

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

CONFIRMED

Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr Mike Airey Chair
Ms Sheila Marshall
Mr Matthew Cutress
Ms Jan Nichols

Mr Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council
Anthony Watts-Williams - District Councillor

12 members of the public attended

1 Apologies

Joy Dennis.

2 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

Clerk advised the council that the new shed is now in the cemetery and Operation Watershed is now complete.

4 MSDC Anthony Watts - Williams

A provision has been made for a 6th Form College in Haywards Heath Gatwick Airport are consulting about a Master plan to increase flight numbers. MSDC are against a 2nd runway and they don't think Gatwick has given up on this. ESCC has announced that they will have to cut services, MSDC do not plan to as they are running a balanced budget. WSCC are struggling as they have a lot of social issues. In addition to existing sites MSDC has to find a further 2,500 houses up to 2031. The Northern Arc site has 3,500 houses, 3 schools, leisure facilities, business park etc. Funding has been approved for the widening of the A2300. A W-W is now officially a member of the SDNPA planning committee and his first meeting was 1st this month.

5 Public participation

The consultants for the Downmere farm planning application put forward their case in favour of the application reinforcing their extensive report that was submitted with the application.

Members of the public expressed their concerns over the application, main points being: Neighbours observed that the structure was still being used daily so not redundant. Structure not robust enough for a residential property.

Not in the defined development boundary of Poynings.

Concern that stables will have to be built on the Paddocks if existing building made residential.



6 Expenditure

The following amounts have been paid for Aug and Sept 2018

Date	Payee	Amount
04-09-18	Clerks Wages - July - Aug 2018	£500.00
04-09-18	M Brennan - Inv. 11-12 Church and cemetery mowing	£180.00
04-09-18	Jack Sheds - Cemetery Shed	£263.00
	TOTAL	£943.00

Receipts for Aug and Sept 2018

Date	Payee	Amount
31-08-2018	HMRC Vat Refund	£10,785.75
27-09-2018	MSDC Precept and Graveyard	£2,913.00
	TOTAL	£13,698.75

7 Planning Applications

Proposal: Conversion of a redundant barn to a single dwelling with the provision of soft landscaping and parking area. Location: Downmere Farm, Mill Lane, Poynings, BN45 7AE

The Councillors unanimously agreed that the Council would object to the application for the following reasons:

- a. It lies outside the defined development boundary of Poynings Village.
- b. According to neighbours the property is still in daily use and is therefore not a redundant property.
- c. The property is in a strategic gap between the two ends of the village and is very visible from Devils Dyke, Newtimber Hill and the many footpaths around it. The front of the building would be very visible from footpath 5_1p. Any development here would have a detrimental impact on these views and the village.
- d. The construction would effectively be a new build as the existing structure is unlikely to meet current building regulations.
- e. There are reports that there is a badger set on the site.
- f. There is a concern that structures/stables will have to be built on the paddocks if the existing stabling is converted to a dwelling.
- g. The National Planning Policy Framework seeks to avoid the development of isolated home in the countryside. The application does not fall under any of the exceptions of paragraph 79 and in particular, 79 c) as the current structure is neither redundant nor disused.
- h. Applications should conserve and enhance the landscape and scenic beauty of the National Park which this does not do.
- i. The building does not respect the local character of buildings as mentioned in SD5 of the new SDNP Local plan. 10. The current structure is not a barn but a large shed, without architectural merit, that is used as a stable. The structure is visible from several directions from the Downs and the conversion to a dwelling would set a precedent for the many similar structures throughout the National Park.
- j. On previous pre-applications, the advice has been that planning consent would be unlikely to be granted. As there is not that much difference with this application, there does not appear to be a good reason why this application should be passed.

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8 Website Domain

It was agreed that the council should have its own domain and <https://poyningsparishcouncil.com> was agreed. CW to organise and also install the Secure certificate. Costs for domain to be less than £10 pa and Certificate to be less than £10 pa.

Clerk and councillors to have dedicated email addresses.

9 Children's play area costs

The grants for the play area came to £5,000 and the cost was £5,163.60. SM, on behalf of the volunteers who arranged it, asked if the council would cover the shortfall. MC suggested that Mr Kelly be approached to see if the money from the golf day funds could be used. MA to approach. If not, the PC would cover it.

8. Projector for planning meeting etc

As large planning documents are not issued any more it was felt that a projector may be useful for complicated applications and other uses. Clerk to look at costs.

9. Co-Opt new councillor

A vote was taken as to whether a new councillor should be Co-opted on to the Council as it is a councillor short. Mr N Evans was the only person to put their name forward. The vote was 2 for and 2 against so the chair had the deciding vote and voted to Co-Opt Mr Evans onto the council.

10. Roundabout

A villager has been weeding the roundabout and it was felt that a payment should be made. He would have to invoice the council for up to £10 hour. CW to ask N Digby to liaise with him to ensure that the correct work is done. It is difficult to keep clear of weeds as dandelions constantly blow in from the fields.

11. Fireworks night.

MC informed the council that the fireworks display was the best ever. £3,000 was spent on fireworks and this was covered by the gate with some over for next year. The council thanked the Lee family and other volunteers for their hard work. M Lee has indicated that it can go ahead next year on the 2nd of November.

12. Items for next month's Agenda

JN suggested that councillors come up with activities that the council could support or initiate for the next financial year. This was agreed.

13. Dates of next year's meeting

January 8th

March 5th

May 14th (Also Annual Parish Meeting)

July 2nd

Sept 3rd

Nov 5th

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm



W. F. A. 18/1/19.