

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton



07-07-2020

Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr Nigel Evans Chair
Mr Neville Searle
Mr William Selby

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

7 members of the public attended

1 Apologies

Joy Dennis - County Councillor, Alison Bennet, Colin Trumble - District Councillors. Sheila Marshall - Parish Councillor. Sheila Marshall had sent her apologies to the clerk saying that for personal reasons she is standing down as councillor.

2 Election of Chair

The clerk asked for nomination for Chair. NS proposed NE and WS seconded this. A vote was taken, and Nigel Evans was unanimously elected as chair. It was agreed not to elect a vice chair.

3 Minutes

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

4 Matters Arising

None

5 MSDC Rodney Jackson

There are going to be changes to the community tax support schemes to help low earners.

In the budget, a 1.65% increase in the tax base was agreed.

More funds are to be spent on council owned community areas.

Gary Marsh is a good contact for planning decisions.

MSDC have bought properties for the homeless as it works out cheaper than renting.

Councils can apply for a £250 grant for VE day celebrations, to be discussed with 650 group.

6 Public Participation

Comments by members of the Public

Mill lane sign is bent

Potholes are taking a while to be repaired.

Avetrade pre-planning. On the pre-application it does not mention that a third of the premises are currently occupied and have been there for nine months. Keep an eye on this if a full application is made.

7 Expenditure

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	WSSC Cora's Walk Post Grant	£725.00
TOTAL		£1,514.20

8. Planning Applications

- a) The Gatehouse Downmere Poynings Road Poynings. BN45 7AG. **Passed**
- b) Hilva. The Street Poynings. BN45 7AQ. Prune 3 overhanging trees. **Passed**
- c) PRE PLANNING Orchard Cottage Dyke Lane Poynings Brighton West Sussex BN45 7AA. Replacement House. To monitor for full planning application.
- d) PRE PLANNING Wilton House The Street Poynings Brighton West Sussex BN45 7AQ. Rear and Side Extension. To monitor for full planning application.

9 Gates to Village

Mike Airey advises that a meeting between the traffic group and Joy Dennis, introducing "quiet lanes" was discussed and will be looked into later. It was felt that 3 location for the gates would be at the roundabout, opposite the car park and on the entrance to the village at the south end. Still to be finalised.

10 Bus Stop

The bus stop by the playing field has been damaged and the clerk has spoken to WSSC volunteers to see if they can repair it. They suggested that a wooden replacement was most suitable. This was rejected by the council and the clerk is to go back to them to see if they can repair the damaged brickwork and roof.

11 Funding for Poynings 2020 Celebrations.

The clerk has been approached by the "650 Committee" to see if the council would donate £650 to help promote this year's celebrations as it would benefit the village. Other neighbouring councils have made donations. It was agreed that the donation would be made.

12 Co-opting new councillor

As the council is now 2 councillors short there is a need to co-opt councillors (or have an election if that is what the village wants). NE has approached Leanne and Mike who were previously interviewed for the position. Mike Crowther is still interested, and the council agreed to Co-opt him if he still wants to stand. The full procedure will have to be followed to fill the other post.

13 Broken roundabout sign

The wooden sign at the roundabout was hit by a car on Christmas eve and broken. The clerk has contacted the PC's insurance company and it is covered; the excess is £250. The council agreed to make a claim and the clerk will obtain quotes etc.

14 Budget 2020 - 2021

The clerk announced that he intends to step down as clerk later this year due to other commitments, it was announced now as it will have an impact on the budget, and it is likely that a new clerk will need to be paid approximately £2,000 pa more.

It was agreed after discussing the budget, that had been previously circulated, that the precept for 2020 - 2021 should be increased to £6,200. This is a 19.24% increase or a 18.96% increase on Band D.

15 Cora's Corner

The new weathervane has been fitted, the vegetation removed, the ground has been covered in mulch and a membrane to suppress the weeds. Bulbs have been planted by Nigs and next year smaller shrubs will be planted. The replacement post for the sign (the base is rotting) has been ordered and a licence from WSCC highways has been obtained to allow the work to be carried out.

16 Village Hall

There has been a long running project going on for the Council and the Church Trustees to build a shed, next to the entrance to the village hall, to be used for storage and tools (that highways would supply). The shed would be built by WSCC volunteers, but the material would have to be paid for. The existing flint wall is unsafe so this could not be used and a completely new structure would need to be built.

The volunteer leader estimated the cost of the timber and roof would be in the region of £6,000 split between the PC and the Church Trustees, the trustees are not in a position to make any commitments at the moment so the PC felt the full amount was excessive and would maybe look at it at a later date.

13 Items for next meeting's Agenda.

How the PC can communicate with the village.

Speakers for APM

14 Dates of meeting

3rd March

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

The following amounts have been paid for December 2019 and January 2020

Date	Payee	Amount
07/01/20	SLCC Annual membership	£78.00
07/01/20	Clerk wages Jan – Feb 2020	£500.00
07/01/20	M Johnson – Cora's Post	£195.00
07/01/20	CW – Clerk – PPC Domain Name renewal	£10.00
SLCC		

TOTAL £783.00

Receipts for October 2019 and November 2019

Date	Payee	Amount
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£0

TOTAL £0



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