

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 6th September 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Geoff Zeidler MSDC

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council



15/11/23

5 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies**

J Scott. Holiday. J Dennis, other meeting.

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**

None

4. **MSDC and WSCC**

MSDC. Geoff Zeidler.

JD asked GZ to clarify the situation concerning the second runway at Gatwick mentioned in his report. Gatwick are applying to use the existing 2nd runway permanently; however, more infrastructure is needed along with more debate. GX felt that it is inevitable that it will happen at some point.

JD asked if Parish Councils can be amalgamated, i.e., Poynings and Newtimber. GZ advised to contact Newtimber chairman.

GZ asked if anyone can make the interparish meeting at his place on 14th September. 7pm. It was agreed that NS and CW attend as other councillors were not available.

5. **Public Participation**

None

6. **Expenditure for June 2023 and July 2023**

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

Date	Payee	Amount
14/07/23	Chairman's allowance	£155.00
14/07/23	M Brennan Grass cutting	£360.00
14/07/23	Clerk Wages May - Jun 2023	£705.94
14/07/23	Clerk expense. Ink and Land registry	£24.60

20/07/23	HMRC	£127.40
27/05/23	H Woodhams Marquee	£200.00



TOTAL **£1,572.94**

Receipts for June 2023 and July 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
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TOTAL **£0**

This was unanimously agreed.

7) Planning Applications

SDNP/23/03131/LDP | Insertion of a rear door to the western facade | Shepherds Hey The Street Poynings West Sussex BN45 7AQ.

After discussion, It unanimously was agreed that Poynings Parish council does not object to the insertion of a door from a permitted development perspective, as long as it does not contravene the SDNP and conservation area regulations. Any agreement should specify that the opening does not cause any obstruction to the narrow path that other residents use.

However, there are concerns over other aspects of the application which would probably need other departments to investigate.

1. Shepherds Hey is higher than the adjacent Stream cottage which is of a cruck construction and vulnerable to any construction work.
2. The entire path appears to be owned by Stream and Oak cottages, and it should be checked to see if their permission is needed to construct an opening onto it.
3. The work appears to necessitate changes to the drainage system which may affect the other properties and the bank opposite. As there have been incidents in the past with the drainage, causing environmental problems, this should have a proper survey.

8) Fireworks night

JD advised that fireworks night will not be going ahead.

9) Cemetery

The clerk advised that the grab lorry to remove the waste from the front of the cemetery may not be able to remove all the waste outside the cemetery as it is very compacted. It was unanimously agreed to get D Brown to lift all the waste with a digger prior to the Grab truck. Up to £200. The spoil inside the cemetery also needs to be moved outside prior to the Grab lorry.

10) Downlands Blue Plaque

The owner of Downlands has enquired as to whether a "Blue plaque" could be put on the property as the Littler family used to live there The Clerk advised that the blue plaque scheme originated in London and is only operating in a few other areas, like Worthing. This area isn't one of them. The council unanimously agreed not to proceed with this.

11) Remembrance Day

JD advised that this will not be going ahead as the vicar will be in another Parish. The Tommies will still be erected nearer the time.

12) New School

Natasha, the new owner of the school talked about any changes.

It will still be called "The good start school"



It will be local community oriented.

It will be operated similar to before.

It will be tidy and clean.

Natasha asked if the Parish Council had any objections to the table being replaced and it was agreed that they didn't.

13) 20mph and 50mph Speed limits

The clerk advised the council that the results of the recent poll was:

Ginger Fox: (50MPH) 85% for (83 for - 15 against)

Poynings: (20MPH) 87% for (47 for - 7 against)

The Council felt that the speed limits and parking should be discussed together and a traffic sub committee set up with MC and NS.

14) Defibrillator

A training session has been organized for the 16th September in Fulking village Hall. All are welcome. It was suggested that the Defibrillator is moved to the royal Oak as it is more accessible. JS to be asked if this is feasible.

15) Litter picking

JD felt that the litter in Poynings is getting worse and volunteers should be got together to remove it. JD has 3 pickers, and the Clerk has one. This was unanimously agreed.

16) Village Hall

JD suggested that the momentum on this be revitalised and different ways of raising capital looked into to match grants. Ideas suggested were, Parties, golf, raffles etc. JD to contact Village Hall trustees to gauge their feelings on this.

17) Items for next month's Agenda

18) Date of next month's Meeting

Wednesday November 8th 2023

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

The following amounts have been paid for Aug 2023 and Sept 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
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

