

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: John Digby Chairman
Michael Crowther Vice Chairman
Neville Searle
Fiona Weir

Alison Bennet MSDC
Colin Trumble MSDC
Rodney Jackson MSDC
Joy Dennis WSCC

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council



17/5/2023

8 members of the public attended.

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were agreed. Proposed by NS and seconded by FW. They were duly signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising

MC asked what the latest news was with the installation of Fibre to the Premises as cables are appearing on telegraph poles. CW advised that the people who pledged will start getting emails as soon as it is complete. JD asked Clerk to send message out to advise this.

4. MSDC and WSCC

MSDC. Alison Bennet. MSDC Budget passed with 2.75% increase

Voter ID needed to vote in elections

There is an exhibition at the Triangle to encourage outdoor sports

MSDC Colin Trumble. District plan review still ongoing

None of the existing District councillors will serve the Downland villages after the election due to ward changes and he said that it was an honour and a privilege to serve the downland villages. JD thanked the councillors for their service.

The chairman moved item 11 on the agenda forward so that the MSDC and WSCC councillors could contribute.

11. Fulking travellers site appeal.

APP/Y9507/C/22/3313813 - Small Acre, Clappers Lane. Fulking

Poynings Parish Council discussed this appeal with input from residents, MSDC councillors and WSCC councillor and made the following comments.

a. Flooding.

As the application was retrospective, there was no way to ascertain the situation before the unauthorised development took place. The area is known to flood, and local properties have experienced more flooding than before. The MSDC drainage Engineer commented that the development must not exacerbate or create flood risk, which it clearly has.

b. Form and character of Fulking

MSDC Council Planning Officer has expressed concern regarding the further development and loss of a green field along this section of Clappers Lane, where the village transitions into more open countryside.

Looking back at Graham Chamberlain's decision of 25th January 2021 where he feels that the nucleated form and character of Fulking, and how the proposed pitches would erode that - "the appeal scheme would harmfully jar with the form, character and grain of Fulking and the rural character of Clappers Lane and the Village edge." His findings were like those of the previous inspector who was concerned by the consolidation of development on the edge of the village. He also mentions how the mobile homes and caravans would be visible in isolation and cumulatively with existing pitches from the escarpment and Devils Dyke. It is apparent that still further development here would fail to enhance the natural beauty, scenic quality and landscape character of the Park, contrary to one of the main purposes of the National Park.

c. Housing need.

The development would result in an over-concentration of sites and pitches that would be disproportionate in size to the village of Fulking and fails to meet any identified local need.

Items on the appeal a-f do not appear to be relevant.

Item g, there is not enough time. The construction of the bases etc. apparently went up over a bank holiday weekend, in view of this, the time scale given is ample to remove the development.

In conclusion, Poynings Parish Council unanimously agreed, Proposed by NS and Seconded by MC, that the Enforcement Notice should be upheld.

MSDC and WSCC Continued

WSCC Joy Dennis. The potholes are being worked on throughout West Sussex, the temporary repairs should be done soon, there are so many due to the weather. JD budget has been protected. There is more work being carried out to resolve the drainage problems with camera's being deployed to see which gulleys need the most attention. £650,000 is being spent on gulleys. Work is also being carried out to keep the ditches clear to stop runoff onto the road. Utilities are now being charged if they overrun on their allotted time when working on the roads. WSCC are looking to reduce the bus fares for under 21's. Richard Speller leaves at the end of the Month.

5. Public Participation

None (the public was involved in the discussion during item number 11)

6. Expenditure for December 2022 and January 2023

The following amounts have been paid for December 2022 and January 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
13/01/23	Clerk Wages Nov - Dec 2022	£740.34
19/01/23	HMRC	£93.00
27/01/23	Information Commissioner (GDPR)	£40.00
	TOTAL	£873.34

Receipts for December 2022 and January 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
	TOTAL	£0

This was unanimously agreed.

7. Planning Applications

Mid Sussex District Council Licence Application - LI/23/0172 - Club Premises Certificate application - Poynings Cricket Club. Poynings Road Poynings BN45 7AF.

Ref. No: SDNP/23/00635/LIC

Decision by SDNP - No comments

JD advised that he had spoken to Poynings Cricket Club and they have added the following amendments.

- The bar will only be open during the cricket season from April through September.
- The bar will only be open on match days, training evenings and other sporting events such as the Village Stool Ball Match.
- The bars opening hours will be as follows Mon to Friday 18:00 - 21:30 and Saturday - Sunday 13:00 - 21:00 (As some mid-week matches don't finish until 20:30)

There was some concern raised by FW about possible ambiguity in item b. Better wording would be "The bar will only be open on match days, training evenings and other Poynings Village sporting events such as the Village Stool Ball Match.

After discussions, it was agreed that if these amendments were adopted then PPC have no objections.

b) 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

Decision - PASSED

8. Jubilee Sign - fitting and costs

Malcolm Johnson supplied drawings (which were duly circulated) with an approximate cost of £500. He felt the most economical way to do it is to re-use the existing pole and just add a section at the base to compensate for the loss of the height of the portable base. That means he can then add a decent base plate which can bolt into a section concreted into the ground. That way it is fixed but can be removed if needed at any point. It also means that the Jubilee lettering will still fit onto the post. It would be good to get the subsoil section galvanized, was done with the new Parish sign base at Cora's Corner.

It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this as long as it can be installed by the

Coronation.

JD thought it would be good to have a "Village Hall" sign. CW to design

9. Litter Picking

JD wishes to form a litter picking group and he proposed that he obtain a kit from WSCC. This was unanimously agreed.

10. Cemetery - Plots for ashes only

CW advised the council that 2 ex villagers had requested that they purchase plots in the cemetery for their ashes. There is a shortage of plots in the cemetery.

It was unanimously agreed that plots should not be sold for ashes as it has never been done in the past and there is not enough room left.

11. Fulking travellers site appeal.

Already discussed earlier.

12. Coronation Party

It was unanimously agreed to hold a party on Sunday the 7th May to run in the afternoon and evening. NS to look at sourcing a free bouncy castle and Marquee. CW to lead.

13. Elections 2023

CW distributed blank Parish council application forms for the elections on 4th May 2023 and advised that they have to be returned by 4pm on the 4th April by hand. Candidates need a proposer and seconder. CW advised that he will make an appointment and deliver them if required.

14. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed the CW would approach the Sussex Wildlife Trust for a speaker.

15. Village Hall

No more news

16. Items for next month's agenda

None

17. Date of next month's Meeting

Wednesday May 17th. Also Annual Parish Meeting after. Election of chair & vice with new council.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm