

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 20th March 2024 at 7.00pm

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

Joy Dennis WSCC
Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council

7 members of the public attended.

1. Apologies

G Zeidler MSDC

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

WSCC. J Dennis advised that Highways have agreed a £45m budget. The pothole situation is poor due to February being the wettest on record. Now the weather has improved a bit the Jet Patcher is out a lot and trying to catch up. There are no issues with school places this year, the number of children applying has dropped. There is a fund being set up to help repair bus shelters. 45 hydrogen buses are being introduced, possibly some on the 17 bus route.. J Digby asked if J Dennis could look into the state of litter on the A27 and A23

5. Public Participation

None

6. Expenditure for Dec 2023 and Jan 2024

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

Receipts for Dec 2023 and Jan 2024

Date	Payee	Amount
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This was unanimously agreed.

7. Planning Applications

a. SDNP/24/01079/HOUS Proposed loft extension, floor plan redesign and all associated works. 3 Mill Close Poynings West Sussex BN45 7AF

It was noted that the proposed dormer structure was large and that neighbours had not been consulted with regard to possible overlooking issues.

It was unanimously agreed that the PC would comment that the proposal looked large with a Neutral position.

b. SDNP/24/01022/LDP Insertion of opening to rear elevation with new sliding/folding doors, and new hinged door to existing opening on east elevation. Hilva. The Street Poynings West Sussex BN45 7AQ

No comment

c. SDNP/24/00592/LDP Stationing a caravan to be used for residential purposes as ancillary accommodation to the existing dwellinghouse Laying a hard surface. Rushfield House Henfield Road Poynings BN45 7AY

It was unanimously agreed that the PC would supports this application as the Caravan cannot be seen. Also, although large, it falls within the definition of a caravan.

d. SDNP/23/05088/FUL Stationing a shepherds hut for use as holiday accommodation Rushfields Plant Centre Henfield Road Poynings BN45 7AY

Decision - Passed

8 a. Asset register. Unanimously agreed and duly signed and dated by the chairman and clerk.

b. Standing orders. Unanimously agreed and duly signed and dated by the chairman and clerk.

9 Cora's Corner - Information sign and bark, plus bark for roundabout.

It was unanimously agreed to supply bark/mulch to suppress the weeds at Cora's corner.

Malcolm Johnson showed his design, script for an information sign to be installed at Cora's corner to explain how it originated. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this.

10. Co-option

The clerk advised the council that the vacancy of a councillor could not have been advertised until 5.15pm Monday 18th March. The clerk placed adverts at that time. M Crowther advised the council that Bethany Roney was interested (who was present). MC proposed to co-opt Bethany Roney onto the Council after the 3rd April 2024 if no other applicant came forward. This was seconded by J Digby. Unanimously approved.

11. Bridge at Garage.

Joy Dennis agreed to investigate the progress of this. The Clerk pointed out that the existing culvert is frequently used by Geese to travel to the ponds from the dyke and whatever is proposed should be large enough for this to continue. J Dennis agreed to pass this on to the engineers.

12. Defibrillator training

It was agreed that the clerk is to set up a Defibrillator training session in the Village Hall.

13. Little Acorns

The clerk advised the council that he has received the following message from the owner of Little Acorns.

"Morning Colin

Before I submit the new plans for the barn. I want to ask if there's any mural ground we can come to so I don't have an objection.

I understand there are a few things that you'd like to see tidied up and I'm happy to work with you on this so as neighbours we are both happy.

Now to clear all speculations up we are a contract forestry company. Specialising in forestry and land management in the agricultural/ horticulture industry. We specialise in the bits where other land owners don't have the equipment to properly or efficiently handle tree related tasks. We harvest this product and turn it into a sellable product just like any other crop.

The barn build is to service the equipment. Nothing changes from how we operate now even when the barns there.

Now the other thing I've been looking at currently is adding a second barn. This is for a grain drier. What this allows is for us to dry the chip/ grain/ barley or other crops down to around 15% moisture. This is a low noise, no additional lighting it's simply a green barn with a free standing boiler that's powered by the Woodchip to dry the product inside.

We can get free standing set ups which are effectively containers you shuffle about but aesthetically a barn dryer is a lot more pleasant to the eye and long term I feel it just is a neater option.

Is there any Q and A you have that I can help clear up any speculation with. If you like I'd even be happy for you to come up and go through our operation with you so you can see first hand what we do."

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the council did not feel it was appropriate to have a meeting.

14. Annual Parish Meeting

The clerk advised that he has managed to locate and booked Trevor Powley to give a talk about the railways on the Dyke.

15. Village party

J Digby proposed the Parish Council holds another party similar to the Jubilee and Coronation parties that were previously held. Seconded by MC. The clerk agreed to organise this.

16. Village Hall shed.

J Digby proposed that the toilet block behind the Village Hall is demolished and replaced with a wooden storage shed. He advised that this has been agreed with the Trustees as the toilet block is in a dangerous condition. This was unanimously agreed, and the clerk is to ascertain if planning permission is needed.

17. Street Parking

M Crowther produced a report showing the possible parking places available in the village if

yellow lines were introduced on the High Street. The councillors agreed to look at this and report back at a later date.

18. Church wall

J Digby advised the council that the owners of Poynings House have agreed to repair the flint wall outside the church.

19 Bins left out.

J Digby commented that residents are still leaving their bins out after collection days which is unsightly. To look into doing a leaflet drop if this continues.

20. Car Park. Barrier etc

J Digby commented that the Van and Caravan are still in the car park. The clerk said he would write to the DVLRA to see if he can get the owners name of the van. He has a pre-printed letter to give to the owner of the land to give authorisation. A quote was given to J Digby for a height barrier which may prevent vans entering the car park again. J Digby asked the clerk to contact MSDC again to see if they would install one.

21. Items for next month's Agenda

None

22. Date of next month's Meeting

15th May 2024 (APM)

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm



15/5/2024

The following amounts have been paid for Feb 2024 and Mar 2024

Date	Payee	Amount
12/03/24	Clerk Wages Jan 2024- Feb 2024	£772.68
15/03/24	HMRC Jan 2024- Feb 2024	£144.00
23/01/24	M Brennan Grass cutting Inv 1	£110.00
23/01/24	Parish online annual fee	£36.00
TOTAL		£1,062.68

Receipts for Feb 2024 and Mar 2024

Date	Payee	Amount
TOTAL		£00.00



15/5/24