

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: John Digby Chairman
Michael Crowther Vice Chairman
Neville Searle
Janis Scott
Andrew Delaney

Geoff Zeidler MSDC

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council

4 members of the public attended.

JD opened the meeting by welcoming JS to the council.

1. **Apologies**

None

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

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

3. **Matters arising**

MC asked if there were any news on a merger with Newtimber. The clerk said that he had met Henri from Newtimber, as a meeting at GZ's, and unofficially asked. She said they wouldn't want to merge.

4. **MSDC and WSCC**

MSDC. Geoff Zeidler.

GZ has sent a link to the clerk to the MSDC District Plan. Clerk to forward this to the councillors. It has been agreed by MSDC that 2,500 houses will be built in Sayers Common.

5. **Public Participation**

N Digby informed the council that the overhead heaters in the Church have been removed and they can be obtained by giving a small contribution to the church. There are 10 of them, each 4.2kw and are not PACs tested. It was suggested by JD that 4 could be installed in the village hall as the storage heaters there are not effective and expensive to run. JD to speak with the hall trustees. JN would look to see if the R Oak could use some in the outside Marquee.

6. **Expenditure for Aug 2023 and Sept 2023**

The following amounts have been paid for June 2023 and July 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
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30/09/23	M Brennan Grass cutting	£680.00
30/09/23	Clerk Expenses - Laptop	£322.98
30/09/23	Castle Water - Cemetery	£40.12
30/09/23	Clerk Wages July - Aug 2023	£705.94
30/09/23	HMRC	£127.40
TOTAL		£1,876.44

Receipts for Aug 2023 and Sept 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
15/09/23	Bowley. Ashes internment - Lesley Beck Plot 212	£200.00
22/09/23	Bowley. Burial - Brian J W Berrystone Plot 71	£300.00
29/09/23	MSDC - Precept and Concurrent. 6 months	£4,380.00
TOTAL		£4,880.00

This was unanimously agreed.

7 Planning Applications

a) Shepherds Hey The Street Poynings West Sussex BN45 7AQ

Insertion of a rear door to the western façade.

Decision. Passed. The clerk commented that the owner of the next-door property felt that as the ownership of the path is shown as hers on her deeds that this should not have been passed, also there is an issue that part of the works will be on her property. The clerk has advised her to seek legal advice or building control.

b) Royal Ook. The Street Poynings.

Marquee and Paving.

Decision. Passed

8 Village Gates

The clerk advised the council that the funding for the gates is no longer available. The council requested the clerk obtains quotes for plastic gates.

9 CIL funds

The clerk advised that Poynings has £789.20 of Community Infrastructure Levy funds. Poynings Parish council has £789.20 for this, received from MSDC from building in Poynings over a period of time. This can be used to fund a very broad range of facilities such as play areas, open spaces, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, healthcare facilities, and community safety facilities. Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of their area, and they will decide what infrastructure is needed. The levy can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development. Unfortunately, £789 doesn't go very far. The council agreed to look at ways this could be used.

10 WSCC/MSDC- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

It was felt that as this is meant for major projects the council would not comment.

11 Speed limits and parking

a. Poynings 20mph speed limit. The clerk advised that the village poll showed that 87% of

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residents that voted, wanted a 20 mph speed limit. The vote was NS and AD for and JD, JS and MC abstained. The council was therefore in favour of a 20mph speed limit and the clerk will carry out a RTO.

b. Clappers lane to Poynings Roundabout 50mph speed limit. The clerk advised that the village poll showed that 85% of residents that voted wanted a 50 mph speed limit. It was unanimously in favour of a 50mph speed limit and the clerk will carry out a RTO.

c. Tates to Poynings roundabout. The clerk advised the council the Newtimber parish Meeting has asked if Poynings Parish council would support a 50mph speed limit and no overtaking on this stretch of road. It was unanimously in favour of a 50mph speed limit and no overtaking and the clerk will advise Newtimber.

d. 50mph Poynings to Fulking and on. The clerk advised the council Fulking PC has asked if Poynings Parish council would support a 50mph speed limit on this stretch of road. It was unanimously in favour of a 50mph speed limit and the clerk will advise Fulking PC.

12 Village Hall.

JD advised that he has had a very supportive meeting with M Cutress, one of the village hall trustees about promoting the village hall. It was agreed that the hall and grounds were looking much better since the new school moved in.

Works that will be carried out consist of the floor being sanded and the toilets being replaced. It was agreed that the PC should have more involvement.

AD commented that PC money should not be spent on the village hall until it could be shown that funds can be raised by events and there is a need.

Types of use have been discussed at previous meetings including storage, home working space and a café/library.

JD suggested that the PC could buy a 40ft container with Poynings cricket club, this could be put on the cricket club land and be used for storage for the PC, pantomime and Cricket club. The cost would be £1,200 plus VAT (reclaimable) plus installation. The Clerk to look at planning constraints and the cost of a 6m x 4 m wooden shed.

AD to lead village hall project.

13 Clerk remuneration.

At a closed meeting (GDPR) it was agreed that the Clerk should have a pay rise this year.

14 Items for next months meeting

Update on village hall.

15 Dates of next year's Meetings.

Wednesday January 10th.

Wednesday March 6th.

Wednesday May 15th Annual Parish Council meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Wednesday July 3rd.

Wednesday September 3rd.

Wednesday November 6th.

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



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