



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 28th March 2022 at 8:00pm in West Hoathly Village Hall

Members

Ken Allfree
Will Buckley*
Martin Robinson
Michael Curties

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

* denotes absence

Also present:

Leanne Andrews (Clerk)
Anita Emery (RFO)
Cllr Lin Stockwell

There were no members of the public present

344) To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Kevin Gould, Will Buckley, Bob Darvill and Cllr Garry Wall

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

Paul Brown declared an interest as a Local Correspondent for the Open Spaces Society.

346) To approve minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Parish Council held on 28th February 2022 (Document Reference 2206)

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

Minute 314 to state

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.

347) To receive the clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted.

The council recorded thanks to Cllr Neil Greatorex for his contribution to the council, particularly as Chairman of the Asset & Highways Committee and the work he was involved in trying to improve the issues along the C319.

348) To receive Councillor reports**a) West Sussex County Councillor Report- no report available****b) Mid Sussex District Councillor Report- Cllr Stockwell**

- **Draft Sustainable Economy Strategy-** was considered by the Scrutiny Committee on the 22nd March and will go to Full Council next week. Looking at reducing the carbon footprint and becoming carbon neutral.
- **Code of Conduct-** a new Code of Conduct is due to be considered at Full Council this week, it is likely that it will be adopted. All Local Authorities are encouraged to adopt the policy.

Mid Sussex District Councillor Report- Cllr Brown

- **Draft Sustainable Economy Strategy-** main objective is to be net zero by 2050. The strategy is made up of 14 objectives, it was noted that a lot of the details are missing from the plan.
- **Green Homes grant-** Funding is available for homeowners, private tenants and people in social rented accommodation who live in a home with a low energy rating and have a household income of less than £30,000 a year. Mid Sussex to date has spent £429,836.

349) To consider the clerks proposal to dissolve the Planning Committee and if appropriate agree the following

- a) Planning applications to be considered at Parish Council meetings, commencing May 2022

After discussion a vote took place. 5 in favour, 1 against. It was agreed that the majority were in favour and therefore planning applications will be considered as part of Full Council meetings, commencing May 2022.

- b) Parish Council meetings to start at 7:30pm, commencing May 2022

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- c) To update the Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation to reflect the changes. (To be approved at the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 23rd May 2022)

It was agreed to update the Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation to be approved at the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 23rd May 2022.

350) To review the signatories on the WHPC and Trustee bank accounts

- a) To agree two more signatories

It was agreed to add Martin Robinson and Amy Marshall as signatories on the WHPC and Trustee accounts.

- b) To agree to remove Neil Greatorex as a signatory

It was agreed to remove Neil Greatorex as a signatory.

351) To review the Financial Statements to 28th February 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

352) To ratify and approve the payments for March 2022

a) Parish Council Payments

The payments were unanimously ratified and approved – it was noted there was an additional payment of £170.00 to Gary Coxhall for maintenance work around the village.

b) Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall Payments

The payments were unanimously ratified and approved

353) To receive Committee Reports

a) To note Minutes of Meetings taken place

i) Planning 28th February 2022 (document reference 2205).

ii) Asset & Highways 21st March 2022 (document reference 2207)

The minutes were noted

354) To receive correspondence

The clerk shared an item of correspondence regarding an issue with the Metrobus service 84, where a bus had not stopped for a member of the public waiting at the Broadfield stop, West Hoathly, whilst the traffic lights were in place.

An item of correspondence from Paul Brown, Open Spaces Local Correspondent was shared with the council.

It was noted for information that the Planning Inspectorate considered the Definitive Map Modification Order 2/16 via the written representations procedure and has decided not to confirm the Definitive Map Modification Order.

355) To receive reports from external meetings attended by councillors

a) Platinum Jubilee Planning Committee- 10th March 2022 (Douglas Denham St Pinnock)

It was noted that the council are providing banking facilities for the committee, and that a number of donations have already been received.

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

The April Finance Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next Finance Committee meeting will be on the 13th June 2022.

357) 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.

Cllr Lin Stockwell left the meeting.

358) To note the cost of living increase to the clerk and RFO's salary

It was noted that, as previously agreed the Clerks and RFO's pay would be adjusted to reflect the cost of living increase, backdated to the beginning of April.

Date of next meeting 25th April 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:54

Chairman-----