

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL
THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PAVILION, SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND
ON THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs. Bishop, Dunnett, Giblin, Harvest, Kent, Meredeen (in part), Moore, Morris, Oliver, Standley, Wells (Vice Chair), and Wynne

Also in attendance: Amanda Barlow (clerk) and Fiona Hensher (rfo)

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
Apologies received, and reasons accepted, from Cllr Bullock, Gadd and Murphy.
2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
Cllr Standley declared an interest in Agenda Item 8.2.
3. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.
None.

Cllr Meredeen arrived at the meeting.

4. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
Members resolved that Agenda Item 8.3 and 10.3 should be confidential.
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting 11 January 2018 as a true record.
Members resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 11 January 2018 as being a true record.
6. To determine matters arising from the previous minutes for updating and noting.
3.0 Cllr Wells advised that he had spoken to the Headteacher of Uplands and is setting up a meeting. (Action: Cllr Wells).
5.7.5 It appears that most of the email issues have now been resolved.
5.7.4 Internet Banking is on Agenda at 8.6
6.0 The Clerk confirmed a letter of condolence letter was sent to Bryan Bell's widow
7.1 Neighbourhood Plan is on Agenda at 8.1
7.4 Committee Membership/Structure is on Agenda at 8.9
7.6 The Code of Conduct is on Agenda at 8.8
7. Chairman's Announcements & Correspondence for noting.
Cllr Harvest advised that Cllr Oliver will be resigning after this meeting and Members thanked her for her contribution to the Parish Council.
8. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.
*8.1 To discuss and agree the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Morris gave a verbal update. The communications aspect is going extremely well especially with input from Uplands students. Despite extensive advertising for a facilitator the Working Party has not received any applications so are looking for an alternative way forward Cllr Standley advised on the situation regarding the £5,000 funding from Wealden District Council. **Members resolved that the Clerk should write to Wealden District Council regarding the issue over funding. (Action: Clerk).***
*8.2 To discuss and agree the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the Household Recycling Centre
Cllr Standley advised that East Sussex County Council are proposing to close the Wadhurst Recycling Centre as part of cost savings measures and he has strongly opposed it. Members discussed various options including opposing the closure, offering some financial support or suggesting a community initiative scheme. **Members resolved that a small action group should be formed to structure a petition against the closure. (Action: Cllr Dunnett). Members agreed that Cllr Dunnett, Cllr Morris and Cllr Standley would form the group. Members agreed that the Clerk should contact the Clerks at Frant and Ticehurst to see if their Members would be interested in joining in with the petition. (Action: Clerk)***

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8.3 To discuss and agree the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the sustainability of Wadhurst High Street

*Members discussed the closure of banks, shops and businesses in Wadhurst. **Members agreed that Cllr Giblin, Cllr Bishop, Cllr Dunnnett and Cllr Morris would review the situation and discuss ideas with the traders in the High Street. (Action: Cllrs Giblin, Bishop, Dunnnett, Morris).***

8.4 To discuss and agree the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the Parish Noticeboard
Members agreed that Cllr Meredeen would look at options for the Parish Noticeboard. (Action: Cllr Meredeen).

8.5 To discuss and agree the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the Annual Parish Meeting
Cllr Meredeen and Cllr Wells agreed to form a working party for the Annual Parish Meeting. (Action: Cllr Meredeen and Wells).

8.6 To discuss and agree the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the General Data Protection Regulation

Cllr Meredeen, Cllr Bishop and Cllr Murphy agreed to form the GDPR Working Party and the Clerk will convene a meeting. (Action: Clerk).

8.7 To discuss and agree the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to changing banks for the Parish account

Members unanimously resolved to change the Parish bank account to HSBC. (Action: RFO).

8.8 To adopt the reviewed Code of Conduct

Members resolved to adopt the reviewed Code of Conduct.

8.9 To discuss and agree the new Committee Membership and Structure

Members resolved to adopt the Committee Membership as presented. (Action: Clerk).

8.10 To adopt minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 13 January and 28 January (not yet approved) 2018.

Members resolved to adopt the Planning minutes of 13 January and 28 January (not yet approved) 2018.

8.11 To approve/note items payable and paid.

Members resolved to approve/note the items payable and paid totalling £8,260.96.

