

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: John Digby Chairman  
Michael Crowther Vice Chairman  
Janice Scott  
Andrew Delaney  
Bethany Roney  
  
Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council  
Joy Dennis - WSCC

  
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8 members of the public attended.

**1. Apologies**

Geoff 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 - Joy Dennis. Items discussed under relevant headings.

**5. Public Participation**

Member of the public advised council that there are now more No 17 buses. J Dennis said that WSCC are subsidising the bus company for 2 years to see if there is a need.

Member of the public advised council that there isn't a line of site from the bus stop at the roundabout towards Rushfields, so you must stand in the middle of the road to see if a bus is coming. J Dennis advised that it is unlikely that there are any funds to do anything as the bus stop has been there a long time without any accidents. AD was concerned that the elderly and less well of people use the bus and they should be prioritised. A passionate and frustrated discussion followed.

J Dennis advised that the bus stop repairs are still on a list and may or may not happen depending on funding.

The clerk is to speak to the landowner to see if the hedge can be cut back now the nesting season is over.

J Digby suggested that the landowner is asked again if a footpath could be put in the field to Rushfields. The clerk is going to see if there is any room for a footpath on the roadside of the hedge if the hedge is cut back. If yes will approach the landowner to see if feasible and then look at funding.

A member of the public asked if J Dennis could look into a historic pothole claim and she will.

#### 6. Expenditure for June 2024 and July 2024

Date	Payee	Amount
05/07/2024	Chairman Allowance 2024	£175.00
05/07/2024	Clerks Wages May - June 2024	£740.68
05/07/2024	HMRC May -June 2024	£176.00
05/07/2024	Clerk expenses Paper, preservative, manhole	£22.65
05/07/2024	Skip for village hall	£408.00
05/07/2024	Village party - Wooley mammoth	£250.00
05/07/2024	Sand and Cement - Village Hall	£261.12
05/07/2024	M Brennan - Grass cutting - Inv 6-7-8	£390.00
05/07/2024	Village party - License	£21.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,444.45</b>

#### Receipts for June 2024 and July 2024

Date	Payee	Amount
29/07/2024	Village party card income	£282.24
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£282.24</b>

This was unanimously agreed.

#### 7. Planning Applications

a. SDNP/24/03420/HOUS Erection of car port / garage. Rushfield Paddock Henfield Road Poynings BN45 7AY

The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons.

1. The proposed building is shown located over 20m in front (west) of the established building line and is considered to be visually intrusive.
  2. The proposed building is shown located within 3m of the highway (A281) and relies on a narrow area of sparse tree planting to provide some visual screening.
  3. The proposed building foundations will compromise the roots of the existing trees.
- The PC has no objection in principle to the erection of a detached car port/garage, however, It should be sited behind (east) of the established building line in order to reduce the visual impact.

#### 8. Cemetery wall

The clerk advised the council that the wall in the cemetery has collapsed. It has been weak for a long time, due to trees. It is quite a large job.

The council agreed that the clerk to look at insurance, grants and a hedge instead of a wall.

#### 9. Car park - Abandoned vehicles

J Digby expressed his frustration with MSDC, Operation Crackdown, the Police etc., in that people can just leave their vehicles/caravans that are untaxed and without MOT, at the side of the road, and car parks, and nothing is done about it. J Dennis is to look into it and see if anything can be done.



**10. Village Car parking survey.**

MC advised that he is working on a plan/report showing all the possible parking places in the village where alternative parking may be available. JS advised that The Royal Oak is allowed to use the field by the car park for 28 days a year and it can take 26 cars. These can be cars that would otherwise be in the Street, it would help if the car park was allowed to be open for longer. This is a planning issue and it was agreed to put it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**11. Remembrance Day**

J Digby advised that there isn't a huge amount of enthusiasm for a remembrance service at Cora's Corner so the Council will just install the "Tommies"

**12. PC Accounts software**

The clerk advised that he currently uses his business accounts software for the PC accounts, this isn't designed for PC accounts and takes a while redoing it to PC format at the year end. There is a PC package for £75 pa <https://www.semata.com/products/ParishCouncilAccounts/> and suggested it would be good to have a proper package for audits etc.

This was unanimously agreed.

**13. Village Hall update**

J Digby advised that a survey had been carried out on the village Hall that would be needed for any grant applications. The shed is now behind the village hall and just needs to be erected asap.

J Digby asked a member of the "Friends of the village Hall" group how their meeting with the village hall trustees went. She advised that most are on holiday, so they haven't been able to get together to discuss it yet. There are 12 members, so it shows, along with the survey that there is support from the villages to utilise the village hall more. It was agreed that the PC and the "Friends" work together to keep the momentum going.

The clerk advised the council that the Glyndebourne's Sinfonia, is confirmed for 7:30pm on the 9th of November. There will be about 8 players.

The cost is £325. The village hall should hold 40-50 people. If the charge was £15 we would need to sell 22 tickets to break even. (there will also be online costs for selling tickets, stripe charge 1.5% plus 20p). It was agreed to sell the tickets for £20 and sell wine on the evening.

