



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 8:00pm in West Hoathly Village Hall**

#### **Members**

Ken Allfree  
Will Buckley  
Martin Robinson  
Neil Greatorex  
Michael Curties

Paul Brown  
Kevin Gould (Vice Chairman)  
Douglas Denham St Pinnock (Chairman)  
Amy Marsahl  
Bob Darvill

\* denotes absence

#### **Also present:**

Leanne Andrews (Clerk)  
Anita Emery (RFO)  
Cllr Garry Wall

#### **There was 1 member of the public present**

The member of the public introduced themselves as a councillor for Horsted Keynes Parish Council and outlined their concerns over mobile connectivity in Horsted Keynes, where in some areas it is not even possible to pick up emergency signal. The member of the public asked for the council's support to distribute a questionnaire to residents, with a view to gaining opinion on the potential of an additional mast to be installed. The chairman offered the councils support of the proposal.

The member of the public left the meeting.

#### **309) To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Lin Stockwell

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

There were none

#### **311) To approve minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Parish Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 (Document Reference 2203)**

With the following amendments the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Minute 276b to state

- Supplementary District Plan with inspectors – results due imminently. 5-year land supply published 2 weeks ago. MSDC to pause on white paper district plan and to write to Minister regarding the numbers do not work to district plan – district original plan expires in 2023.

Amendments to minute 276b to state

- Draft District plan is paused – being reformatted with policy statements. Sites in WH and Sharpthorne list on SHEELA, brickworks dismissed as brown field site, Hoathly Hill passed on district plan. Agreed to put onto agenda 'how to consider these sites during consultation period' Clerk to action.

Amendment to minute 279 to state

DDP presented the budget recommendations and thanked Kevin and Neil for work done on budget prep. The ambition was to keep the precept request below 3% and to put as much money into Bluebell Wood.

DDP made the following recommendation on the earmarked reserves.

Reallocated £2394.32 Highways to Steps increasing Steps EMR to £4800 as the steps need repairing under 2022/23 budget year. The money WHPC have waiting under Section 106 can be used for highways. WHPC have tried to use 106 money for steps and footpaths but have failed to obtain approval. A discussion took place regarding the recommendation, followed by a vote. 5 for, 2 against and 2 abstained on allocating £8278.14 to Bluebell Woods Management Motion carried to reallocate the Highways earmarked reserve to steps ear marked reserves. DDP asked if any further questions about the budget recommendation – none.

It was therefore unanimously agreed to approve the budget for 2022-23

### **312) To receive the clerk's report**

The clerk's report was noted.

### **313) To receive Councillor reports**

#### **a) West Sussex County Councillor Report- Cllr Wall**

- A £648m pound budget has now been approved with a precept rise of 2.99%
- Highways have been allocated an additional £4.8m and have committed to invest £21m, over and above the existing works programme, in road and maintenance over the next five years. Richard Speller has agreed to look at the issues locally.
- Social care costs remain under pressure

#### **b) Mid Sussex District Councillor Report- Cllr Brown**

- Remedial work has taken place at Sharpthorne New Playground
- Sharpthorne New Playground unlikely to benefit from major playgrounds improvements scheme that has recently been launched.
- MSDC Draft District plan 2021-2038 – one site at Hoathly Hill has been identified in the parish. The 150 houses on the brickworks site have been dismissed as it is a brownfield site.

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### **314) To consider Council initial views on the MSDC Draft District Plan 2021-2038, SHELAA submissions, and the single allocated site within West Hoathly Parish**

The Draft District Plan for 2021-2038 was discussed, it was noted that the site at Ibstock has been turned down as it is a brownfield site.

It was also noted that the consultation period has been paused by the leader of Mid Sussex District Council, as they have challenged the housing numbers for Mid Sussex.

**315) To receive and note the draft schedule of Council meetings for 2022-23**

The draft schedule of Council meetings for 2022-23 was noted

**316) To receive an update on the parishes plans to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee**

The chairman provided an update of the last Jubilee planning meeting. It was noted that the overwhelming view from the committee was that there should be 5 minutes of fireworks following the lighting of the beacon. The bonfire society have been contacted to see whether they would be prepared to run the event. It was also agreed that the parish council will provide banking facilities for the committee as agreed with the clerk & RFO.

**317) To review the Financial Statements to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

**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

**318) To ratify and approve the payments for February 2022**

**a) Parish Council Payments**

The payments were unanimously ratified and approved – it was noted there was an additional payment of £1,164.38 to MSDC for the 12 months dog bin collection service charge.

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

The payments were unanimously ratified and approved.

**319) To receive Committee Reports**

**a) To note Minutes of Meetings taken place**

**i) Planning 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (document reference 2030).**

The minutes were noted

**320) To receive report from the Management Committee of West Hoathly Village Hall**

The chairman provided an update on the progress of the Village Hall staircase and archive store project, and updated members on the committee's agreement to approach MSDC with a set of identified improvements to be made using S106 funds. It was noted that several improvements to the flat had also been identified.

A draft budget was agreed, to be taken to the next Trustee meeting for approval.

**321) To receive correspondence**

A new Code of Conduct adopted by MSDC was shared with the members via email. MSDC are encouraging other local authorities to adopt the same policy. It was noted that the policy can be adopted when the documents are reviewed in May.

**322) To receive reports from external meetings attended by councillors**

a) MSALC Meeting - 24th February 2022 (Douglas Denham St Pinnock, Michael Curties)

An update was received.

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

There were none.

Date of next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:00

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