9. Items for report.

9.1 Reports from committees/working parties/representatives etc.

9.1.1 County report – February 2018

Cllr Standley gave a verbal report with information on the budget. He had visited the Wadhurst Primary school with regard to the narrow pavements and is looking at exploring the possibility of TROs for double yellow lines. There was an incident at Uplands with a child running across the road and Cllr Standley will be reviewing the situation.

9.1.2 District report – February 2018

Noted.

9.1.3 Dark Skies Report

Cllr Moore advised that 5 tenders were put out and 4 companies had declined to tender. East Sussex County Council were the only tender and Cllr Moore and Cllr Dunnnett will be confirming the exact details of the tender next week.

10. Items for noting

10.1 To note spend, to date, against budget for 2017/18.

Noted.

10.2 To note minutes (not yet approved) of the Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on 1 February 2018

Noted.

10.3 To note report from the Wadhurst High Street Pedestrian Improvements meeting on 1 February 2018.

Noted.

11. Items for Focus and Communication

Cllrs agreed that the items should be Recycling Centre, High Street Pedestrian Improvements, Neighbourhood Plan, Annual Parish Meeting, Wealdlink Bus Service and Cllr Oliver's resignation.

12. Urgent issues at the discretion of the Chair for noting or inclusion on future agenda.

None.

There being no further the meeting closed at 21.07.

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Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 01/12/2017 and 31/12/2017

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
07/12/2017	South East Water	AUTO	17.00		South East Water
08/12/2017	PlusNet plc	AUTO	24.00		PlusNet plc
14/12/2017	Thorpe Building Ltd	4562	408.00		Fence playground and repairs
14/12/2017	Fresh air Fitness	4574	1,844.74		sports Equipment Adult
14/12/2017	Mrs Fiona Hensher	4575	75.59		RFO Expenses
14/12/2017	Mrs A Barlow	4576	97.19	clerks Expenses	Mrs A Barlow
14/12/2017	Mr R Penny	4577	30.37		Caretaker expenses
14/12/2017	Wadhurst Culture	4579	1,000.00		Grant
18/12/2017	Mr R Penny	4568	605.04	december	Caretaker salary
18/12/2017	Mrs A Barlow	4570	1,245.45	December	Clerks salary
18/12/2017	Mrs F Hensher	4571	491.61	December	RFO salary
18/12/2017	inland revenue	4573	1,601.45		Tax & NI
21/12/2017	NEST	BACS	157.52		Employers Pensions
28/12/2017	wealden district council	D/D	648.00		dog bins
29/12/2017	Nat West Account Charge	DD	15.00		charges
Total Payments			8,260.96		

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January 11 to January 26 2018

1. Southeast Water - South East Water Open Day at Bewl Water - Saturday 7 April 2018 (J3275)
2. SSALC - FW: Chief Executive's Bulletin 2 - 12 January 2018
3. WDC - Newly published decision: Estimate of Collection Fund Surplus for Distribution
4. WDC - Household Waste Recycling Site consultation
5. SSALC - Subscribe to The Digital Local Council mailing list from e-Mango
6. Southern Water - From Southern Water - granting of Bewl Water winter refill drought permit
7. WDC - Re. Meeting postponed - 29/01/2018, 13:00, Licensing Sub-Committee Re. Meeting postponed - 29/01/2018, 13:00, Licensing Sub-Committee
8. News from the High Weald Partnership - January 2018
9. WDC - Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 29th January, 2018, 9.30 a.m.
10. WDC - Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 31st January, 2018, 10.00 a.m.
11. WDC - Agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 1st February, 2018, 10.00 a.m.

January 27 to February 11 2018

1. WDC - Newly published decision: Approval of NNDR 1 Form 2018/19 (Forecast of Business Rates for the next financial year)
2. 3VA e-Newsletter 3383VA e-Newsletter 3383VA e-Newsletter 338
3. WDC - New development, Lower High Street, Wadhurst – advertised on notice board
4. RSPB - Weald Reserves E-Update
5. 3VA Training Update - FEBRUARY 2018
6. WDC - Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 31st January, 2018, 10.00 a.m. Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 31st January, 2018, 10.00 a.m.
7. WDC - Agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 8th February, 2018, 10.30 a.m.
8. 3VA e-Newsletter 3393VA e-Newsletter 339
9. Minutes for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 29th January, 2018, 9.30 a.m.