

# POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council  
Mr Colin Warburton

Minutes of the Virtual meeting of Poynings Parish Council using Zoom on  
Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: John Digby  
Neville Searle  
Michael Crowther  
Paula Seager

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council  
Joy Dennis - County Councillor

9 members of the public attended

## 1. Apologies

Colin Trumble, Allison Bennett, Rodney Jackson - District Councillors. Full District Council Meeting this evening.

## 2. Volunteer to run the meeting in the absence of a chair

The PC does not currently have a chair. The Clerk asked if one of the councillors would run the meeting. John Digby volunteered, and this was accepted unanimously.

## 3. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were agreed.

## 4. Matters Arising

JDigby reminded the council and residents that in the public participation section, (if included) members of the public can speak for 2 minutes if they wish to ask a question and the meeting should only last 1.5 hours with a maximum of 2 hours.

JDigby requested that the council to investigate a brown church heritage sign to go at the roundabout. CW to research.

## 5. WSCC

Joy Dennis

She has sent out her report to the councillors prior to the meeting and this will be attached to the minutes.

WSCC appears to have Covid under control. Numbers are going down as of last weekend.

Worthing's numbers are going up.

More details in attached report.

## 6. Public Participation

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

There is still concern at the amount of gas cannisters/beer cans in the car park and other places. The clerk asked if anymore had appeared since they were removed, and it seems not. To monitor.

There is concern at the number of potholes in the village and it was suggested that a group was formed with Fulking to put more pressure on Highways. Clerk to ask Fulking PC if they would be interested.

## 7. Expenditure for Dec 2020 and Jan 2021

The following amounts have been paid for December 2020 and January 2021

Date	Payee	Amount
30/01/21	CPR annual membership	£36.00
30/01/21	Clerk wages Nov - Dec 2020	£833.34
30/01/21	HRMC	£76.80
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£946.14</b>

## Receipts for December 2020 and January 2021

Date	Payee	Amount
31/12/20	Phillips stonemasons - Joan Goldring headstone	£200
31/12/20	Phillips stonemasons - Joyce Hill headstone	£50
31/12/20	M Tanner FD - J Reeves Ashes	£200
31/12/20	F Davey FD - J Nunne burial	£100
15/01/21	D Monumental - J Nunne certificate	£50
15/01/21	D Monumental - F and P Johns certificate	£50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£650.00</b>

This was unanimously agreed

## 8. Planning Applications

a. Demolition of the existing stable barn and erection of a Replacement stable barn in association with Equine Assisted Learning Centre.

Downmere Farm Mill Lane Poynings BN45 7AE Ref. No: SDNP/21/00320/

Poynings Parish Council believes that the project will add net value to the village, and looks forward to a new, sustainable and environmentally friendly business in the village. For many years (apart from the last few after it was sold) the barn - currently in a very dilapidated condition, has been used as stabling with 9 loose boxes without any issues, so the application for 8 is reasonable.

There was a concern about being open 7 days a week but as horses have to be looked after every day this is understandable, and unavoidable in a rural location.

The council queried the increase in height of 0.9 metres but now understand that this is a safety requirement to conform with current regulations on properties that have stabling for horses. The council has been reassured that the site will conform to "Dark skies" regulations, it understands that there will be no floodlights on the sand-school or building and minimal increase to the fenestration on the building.

Sand school. The council had two concerns with this. The visual impact from the Downs and the loss of grazing. As the sand school will be made from dark material this appears not to be an issue. Also, it is proposed to be sited on the least valuable grazing area - where there has been seasonal waterlogging, so there should not be a loss of grazing.

There is unlikely to be any impact on the Causeway - only very light and infrequent grazing - any grazing area would be fenced off from the public paths / rights of way.

Traffic increase on Mill Lane should be minimal and Highways will assess the application. It was felt that there should not be any overnight stays permitted apart from when necessary to ensure the well-being of the animals.

It was agreed that the PC would support this application.

b. Low level retaining wall and rear garden landscape and new movable deck with integral storage.

Wilton House The Street Poynings BN45 7AQ Ref. No: SDNP/20/04227/HOUS

**Decision: Passed**

c. Variation of Condition: Conditions 2 and 4 of Planning Consent SDNP/18/01972/FUL.  
(Relocation and amendments to proposed detached garage, relocation of proposed summerhouse and relocation of proposed swimming pool.)

Downmere Poynings Road Poynings BN45 7AG Ref. No: SDNP/20/04053/CND

**Decision: Passed**

**9. Passing place**

JDigby suggested that there should be a "passing place" between the Royal Oak and the Garage as there is often a traffic jam due to parking all the way down the hill. Not by cutting the bank back, just signs showing no parking. JDennis to arrange a meeting with highways to see if this is possible.

**10. Gas canister dumping**

There appears to be an increase in gas canister/beer cans etc being dumped at the side of the road and car park. This has been cleared and the PC will monitor to see if it is an ongoing problem. It appears to be nationwide, not just Poynings.

**11. Gully Clearing**

The Clerk is concerned that WSCC highways are not clearing blocked gullies unless the road was flooding and asked JDennis if this is now the policy. JDennis did not think it was and would look into it.

**12. Website update**

The clerk has looked into the possibility of changing the format of the PC website to incorporate some of the features of the village website and have an interactive planning section that linking in to the SDNPA website. Also it would be easier to conform to GDPR and WCAG 2.1. The cost for the website and hosting would be £12 month plus VAT. This was agreed.

**13. Dog bins.**

The council had thought about putting out more dog bins, however, after speaking to the National Trust it was decided not to. The National Trust said that if you put out more bins, people that would normally take dog bags home with them use the bins, and people who leave the bags in the open continue to do so. Also, household litter is put in the bins and the dog bags end up next to them, these and then torn by animals making it very unpleasant to clear up. MSDC has increased the cost of emptying the bin in the causeway to over £300 pa and do not empty it very often. The Oak have installed one a few yards up the causeway, so it was felt unnecessary to have two. It was agreed that the bin contract should be cancelled.

**14. Devils Dyke Sewage Outlet**

PS asked that more should be done to clearly establish who is responsible for clearing up sewage if there is a future leak from the Devil's Dyke Pub sewage outlet pipe. Clerk to chase up identifying the right party with help from MSDC, so that PPC can send them a letter accordingly, seeking to avoid this happening again in the future. PS offered to draft letter for agreement.

**15. Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed that due to Covid, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held virtually and as such would just have the required legal items on the agenda with no speakers.

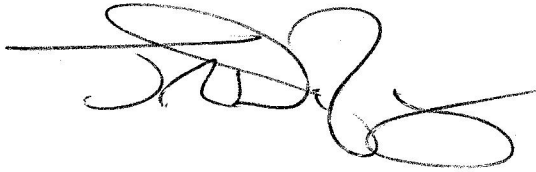
**16. Items for next month's Agenda**

Councillors to contact the clerk if they have any issues before the next meeting.

**17. Dates of next meeting and annual Parish Meeting**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. D. L.', written in a cursive style.

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