

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 3rd September 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Sandra Slinger Chair
Sheila Marshall
Nigel Evans
Neville Searle
William Selby

Mr Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council
Rodney Jackson - District Councillor
Alison Bennett - District Councillor

8 members of the public attended

1 Apologies

Joy Dennis - County Councillor

2 Minutes

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

3 Matters Arising

Bob's café. SM advises that the rent on Bob's café is about to increase substantially which, although this was in the contract, could reduce the hours the café was open. As it helps the local community, in particular the young and old, AB said she would contact MSDC to see if the rent could be held at the current level. SM advised that five users of the café had written to MSDC.

A member of the public was concerned with the work going on at Downmere Gatehouse. The Clerk informed them that it had been reported to the SDNPA. AB confirmed that enforcement is carried out by the SDNPA not MSDC.

4 MSDC Alison Bennett

AB introduced Rodney Jackson as the other new MSDC councillor.

MSDC are having a Public Consultation and Housing review. They must find 1,500 houses in MSDC.

The councillors are having morning surgeries, the 1st in Poynings to be at 11 am on Thursday 26th September in the Royal Oak.

5 Public Participation

M Airey said that a notice is to be put out for a "Speed Watch" group. A minimum of 5 are needed, 8 is better. To be discussed on item 10.

SS asked Sue Lee to thank Mark Lee for the new kissing gate.

6 Expenditure

The following amounts have been paid for June 2019 and July 2019

Date	Payee	Amount
09-07-19	Clerk wages May - June 2019	£500.00
09-07-19	Martin Brennan. Cemetery & Church 37-28-29	£430.00
09-07-19	Chairman's annual allowance	£155.00
09-07-19	Chair training and networking	£228.00
09-07-19	Zurich Insurance	£435.26
	TOTAL	£1,748.26

Receipts for June 2019 and July 2019

Date	Payee	Amount
	TOTAL	£00.00

7 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications in this period.

8 Winter plan update

SS confirmed that Mark Lee has enough salt, but it is quite old and may have degraded. Agreed not to order anymore unless a cold winter is forecast.

9 Cora's corner and roundabout upkeep.

Quotes for the clearing of Cora's Corner and upkeep of the roundabout were agreed. It was also agreed that a village resident who was happy to pay for this could do so.

SM was concerned about the use of weed killers and it was pointed out that this would only be for the concrete/paving areas, other unwanted plants would be removed by hand. Also, the existing plants on the roundabout would not be removed.

10 Traffic Group update

SM. A local resident who has years of traffic experience and JD to be invited to give this is SM's report.

1/General introduction

This is a group of ten people under the umbrella of the 'Poynings Volunteers' [for grants purposes].

There has been two 'brainstorming sessions with slightly different people and we are looking forward to a meeting in September with WSCC Joy Dennis and local man, Laurie Shaw, who has worked for many years in traffic management.

The associated Poynings Speedwatch Group is not yet functioning due to lack of the required number of members, despite the publicity.

2/Key issues so far

1/Identification of four danger spots in the built up area.

The fast road from the roundabout as it approaches the built up area near Mill Court.

The road as it approaches the bend near the Village Hall having come down the hill past Downmere .

The road down the hill from the pub approaching the bend near the Forge Garage.

The road as it narrows near the pub.

These were the same sites identified by previous Parish Councils.

2/Missing Signs

PC clerk, Colin, has contacted WSCC Highways and some have been retrieved from ditches, including the lorry weight limit one at the roundabout. The 'road narrows' one by the recreation ground and some others are still missing.

3/Heavy Lorries

The group has been monitoring these and have discovered that Landpower at Edburton poses no threat. There are at present a significant number of uncovered Olus compost trucks serving local farms as well as a lot of farm vehicles due to harvesting. What is of

concern is that a number of 'Dance lorries', based at Manor Farm have been contravening the agreement that Mark Lee made with them over entering and leaving the village via the cemetery road.

3/The village has no street lights therefore speed bumps and road narrowing structures are ruled out. Rumble strips have been tried previously and were found to be both ineffective and noisy.

4/Road narrowing markings on the road where it narrows near the pub, reinstating the 'road narrows' sign near the recreation ground and having the road red in colour at both ends of the village to denote the speed limit were also suggested.

5/Joy Dennis' ideas on 'Quiet Lanes' and 'Shared road use' are being investigated.

6/'Welcome to Poynings' signs proved popular, either to denote entering the village itself or entering a built up area.

7/SID or speed indicator device - three sites were decided on and PC clerk, Colin, secured both the necessary posts to put it on and the voluntary labour from WSCC. However he has had a few problems with the positioning with only one site near the recreation ground ready to go.

11 Footpath group update

NE. Had 2 replies from the message that was sent out. The problem when walking to the bust stop and not knowing where the footpaths are. Possible advertise where footpaths are.

NE felt that the footpath at the garage should be more visible and the obstacles should be removed. NE to liaise with highways to see what can be done.

12 Fireworks night

It was agreed that fireworks night should be on the 9th of November as the fireworks people have another booking on the 2nd. SM to book caterers and speak to Helen at the Garage.

13 Small tent and banner

It was agreed to purchase a small tent and banner for events.

14 Lockers at the bus stop

No one has expressed an interest so it was agreed that this will not be pursued.

15 Items for next month's Agenda.

Nothing specific

16 Dates of next meeting

Move to 12 November to be after bonfire night

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm

J S. 12/11/19

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Date	Payee	Amount
03-09-19	Clerk wages July - Aug 2019	£500.00
03-09-19	Martin Brennan Cemetery & Church 30-31-32-33-34	£450.00
03-09-19	Calor Gas	£36.50
	TOTAL	£986.50

Receipts for August 2019 and September 2019

Date	Payee	Amount
30-09-19	MSDC 6 months Precept and Graveyard allowance	£2,976.00
	TOTAL	£2,976.00

SS. 12/11/19