

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 10th January 2024 at 7.00pm

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

Geoff Zeidler MSDC

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council

4 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies**

N Searle. Apology accepted.

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.

GZ confirmed that 41 MSDC's voted for the district plan and 1 against which included the building of 2,500 properties in Sayers Common. He said this was because the new rules that the government are bringing in to give Districts more say in the matter haven't been implemented yet so are too late for the District Plan.

5. **Public Participation**

N Digby asked if the Parish council could help with storage for the pantomime equipment. She has emailed the vicar to see if a shed could be erected in the vicarage garden. John D advised that the council will look into it and add it to the agenda for the next meeting

6. **Expenditure for Oct 2023 and Nov 2023**

The following amounts have been paid for Oct 2023 and Nov 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
17/11/23	M Brennan Grass cutting	£180.00
17/11/23	Clerk Expenses - Stationery and domain	£19.04
17/11/23	Clerk Wages Sept - Oct 2023	£706.14
17/11/23	HMRC	£127.20
	TOTAL	£1,032.38



20/3/24.

Receipts for Oct 2023 and Nov 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
10/11/23	HMRC VAT refund	£190.12
29/11/23	MSDC Coronation Grant	£550.00
	TOTAL	£740.12

This was unanimously agreed.

7 Planning Applications

SDNP/23/05238/APNB | Steel framed barn | Little Acorns Saddlescombe Road
Saddlescombe West Sussex BN45 7DE

After discussions and input from members of the Public, Poynings Parish Council agreed to object to this application for the following reasons.

- a. The SDNPA has already refused a similar application in 2018.
- b. The access to this site, since it has been changed, has become increasingly dangerous. Being a fast stretch of road with poor visibility, and an increase in cyclists using it, the large vehicles entering and leaving the site at an angle make visibility very poor. The installation of a Steel frame barn is bound to increase the activity on the site and subsequent traffic
- c. The application states that the company works all the local woodlands, including the woodlands adjacent to the yard. Having spoken to two local landowners and the National Trust we can't ascertain who they are referring to. It is understood that their timber comes from as far away as Yorkshire.
- d. The noise coming from the yard is already intrusive to the residents for a few miles around, far in excess of that made by the farming community. The site would be better placed on an industrial estate and the fact that it processes timber doesn't really make it an agricultural venture. Any further development would only exacerbate the problem.
- e. Dark skies. It is understood that there has already been signs of a break in on existing property. An even larger structure is likely to encourage that so there is a possibility safely lighting would be needed at night which would contravene the dark skies.
- f. The site is already an eyesore with trees removed, habitat destroyed, and the fencing collapsing in what was once a attractive piece of woodland in the national park.
- g. The structure will be visible from the road and Newtimber Hill which is part of the SDNP and a popular viewing area.
- h. The equipment is not vital to the harvesting and planting of forestry management in the area as stated.

8 Asset register. J Digby pointed out the Jubilee basket was missing from the register. To be agree at the next meeting.

Standing orders. J Digby asked if more time is needed to look at the revised Standing orders. To be agree at the next meeting.

Code of Conduct. Unanimously agreed and duly signed and dated by the chairman and clerk.

Risk assessment. Unanimously agreed and duly signed and dated by the chairman and

clerk.

Financial Risk assessment. Unanimously agreed and duly signed and dated by the chairman and clerk.

9 Budget/Precept 2024/2025

After discussion it was agreed to raise the precept by 3.90% to balance the budget. Also the graveyard concurrent by £30 pa to cover increased maintenance costs.

10 Annual Parish Meeting

The clerk asked for ideas for a speaker at the next APM.

Ideas were:

The guy who did the talk many years ago, about the Dyke railway, that M Airey organised. (MA to look to see if he could find his contact details.)

SSAFA. Armed forces charity

Commonwealth war graves people

SDNP

11 Village events

Ideas were discussed about village events that could also be used to raise money for the village hall.

The clerk to organise a Party in around June, similar to the Jubilee and Coronation.

J Digby to look into a Harvest Festival Party

12 Village Hall.

Continuing on from Item 5. It was agreed that J Digby and the clerk would look into the feasibility of erecting a storage shed behind the village hall or on the Playing field.

A shed/container on the cricket pitch is not feasible.

13 Items for next month's meeting

Update on village hall/storage. Annual parish Meeting

15 Dates of next month's Meeting.

Wednesday March 6th.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

The following amounts have been paid for Dec 2023 and Jan 2024

Date	Payee	Amount
16/01/24	SSLC Annual Sub	£112.00
16/01/24	Clerk Wages Nov 2023- Dec 2023	£739.21
23/01/24	HMRC Nov 2023- Dec 2023	£135.80
23/01/24	ICO annual fee	£40.00
	TOTAL	£1,027.01

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	TOTAL	£00.00



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