

# POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council  
Mr Colin Warburton



Minutes of the meeting of the Extra Ordinary Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: John Digby Chairman  
Paula Seager  
Fiona Weir

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council

6 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies**

MC - Covid. NS - Children commitments

2. **Minutes**

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

3. **Planning Applications**

a. SDNP/22/04225/CND | Variation of condition no. 1 on 10/03771/FUL to allow the year-round use of the marquee. | The Royal Oak Inn The Street Poynings BN45 7AQ

b. SDNP/22/04056/FUL | Retrospective planning application for 25sqm additional paving consisting of 22sqm paving to marquee area along with 3sqm additional paving for hand washing station. | The Royal Oak Inn The Street Poynings BN45 7AQ

These applications were discussed together.

JDigby read out 3 objections from residents.

1. J Nichols

I object to the 2 planning applications from the Royal Oak which are under consideration this evening.

My objection is because with a marquee erected for 12 as opposed to 5 months of the year plus an ability to play amplified music within that marquee area (part of this application) the potential for noise and disturbance to the residents of the village, will be greatly increased. The impact will be particularly on the near neighbours to the pub. However, depending on prevailing wind direction the noise of amplified music from the pub is easily carried to the northern part of the village and can therefore impact negatively on a wider audience.

The Royal Oak has made investment in its outdoor facilities and clearly wishes to grow its business in this area particularly through the ability to host weddings and events during the shoulder months in addition to the high season. I would suggest the key to future growth is to remain on good terms with its neighbours and perhaps a joint consultation as to how noise

disturbance from the outdoor area can be mitigated would be a useful starting point. This would certainly be in accordance with the SDNP's policy with respect to conserving and enhancing the relative tranquility of the Park area.

## 2. Justine Johnstone and Peter Holy (Holt?)

We oppose these as we have had some very raucous events this past summer, with noise levels that made it impossible to hold a conversation or take a phone call in our front garden; traffic congestion blocking our driveway and chewing up our tarmac; and a lot of car doors slamming, and shouting and swearing late at night which we hear even in our bedroom. While we have no problem with the pub most of the time we're very much against any increase in the number of events, which is what these two new planning applications are evidently in aid of. It's a shame that the pub just doesn't seem to be able to control their events so that they respect the peace and quiet of our little village. I hope the PC will note and record our feelings about this.

## 3. John Comber. Christine Comber

Please register in the minutes of your meeting that as residents of this parish we oppose applications SDNP/22/04056/FUL and SDNP/22/04225/CND on the grounds that if they are granted they will have a detrimental effect on the amenities of residents in the Poynings Conservation area and disturb tranquility of this village in the South Downs National Park.

Alan Kelly commented that not having the marquee does not prevent events happening.

Jan Scott commented that they already have permission in the summer months and the Pub has to survive in these difficult times. Not many people will want parties when it is not warm and the main reason for keeping the marquee up is so that walkers like to have a coffee and eat their packed sandwiches outdoors but out of the rain. The garden is close at 10 in the colder months and naturally closes about 8pm.

Steve F. Advised that in the winter a paved area is for health and safety reasons as walking to tables on the grass in the rain can be dangerous.

Alan Kelly, who is involved in the pub trade, advised that many villages are losing pubs that don't move forward to stabilise their income. This is not an isolated occurrence. Turnovers are still less than 75% of pre covid levels. Recently a pub in the same group was closed due to objections to modernise and it was turned into a Domestic drug abuse centre.

J Digby asked Jan if any of the objectors read out had "engaged" with the pub and she said that only one had. Jan added that there have been 90% less events than before Covid.

Steve F commented that the pub is owned by Heineken and if it was up to them, or there was another licensee, they would like to do a lot more, Large outside TV's with Sport etc.

The current owners prefer to keep it as a 50% food pub.

C Sheppard commented that one of the reasons he bought his house was that there was a pub within walking distance but he wouldn't have bought one near the pub, why would you if you don't like pubs!

A Kelly advised the management company of the Sheppard and Dog has gone into liquidation, unlikely anyone would want to take it on. Brewery would rather board the pub up than



reduce rents.

The Parish Council supports this application as it feels that the village needs a "Community Hub", and it is the only one. It does not feel there will be a detrimental effect on the village. After considering the various views the parish council unanimously agreed to support both applications.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50pm

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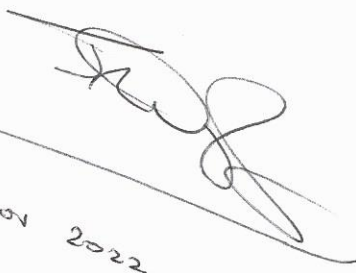
**The following amounts have been paid for August 2022 and September 2022**

Date	Payee	Amount
01/08/22	M Brennan - Grass cutting - Cemetery etc	£230.00
01/08/22	HMRC	£93.00
01/08/22	Insurance	£351.45
05/09/22	Church Raffle Donation	£50.00
05/09/22	M Brennan - Grass cutting - Cemetery etc	£180.00
05/09/22	Clerk Wages Aug - Sept 2022	£740.34
05/09/22	M Brennan - Grass cutting - Cemetery etc	£180.00
05/09/22	HMRC	£93.00

**TOTAL** £1,917.79

**Receipts for August 2022 and September 2022**

Date	Payee	Amount
01/08/22	Jubilee Grant	£1,000.00
30/09/22	6 months Precept and Cemetery concurrent	£4,002.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£5,002.00</b>

  
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