The clerk advised that the village party made a small loss of £20.86

**Party cost breakdown**

**Income**

Online	£282
Cash	£929
Total	£1,211

**Less costs**

Band	£400
Singer	£75
Harvey's	£210
Wine	£140

Mammoth	£250
Licence	£21
Raffle tickets	£9.29
Bunting	£14.85
Bouncy Castle	£80
Total	£1,200.14
Loss	£10.86

It was agreed to supply lager next year and review the food situation.

**14. Items for next month's Agenda**

Car parking in the Oak car park. planning.

**15. Date of next month's Meeting**

Nov 6th

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

**The following amounts have been paid for Aug 2024 and Sept 2024**

Date	Payee	Amount
04/09/2024	Chairman Expenses Village Party 2024	£175.00
04/09/2024	Clerks Wages July- Aug 2024	£740.68
04/09/2024	HMRC July - Aug 2024	£176.00
04/09/2024	Clerk expenses Village Party	£578.99
04/09/2024	Oakland Elect. Defib	£90.00
04/09/2024	M Brennan - Grass cutting - Inv 9-10-11-12-13	£550.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,310.67</b>

**Receipts for Aug 2024 and Sept 2024**

Date	Payee	Amount
13/08/2024	VAT Refund 2023-2024	£165.99
30/9/2024	6 months Precept and Concurrent	£4,549.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4714.99</b>



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## Downland Villages Ward : MSDC

### Geoff Zeidler : Councillor's Report – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### **MSDC Update**

The next MSDC Council meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> December. Since the last report I attended the People & Communities Scrutiny Committee as an alternate which approved the roll-out of the Waste Recycling project; the Housing Allocations scheme and reviewed a PSPO application which I then shared with Fulking PC who were considering making such an application for their playground.

I have been appointed to the working group which will review the MSDC Sustainable Economy Strategy with the first meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November. This focuses on updating the objectives and if anyone wants to provide input to this then the current strategy can be found at [Sustainable Economy Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

#### **Planning**

The Inspector completed Phase One of the District Plan's Inspection which is to decide whether it is legally compliant. The 2 weeks sessions were challenging but we do expect to progress to a Stage 2 hearing in the spring when the detailed policies, including specific sites, will be reviewed.

Whilst this is positive, the Inspector appeared to be pressing hard for the housing number to be increased further to support "unmet need" in Brighton and Crawley as anticipated in my last report. Brighton need would have to be met in the south of the District. She also asked for further work to be done on transport and other areas and challenged some of the assumptions. The detailed assessment of flooding and transport on proposed sites would be discussed in Stage 2. There was excellent representation from WILD; Twineham and the Hurstpierpoint Society.

My discussion with the AD Planning & Sustainable Environment around Planning Conditions and how to ensure the impact of development on local residents can be limited has been delayed by the District Plan Inspection; but I have gathered some further examples of post-approval changes from Parishes that I will add to the discussion when it is organised.

#### **Services**

No changes to report.

#### **Infrastructure**

The remediation work in Sayers Common has been progressing to plan. If anyone wants to know the planned road disruption then they should contact Jenny Keirle at [jenny.keirle@theclancygroup.co.uk](mailto:jenny.keirle@theclancygroup.co.uk). The Henfield road is due to be closed for re-surfacing on 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **WSCC**

We highlighted the considerable progress made over the last 18 months in securing speed restrictions in a wide range of sites across the ward which we hope to be able to show as a map. In addition, there has been £40m committed to re-surfacing work to repair potholes ahead of the winter.

#### **Parish Issues for DC Support**

I have pressed Officers for action in relation to my Carbon Literacy pledge and request for support in establishing an MSDC carbon calculator, but this initiative is awaiting other Councillors' completion of their certification. This remains frustrating as I remain keen to take some active steps to make change.

#### **Albourne (Next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> November)**

No new items.



**Fulking (TBC January)**

I shared details of how to apply for a PSPO relating to North Town Field and continue to support in relation to the Small Acres enforcement.

**Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common (27<sup>th</sup> November)**

Constructive meeting to coordinate action on Berrylands Farm pond with Glendale and Flora & Fauna group. Awaiting proposal as to what could be considered for consultation with Parish and local residents – including what extra work would be supported if done on a voluntary basis.

I will support call-in of the planning application for 5 GT pitches and will be attending the Remembrance Service on 10th November.

**Newtimber (TBC )**

There continue to be delays in accessing CCTV review of drains on both Church Lane and A281 via Watershed which WSCC will chase up.

**Poynings (6<sup>th</sup> November)**

Still trying to secure assistance in relation to parking and security issues at the Rec Ground.

**Pyecombe (12<sup>th</sup> November)**

The MSDC Comms team has now provided a leaflet and consultation website for the Wyshe and are co-ordinating getting the information which can be found at [The Wyshe Play Area | Mid Sussex District Council Community Engagement Hub](#).

**Twineham (11<sup>th</sup> November)**

There was recognition at the District Planning committee about the cumulative impact of construction traffic at the BESS developments but these were still approved. A further application is pending.