



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Document Reference 2129

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Asset and Highways Committee held on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7:30pm in West Hoathly Village Hall

Members

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Paul Brown (Vice Chairman) | Douglas Denham St Pinnock |
| Neil Greatorex (Chairman) | Michelle Mullaney* |
| Martin Robinson | Michael Curties |

* denotes absence

Also present:

Leanne Andrews (Clerk)
Anita Emery (RFO)

There were no members of the public present

189) To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Michelle Mullaney

190) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors in respect of any matter on the Agenda

Neil Greatorex declared an interest as an allotment holder and item 8b of the agenda

191) To approve minutes of the Meeting of the Asset & Highways Committee held on 20th September 2021 (Document Reference 2123)

The minutes were approved, and the Chairman signed them as a true record

192) To receive the clerk's report and note any points of interest

The Clerk's report was received and noted

193) To review expenditure against budget for the year to 31 October 2021

The expenditure was noted.

Assets

194) To receive report on Finche Field and the allotments

- a) To receive feedback from the annual meeting of allotment holders held on the 18th September 2021**

An update was received. It was agreed to ask the handyman to change the tap at the lower allotments.

- b) To consider an allotment holders request to install deer proof fencing at the upper allotments.**

It was noted that the proposed fencing was unlikely to deter the deer and may cause deer to get stuck, therefore the committee did not agree to the request. It was noted that allotment holders are permitted to fence individual plots, and this may be a suitable alternative.

c) To consider an allotment holders request to install an 8x6 shed on their allotment plot.

The committee agreed that as the shed was replacing an existing building of a similar size; they had no objections.

195) To receive report on North Lane Recreation Ground

It was noted that the Bonfire Society had done a great job of clearing up the site after the parish bonfire event.

a) To discuss the North Lane Rec Maintenance Contract

It was agreed that the committee are not currently satisfied with the quality of work that has been provided and it was noted that the hedges have only been cut once this year. The committee asked the clerk to write to the contractor regarding these issues.

Highways

196) To note issues on parish highways

a) To receive an update on the C319

Data from the portable SID had been circulated to councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk will share the data with local the PCSO.

An enquiry has been submitted to WSCC via Love West Sussex regarding the rumble strips prior to the entry of West Hoathly. The rumble strips have yet to be repainted as part of the resurfacing work, it was agreed for the clerk to follow this up.

b) To consider increased parking in Broadfield, West Hoathly

It was reported that there has been a large increase in the number of cars parking on the grass area in Broadfield. A resident has written to Clarion Housing to bring the issue to their attention, and they subsequently agreed to write to residents asking them to refrain from parking on the grass.

To date the issue seems to have improved.

197) To note issues on parish footpaths and bridleways

It was noted that there is still water running down footpath 1WH, the clerk updated that it has been reported to WSCC and they explained that the local Access Ranger will assess the issue as part of the regular maintenance schedule.

198) To consider joining the MSDC walking trail in partnership with Lindfield, Slaugham and Worth Parish Councils, East Grinstead Town Council, and the Ansty Village Centre, to link these towns and villages using the right of way network

The committee agreed in principle to be part of the walking trial and to have a waymarker positioned in Finche Field.

199) To confirm the details for the purchase and planting of trees on parish owned sites in connection with the Queens Green Canopy

The committee agreed to plant native deciduous trees and to work with a local resident to find suitable planting locations in Finche Field, Bluebell Woods, and The Hollow

200) To consider a request from a resident for permission to cut back the dead wood on an Oak Tree close to their property on Bluebell Woods

The committee had no objections to the request.

201) To agree whether to provide a Christmas Tree on Sharpthorne Green

It was agreed to purchase a Christmas tree to be positioned on Sharpthorne Green. Arrangements were made between members regarding the installation.

202) To prepare a budget for the year 2022-23

A proposed budget for ongoing costs was discussed. This would be consolidated with the Administration budget and a first draft budget brought to the December Parish Council meeting for review

203) To note any correspondence received

The correspondence was noted.

204) To note items of interest or for consideration at the next meeting

- Bluebell Woods working group
- Pavilion working group

Date of next meeting 17th January 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:50

Chairman-----