

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
Wednesday September 6th 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: John Digby Chairman
Neville Searle
Fiona Weir

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council
Joy Dennis - WSCC
Alison Bennett - MSDC

10 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies**

Colin Trumble MSDC. Rodney Jackson MSDC - Zero Carbon meeting. Paula Seager, Mike Crowther - Work.

2. **Minutes**

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

3. **Matters arising**

Clerk to chase M Johnson on possible information sign at Cora's corner.

4. **MSDC and WSCC**

Alison Bennett MSDC.

CT has organised some Anti-social meetings for rural crime.

There are no more updates on the MSDC Planning consultation. There should be more updates in the Autumn.

No more news on Little Acorns.

JDigby asked if there was any more news on School places. AB advised that there is no news as present. J Digby thanked her for her help in securing a place for a local foster child.

Joy Dennis WSCC.

Still working on the 20mph review. A lot of villages are looking at installing "village gates".

Middle aged motorbike riders are causing a lot of trouble on rural roads as they are not used to driving on them and there has been an increase in accidents.

WSCC are trialling a lane rental scheme with Utility Companies. The Utility companies have to pay to work on the road and are fined if the work takes too long. Checks are made to see that signage is correct and the quality is up to standard. The checks are made for a year and WSCC will rely on the public to report on any faults.

A lot of trees are dying in West Sussex due to the dry weather.

5. Public Participation

J Nichols commented on the two accidents that have occurred at the Ginger Fox recently, she suggested that the hedge should be cut back and a roundabout installed. J Digby advised that a meeting has been arranged with himself, the clerk and a representative from Highways to discuss this.

M Lee commented that cyclists are dangerous when approaching Poynings roundabout and coming down Church Lane but it is unlikely anything could be done about it.

B Cannon raised the planning applications for The Royal Oak marquee year long extension and paved area retrospective extension. He objected to this as it could cause more parking problems in the Street causing Fire access problems and more late/loud music. J Nichols agreed with this. J Digby commented that the concerns were noted.

6. Expenditure for April 2022 and May 2022

The following amounts have been paid for June 2022 and July 2022

Date	Payee	Amount
01/06/22	WSALC Annual Membership	£101.65
15/06/22	Malley - Payroll	£100.00
24/06/22	M Brennan. Grass cutting - Cemetery etc	£620.00
29/06/22	HMRC	£87.80
01/07/22	The Forge - Beacon	£675.00
01/07/22	Chairmans allowance	£155.00
05/07/22	M Stenning - Village sign installation	£174.00
29/07/22	Clerk Wages June - July 2022	£740.34
29/07/22	Gazebo, Ink, Stationary	£168.51
	TOTAL	£2,822.30

Receipts for June 2022 and July 2022

Date	Payee	Amount
22/07/22	Transferred from NSI	£9,860.83
22/07/22	Transferred from NSI	£2,000.50
	TOTAL	£11,861.33

This was unanimously agreed

7. Planning Applications

a) SDNP/22/03989/TCA - Laurel (T1) - remove. Bay (T2)- reduce by half in height and width. Sycamore (T3) - remove Ash (T4) - remove |Oak Cottage. The Street Poynings West Sussex BN45 7AQ

No comment needed.

b) SDNP/22/02252/FUL | Installation of 30 solar panels on ground mounted consoles | Rushfield Paddock Henfield Road Poynings BN45 7AY

Application withdrawn

8. Village events

Fireworks. J Digby advised that Helen at the garage was willing to allow access through the Forge forecourt.

Mark Lee advised that as the bonfire is built up in the weeks before the event, permanent supervision is required to ensure only suitable materials are added to the bonfire. In the

past large quantities of unsuitable material, including asbestos and bedsteads, has been dumped which then has to be disposed of. Because of this and the time taken to build the fire it would not be possible to use the farm equipment for building and clearing up afterwards. The council decided there was risk to sheep of detritus from the residue from the fire and fireworks that made it unwise to hold such a large event. Despite all efforts to clear up following the event, there still exists danger to livestock - and it was decided that this would not be acceptable. An alternative location could not be agreed on for this year. Comments from the floor suggested the event was environmentally unacceptable in its existing format and location.

It was unanimously decided that it was unwise and inappropriate to organise a large scale event this year, so the fireworks evening would not go ahead.

9. Village Hall

J Digby advised that a meeting had taken place with some of the trustees of the village hall (Matt, Caroline and Tim) along with John, Fiona and Colin.

It was agreed that the council and the trustees would work closer together to try to access funding to make the hall more suitable and fit for purpose to the village needs.

10. Investment account

The Clerk advised the funds invested with NSI have now been moved to the Council Bank account as previously agreed due to very low interest rate. It was agreed that the clerk would move them to a more transparent higher interest account that accepted Parish Council Accounts.

11. Water shortages

M Lee advised that Brighton Council has been taking large amounts of water from the Aquafer since 1928 and at present it is 50% full. The situation regarding water to the village is going to become difficult.

12. Beacon

The clerk has asked the village hall trustees if the beacon can be permanently installed where it was for the Queen's jubilee.

13. Items for next month's Agenda

Village Gates.

Further discussion on village hall improvements

14. Date for next month's meeting

Tuesday. November 8th.

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