

# POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council  
Mr Colin Warburton

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Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm

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

Mr Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council  
Joy Dennis - County Councillor  
John Wilkinson - District Councillor

2 members of the public attended

## 1 Apologies

Anthony Watts-Williams.  
MA welcomed Nigel Evans to the council

## 2 Minutes

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

## 3 Matters Arising

None.

## 4 WSCC - Joy Dennis

Advised that Poynings road closed on the 28th January.

Discussed the latest happenings at Gatwick and other developments

### MSDC John Wilkinson

New business rates will create more funds for Infrastructure

Mayfield have made a deal with Horsham district Council. HDC to get money from it.

MSDC are still fighting Mayfield, not in Plan.

Henfield comes under Horsham.

Sayers Common had a meeting to see if they could split away from HPP PC. Well organised with about 70 people attending.

MSDC may have some capital grants but has to be submitted by February and agreed by the PC.

## 5 Public participation

Andy Copeland commented that as an amateur astronomer he has seen an increase in the amount of lighting round properties in Poynings that has affected the "Dark Sky's" in Poynings. A survey he conducted in September 2011 showed that you could see 15 times more stars in Poynings than you can in Brighton. However there are now 9 buildings in Poynings (including the Church) which have lights facing upwards which creates a "light dome" this affects the number of stars that can be seen.



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MA commented that Poynings (as part of the SDNP) was awarded "Dark sky" status in May 2016.

SM Commented that there is more dog mess on the playing field, mainly from people from outside of the village walking their dogs there. Suggested the possibility of signs and more dog bins. The blacksmiths field and Dyke lane also appear to have more mess.

## 6 Expenditure

The following amounts have been paid for October and November 2018

Date	Payee	Amount
04-10-18	SSALC - Budget planning Clerk CW	£72.00
12-11-18	M Brennan 13-14-15-16-17 Church and Cemetery	£510.00
12-11-18	Chair Networking Day MA	£96.00
12-11-18	Castle Water Cemetery water	£30.07
12-11-18	Moore Stephens. Annual external Audit	£388.56
12-11-18	Clerks Wages - Sept - Oct 2018	£500.00
07-12-18	Landbuild - Op Watershed	£21,936.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£23,532.63</b>

Receipts for October and November 2018

Date	Payee	Amount
04-10-18	Church - Table Donation	£79.98
04-10-18	Radmells - Jarrard - Plot 270	£300.00
05-11-18	Village hall trustees - Table Donation	£79.98
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£459.96</b>

## 7 Planning Applications

Proposal: Conversion of a redundant barn to a single dwelling. Downmere Fm. BN45 7AE  
Decision by SDNP: Declined

## 8 Budget for 2019 - 2020

It was agreed after discussing the budget that the precept for 2019 - 2020 should be increased to £5,200. This is a 2.05% increase or a 2.20% increase on Band D.

## 9 Change to the Roundabout maintenance

Using volunteers for maintaining the roundabout has not been working due to the large amount of dandelion weeds etc that are blown off the field. It was agreed that a paid gardener, preferably local should be used. It was agreed that the Clerk to see if B Powell's gardener is able to do it.

## 10 Insurance

The insurance is due soon and the clerk asked if any councillors knew of anything should be added. It was agreed that no changes are necessary.

## 11 Village sign repairs

There is a new grant available which may be able to pay for a replacement post for the village sign. It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for this. MC suggested that we should try and have the paving at Cora's corner repaired at the same time. This was agreed.

## 12 Dark Sky's

As Poynings is now in a "Dark Sky's" area it was felt that this should be more publicised. Andy Copeland said he will see if he can organise a public viewing this winter and is prepared to supply a telescope.

## 13 Finger posts

The posts have now been made and the lettering previously circulated to the Parish Councillors was agreed.



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**14 Activities that the Council could support or initiate in 2019**

It was agreed that the council would support the following activities if required.

Dark Skies.

Bonfire

Adult playground and tennis wall (NE to look into these)

Air Ambulance. All agreed that £100 should be donated to them.

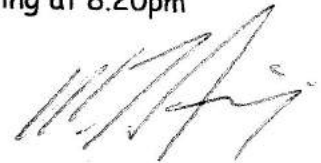
**12. Items for next month's Agenda**

Elections and Dog mess

**13. Dates of next meeting**

March 5<sup>th</sup>

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



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The following amounts have been paid for December 2018 and January 2019

Date	Payee	Amount
15-01-19	SLCC – 2019 membership	£76.00
15-01-19	ALCC – 2019 membership	£40.00
15-01-19	Clerks Wages – Nov – Dec 2018	£500.00
15-01-19	M Brennan. Cemetery & Church. 18-19	£240.00
15-01-19	Clerk Expenses. Domain and SSL 1 yr	£10.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£866.00</b>

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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£00.00</b>

  
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