

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 12th November 2019 at 7.00pm

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

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

16 members of the public attended

1 Apologies

Joy Dennis - County Councillor, Rodney Jackson, Colin Trumble - District Councillors

2 Minutes

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

3 Matters Arising

Due to short notice the following items were not on the agenda and the Council agreed to discuss them.

Wind Vane on Cora's Corner.

Now the trees have been cut back it was noticed that the Wind Vane is missing. It was agreed that a new identical one could be made at a cost of £200. This will be next year.

Mayfield.

The inter-Parish group has drafted a letter to Horsham District Council which has been circulated to the Councillors. It was agreed that Poynings Parish Council will add their name to it.

Bench on Cora's Walk.

The clerk has been asked if a bench could be installed on Cora's Walk to replace one of the old ones for the late Mary & Arthur Browne. This would be the same as the existing ones and at no cost to the Council. This was agreed.

4 MSDC Alison Bennett

Haywards Heath 6th form collage is opening in September after being closed for 2 years and a series of open evenings is being held soon if anyone wishes to attend.

The discussion with MSDC to reduce the rent at Bob's café is still ongoing.

Colin Trumble is to apply for Head of Finance at MSDC.

There is a proposal to use the emergency runway at Gatwick.

The Surgery at the Royal Oak was very successful and there will probably be another one in the new year.

5 Public Participation

There was a lively discussion about planning applications

A member of the public was concerned that the appeal for Downmere Farm had not been heard yet and was worried that this would go through by default after a period of time. Clerk to check.

6 Expenditure

The following amounts have been paid for August 2019 and September 2019

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

7. Planning Applications

a) **The Gatehouse Downmere** Poynings Road Poynings. BN45 7AG. New internal configuration/layout of spaces. New glazing layout and specification throughout including new oak frame courtyard glazing design. Revised entrance design to south elevation with oak frame pitched roof overhang. Increase width of proposed extension. Inclusion of conservation style rooflights to main roof. Relocation of chimney. Relocation of 2 dormers to suit internal layout .

After discussions with the applicants, the council is unsure what has been approved with the SDNP prior to the application and what hasn't. Also, they are unsure if they are even looking at the correct plans as the applicant insisted that more up to date plans have been submitted. If so, they were not in the SDNP planning portal. After much discussion it was decided that the council would object to the application with regard to the tiles and the extra windows. Also, it was felt that if the tiles have been approved, and chosen by the SDNP, prior to the application going in, then the PC felt very let down by the SDNP.

b) **Hilva**. The Street Poynings. BN45 7AQ. Prune 3 overhanging trees in 2 adjoining properties No Comment

c) **PRE PLANNING Aviation House** The Street Poynings BN45 7AQ. Demolish existing factory. Erection of 6 homes (4 x 4 bed houses and 2 x 2 affordable flats) As there are no plans on the application it is impossible to comment on them. However, the council objects to the application as the SDNP's response to the previous pre-application stated that "robust" marketing needs to be carried out for 12 months prior to the application to ensure that there is no demand for commercial premises. This has not been carried out and other commercial units have been let out in the area without any problems.

8. Traffic Group update

SM. Two of the positions have recorded speeds by the SID and the third will be done next year when the location (Downmere) has the space free to install a post.

The speed watch group has 3 people, 2 short of the required amount. Laurie Shaw attended the last meeting and as he has 40 years' experience in traffic, his input was very useful with some useful suggestions to follow up on. It was felt that the "speed gates" were a good idea and they propose to put out a questionnaire to the village to see if it is supported and what type.

9 Footpath group update

The defective styles have been reported.

10 Bob's café update

This was covered by AB earlier. SM hopes that if the rent is reduced the café may be able to open more.

11 Fireworks night

The clerk reported that due to the poor weather the income was down, but this was covered by the reserve funds, which have now gone apart from the £250 the PC holds. It was agreed that the fireworks were excellent.

Next year has been booked for the 7th November which was confirmed by S Lee.

SS thanked the Lee family for their hard work along with everyone else involved.

12. Chairman and Vice Chairman

SS announced that due to unexpected heavy work commitments she no longer has the time to commit to the PC. Due to this, she reluctantly will be resigning as chair and councillor at the end of this meeting.

The clerk informed the council that the first item on the agenda at the next meeting will be appointment of a chair, and if required, a vice chair. It was pointed out that it is good practice to discuss this prior to the meeting although any decisions will not be binding until the meeting. The chair needs to be proposed and seconded. You cannot vote for yourself. The position will only last until the APM in May.

It was agreed that there is no need to call an extraordinary meeting until the next scheduled meeting unless there were any contentious planning applications etc.

After a chair has been appointed the co-opting of a councillor can be discussed.

13 Items for next meeting's Agenda.

Appointment of a chair

14 Dates of next year's meetings

7th January

3rd March

5th May APM and APA

7th July

8th September

10th November

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

The following amounts have been paid for October 2019 and November 2019

Date	Payee	Amount
12-11-19	Martin Brennan Cemetery & Church 35-36-37-38-39	£510.00
12-11-19	Clerk expenses A3 paper	£13.99
12-11-19	Councillor briefing NS	£84.00
12-11-19	Clerk wages Sept - Oct 2019	£500.00
12-11-19	Castle Water – Cemetery	£31.10
12-11-19	Moore Accountants – Annual Audit	£240.00
	TOTAL	£1,379.09

Receipts for October 2019 and November 2019

Date	Payee	Amount
31-10-19	SDNP CIL	£789.20
28-11-19	WSCC Cora's Walk Post Grant	£725.00
	TOTAL	£1,514.20



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