

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.00pm

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



11-03-2020

Mr Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Trumble - District Councillor

5 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

Annual Parish Meeting speakers. It was agreed the Clerk would invite Charlie Cain from the National Trust and a Police representative to give a short talk. NE to see if Andrew Griffith MP is available.

MSDC Awards. This event no longer exists and has been replaced with the Mid Sussex Applauds which anyone can nominate. WS suggested that maybe PPC could set up an award system. To be discussed at a future meeting.

4 MSDC Colin Trumble

Gatwick airport runway discussions are still ongoing; planning meetings begin in earnest in 2021. MSDC is not involved. It appears that as the M23 is being converted to a Smart Motorway (if the safety issues are resolved) then no further upgrade is needed for the extra traffic generated. Highways England make this decision and there is no appeal process.

MSDC budget will be set on the 4th March 2020.

The Mayfield development discussions continue. The Horsham DC position is unclear, there appears to be a North/South division within the planning department.

The MSDC position is very clear, they do not want it to go ahead as they will have to sort out the infrastructure problems and it is in the wrong place for many reasons.

There is a public meeting in Henfield on Friday the 13th March.

The Cafe rent position is ongoing with MSDC.

Colin Trumble is organising a sponsored walk supporting the Royal Marsden cancer charity. Details to be sent out.

5 Andrew Griffiths surgery update.

NE attended this session along with Chairs from Pyecombe and Fulking. Mayfield was discussed and AG was in agreement that it should not go ahead. The quality of the

SDNPA planning decisions were discussed and he was sympathetic to the apparent inconsistencies. His office can be contacted if there are any other issues. The meeting, although only 30 mins was useful and hopefully it will be a regular occurrence.

6 Public Participation

It was suggested that the minutes could be issued earlier. The Clerk commented that they are always issued within the legal timeframe but would endeavour to send them out earlier when possible.

The planning application for Wilton house was submitted too late to be on the agenda but two members of the public felt that a meeting was needed. A planning meeting will be arranged.

There is a problem with the hedge overgrowing the footpath in The Street. The PC will discuss this at the next meeting as it is an ongoing issue.

7. Expenditure for December 2019 and January 2020

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 December 2019 and January 2020

Date	Payee	Amount
		£0

TOTAL £0

8. Planning Applications

Manor Farm Poynings Road Poynings. BN45 7AG

Proposal: New agricultural building. SDNP/20/00648/APNB

There was no objection to this application and no comment was necessary.

9. Gates to Village

Mock drawings of the suggested gate positions had been issued to the councillors and traffic group. It was agreed that two flint gates should be installed at the bottom of the hill at the Fulking end of the village, two white gates by the car park and two white gates by the roundabout. It was agreed to use the 30mph sign but this might need to be replaced at a later stage if a 20 mph speed limit was introduced. The clerk will contact the landowners, WSCC highways, the manufactures, WSCC volunteer group and see what funding can be organised.

10. Bus Stop

The WSCC can repair this and reuse the existing brick where possible. Mortar, replacement bricks etc to be supplied by PPC. Labour free. Clerk to organise.

It is possible that a tool shed could be attached to the rear of the bus stop as the one by the school seems to be a non-starter. This would be to store tools supplied and maintained by WSCC. A timber one would be about £750, labour free, and a brick one £1,500. A grant of £750 may be available. Permission from the land owner and MSDC would have to be obtained. It was agreed to go ahead with the brick one. Clerk to organise.

11. Co-Opting new councillor.

PPC is still one councillor short, so far there have been no applicants. To re-advertise.

12. Village communications

It was felt that the PC should try to communicate with local residents in a more effective way. WS thought a WhatsApp group could be a good idea. A leaflet drop was considered but NE thought too many leaflets could be counterproductive. It was agreed that if one was needed it could go out with the Annual Parish meeting leaflet. WS and NE to meet and discuss.

13 Great British Spring Clean

NE to organise a litter picking group in the summer.

14 VE Grant

The 650 celebrations group have obtained a £250 grant for this.

15 Newtimber

It was agreed that NE and NS would approach Newtimber Parish Assembly so see if they would consider the Amalgamation of Poynings and Newtimber Parishes as they are so close.

16 Closure of Dyke Car Park

Over the past year there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour on the site, primarily fly tipping and discarding of needles. This creates a hazard to users and also staff and contractors who have to clean it. WSCC are therefore proposing to close it temporarily for six months from 25 March 2020 to prevent these problems and review options for its future management or permanent closure. WSCC would like the PC views on this.

It was agreed that the PC supported the proposals

17 Skate Park

WS to look at the feasibility of a skate park in the village.

18 Mayfield

NE and NS attended a Interparish meeting which was mainly about the Mayfield development. NE has ordered a banner against the development which M Lee has agreed can go on the gate at the roundabout. The 7,000 homes mentioned are not going on Manor Farm as it may imply. There is a "Lambs" Public Meeting in Henfield village hall where you can learn more about the Mayfield Market Town proposal and how to object. Andrew Griffith, Arundel & South Downs MP & Mims Davies, Mid Sussex MP. Community leaders & planning experts will be attending. Friday 13th March, 7pm.

NE to compose a good response to the consultation on the Horsham District website where you can object, even if you do not live in the area. Closing date for objections 30th March 2020

19 Training

Dates for councillor training issued. Councillors to give dates so that the Clerk can book them in.

20 New Clerk

The clerk that was going to take on the position of clerk can no longer do it. Existing clerk has agreed to stay on.

21 Operation Watershed

The clerk has submitted a "prior" application to WSCC to see if is likely to be approved on a full application. There are small culvert works by the cattery to relieve flooding and more major work from the church to the school. WSCC highways need to be consulted. The PC agreed that if the pre-application is successful a full application can be made.

22 Cora's corner post and Roundabout signpost.

A date to install the new post at Cora's corner has been agreed for June 19th. They will also look at the paving so see if they can level the uneven parts. The post at the roundabout also to be replaced. The new post costs have been agreed with the insurance company. PPC approved.

23 Code of Conduct, Standing orders, risk assessment and Asset register.

The about items were discussed and agreed. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

24 Items for next meeting's Agenda.

Broken fence on footpath

Overhanging hedge on The Street.

Mud opposite the bus stop at the roundabout.

25 Date of next meeting

5th May

NE proposed that future meeting after the APM were held on a Wednesday as the WSCC councillor finds it difficult to attend on a Tuesday as there are other meetings on Tuesdays. This was agreed.

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