run an event which had been well attended.

89)To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Claire Hilton, Neil Greatorex, Andy Beams, Cllr Stockwell and Cllr Wall

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

There were none.

91)To approve minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Parish Council held on 08 June 2021 (Document Reference 2119)

An amendment to minute 61 was proposed and agree to state, 'The working group have taken a pause from any further action in the woods whilst all the options are

being costed.' With this amendment the minutes were approved, and signed by the chairman

92) To receive the clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted.

93) To receive Councillor reports

a) West Sussex County Councillor Report- No report available

b) Mid Sussex District Councillor Report- Cllr Brown

- **Sharptorne Kickabout Pitch**

MSDC are planning to undertake some light renovation works to the kickabout area in the late summer/ early autumn when conditions are more favourable. The aim is to address the weed growth, thicken up the grass sward, and introduce some more sand onto the pitch to improve its capacity to drain freely.

- **West Hoathly Brickworks**

Cllr Brown attended both a Zoom pre-application meeting and a site visit with MSDC officers and Ibstock to answer their questions about developing the brickworks site.

The proposal would conflict with the existing Development Plan. A housing development here would not meet the exceptions permissible under Policy DP15 (new homes in the countryside) or DP6 (settlement hierarchy).

Under the terms of the existing planning consent on the land the site other than the brickmaking factory will be subject to a restoration scheme.

The District Plan review is underway, and the site will be considered as it has been submitted to the recent 'call for sites'. The development of this site should then come forward if it is deemed acceptable through that plan making process.

Mid Sussex District Councillor Report- Cllr Stockwell

- MSDC supporting Job Centre Plus. Work and training opportunities and help with job applications. At Bentswood Community Centre and in Burgess Hill.
- Corporate Grants: £2000 S106 money has been granted to Scaynes Hill Millennium Centre to upgrade the ventilation systems.
- Clair Hall: Public engagement began on the future of Claire Hall and will continue for 12 weeks.
- MSDC in partnership with WSCC has received £80k to support retailer bounce back after covid lockdowns. Free live Q&A events will take place via Zoom during July, August and September around training and support. Full details on the website www.westsussexretailhub.co.uk
- MSDC Parking Team have acquired 3 new electric vehicles as part of the Council's sustainability strategy.
- Hurst Farm Haywards Heath: Homes England will manage the delivery and infrastructure of this site. The plan is for 375 new homes (30% affordable), a

new primary school, burial ground, allotments and country park. Planning permission will need to be submitted.

- Events for young people during the summer holidays: Play Days on Tour and Skatefest will hold events from 27th July to 26th August at 1pm – 3pm in various locations within the district. For more information visit www.midsussex.gov.uk/playdays
- MSDC has been nominated for 2 national awards for the support it provides when collecting Council Tax and making benefit payments. These are Excellence in Partnership Working and Excellence in Social Inclusion within Institute of Revenues, Rating and Performance Awards. (IRRV Performance Awards). The Council's Revenues and Benefits team now face inspection by an independent panel of judges and the winners will be announced at the IRRV Annual Conference on Thursday 7 October 2021.

94) To review the Financial Statements to 30th June 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

95) To ratify and approve the payments for July 2021

- a) Parish Council Payments**

The Parish Council payments of £3,275.04 for July were proposed. All agreed and the payments were approved.

- b) Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall Payments**

There were no payments for the month of July to be approved.

96) To receive Committee Reports

- a) To note Minutes of Meetings taken place
 - i) Planning Committee 24th May 2021 (document reference 2115)
 - ii) Asset & Highways Committee 19th July 2021 (document reference 2119)

The minutes were noted.

97) To receive updates from Parish Council working groups

- o Bluebell woods

An update was received, the working group are currently in the process of obtaining quotes.

- o Pavilion Working Group

The working group are still looking for funding opportunities but so far, no large sponsors have been found.

98) To receive reports from external meetings attended by councillors

The chairman gave an update from the WSALC Board meeting which followed well attended meetings of both the WSALC Clerk's Forum and the WSALC Chairmen's Forum.

The WSALC Board agreed to pursue investigations into Neighbourhood Plans, their cost, time contributed by volunteers and the attention paid to them by District

Councils; also into Southern Water following ongoing and significant incidents of river and sea pollution across West Sussex. Both investigations arising from comments made at the respective Forums.

99) To receive correspondence

Kevin Gould and Ken Allfree agreed to attend the Mid Sussex Site Allocations DPD briefing on the 11th August.

Paul Brown and Douglas Denham St Pinnock agreed to attend the West Sussex County Council Local Transport Plan Consultation on the 8th September.

A member of the public submitted an email to the Parish Council requesting an update on the discussions that have taken place with Ibstock.

It was agreed that Cllr Browns District Councillor update would provide some detail, but it was noted that the application was still at the pre application stage and had yet to be determined. Cllr Brown shared an item of correspondence relating to a Definitive Map Modification Order Application

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Order; Cuckfield Rural No.2; Addition of public bridleway and upgrade of public footpath 51ESx to a public bridleway was made by WSCC on 12 November 2019.

The route is from Sharpthorne Old Playground, Top Road, crossing the clay quarry to Grinstead Lane, opposite The Step-by-Step school, and Naylands Cottages.

A planning inspector will decide whether or not to confirm the order by written statements. The Order can't be confirmed because objections to the order have been received by WSCC and not withdrawn.

100) Items to report in The Chronicle magazine and on Facebook

- Reminder of where the defibrillators are positioned
- Reminder to residents that the Village Hall is available for hire
- Date for the Allotment Holders Meeting (18th September 10:00am)
- Police presence and proactive approach
- Litter picking

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

To consider a response to the West Sussex County Council Transport Plan Consultation

102) To resolve in the light of the possible confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that in the public interest, the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw

The members of the public left the meeting

103) To receive an update from the RFO recruitment panel

The chairman outlined the process and recommendation of the recruitment panel. 2 applicants took part in interviews using the same structured process.

The recruitment panel's recommendation was approved with the new RFO to start in September.

104) To receive an update on the clerks annual review and agree associated costs

The clerk's feedback was shared with the members and the associated uplift in costs was unanimously agreed.

Date of next meeting 27th September 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:10

Chairman-----