

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND PAVILION, WADHURST THURSDAY JUNE 21 2018 AT 19:30

Present: Cllrs. Bishop, Gadd, Harvest (Chair), Morris and Moore,

Also present: Amanda Barlow (clerk), 0 members of the public

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Giblin, Meredeen and Buckle.
2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
None.
3. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.
None.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2018 as a true record.
Members resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2018 as being a true record.
5. To determine matters arising from the previous minutes for updating and noting.
The matters arising were all covered by items on the Agenda.
6. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.
 - 6.1 To discuss and agree the Community Committee Remit
*Cllr Bishop asked about Communications being part of the Community Committee. Cllr Harvest explained that Cllr Meredeen is the Communications Lead and sits on the Finance & Resources Committee with the Chairs of all the Committees. **Members resolved to accept the remit of the Community Committee as at Appendix A. Members agreed to the allocation of duties as at Appendix A.***
 - 6.2 To discuss and agree, the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Morris reported that the formal launch is taking place on Saturday 23 June 2018 and the event has been widely advertised in the Village. The Steering Group also have a stand at the village summer fair. The next stage will be to start the working groups and it is hoped that some volunteers will come forward at the events. Cllr Morris has also made positive relations with the staff at the station.
 - 6.3 To discuss and agree, the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the High Street Sustainability
Cllr Morris advised that there has been no progress with using Bonds as a venue as the agents are not interested in a short-term lease. The agents for the old NatWest bank premises have shown some interest in the project. There are some other properties that might be possible. It is looking unlikely that the project will come to fruition during this current Council's term. Cllr Harvest reported that there is real interest in a pop up shop. Cllrs commented on the lack of restaurants in the High Street and discussions about the High Street were included in the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - 6.4 To discuss and agree, the next actions, if appropriate, with regard to the Emergency Plan
*The Emergency Plan is on the website. It was agreed that the detailed information for the Plan would be completed once the GDPR Policy has been approved at the July Full Council meeting. **It was agreed that the Clerk would update the Policy prior to each Community Committee meeting. (Action: Clerk).***
 - 6.5 To discuss and agree, the next actions, if appropriate with regard to the Christmas lights
Members resolved to recommend that Full Council that East Sussex Highways should put adapters for lights on 3 further lampposts. It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm with East Sussex Highways that the selected 3 lampposts would not be removed in the proposed High Street Pedestrian Improvement Scheme. (Action: Clerk)

6.6 To discuss and agree, the next actions, if appropriate with regard to the Bocking Collection
Cllr Gadd advised that the History Society have been cataloguing the Collection. The Members were pleased to hear that progress is being made and would be receptive to receiving a grant application for safe storage of the collection.

Cllr Harvest asked if the Committee would consider an application from Wadhurst Gardeners that had been hand delivered to the Parish Council's address within the allowed time-frame but was not on the Agenda as it had not been collected.

6.7 To discuss and agree if appropriate, giving a grant to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service

Members resolved not to grant an award to the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance as they do not fall within the requirements of the grant policy.

6.8 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, giving a grant to The Sarmatians

Members resolved to award a grant of £75 to The Samaritans but asked the Clerk to explain that it is outside the normal grant policy. The Clerk was asked to invite the Samaritans to make an application for a one off events and equipment in coming years.

6.9 Members resolved to award a grant of £250 to the Wadhurst Gardeners for equipment, but not for running costs which falls outside the normal grants policy

7. Items for report.

7.1 To note spend to date.

The Budget was reviewed at the Fully Council Meeting in June 2018.

7.2 To note report on Jardin

Cllr Harvest advised that Barty Meredith-Harvey has now devised an on-line description of progress, that Cllr Harvest and Cllr Morris can access. There are a lot of newts in the pond and a grass snake was spotted. Mr Meredith-Harvey reported a problem with the grass mowing and it was agreed that Cllr Morris and Bishop would discuss these issues.

7.3 To note report on Commemoration Hall

Cllr Harvest advised that The Hall and Field were in productive discussions with a developer and the doctor's surgery, and a coherent plan was emerging, and that an outline planning application should be submitted shortly.

7.4 To note report on the flags previously held by the Parish Council

*Cllr Harvest advised that there are 4 flags, a Union Flag, 2 Italian flags for the Italian Market and a proposed Wadhurst Parish flag. The Wadhurst Parish flag was proposed by Mr Eldridge however on 9 July 2015 under Agenda item 7.4 the Parish Council resolved that the Parish flag initiative stop. The previous Clerk was asked to give the Wadhurst Parish flag to Peter Collins and the flag is in his ownership. Mr Collins has agreed to give the flag back to Malcolm Ramsden. **Members resolved that the Clerk should email Mr Eldridge and ask him to collect the Wadhurst Parish flag from Mr Collins and inform him that the Union Flag was available to be returned to him. (Action; Clerk).***

7.5 To note email regarding the Wealden District Council Community Toilet Scheme
Noted.

7.6 To note Community Committee Policy schedule

Cllr Morris and Cllr Harvest agreed to review the Jardin Notice Board Policy. (Action: Cllrs Harvest and Morris). Cllr Harvest agreed to review the grants policy (action: Cllr Harvest) and the Clerk agreed to put the application form on line (action: Clerk)

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

*None. Cllr Harvest advised that the Parish Council have been asked by a resident who had donated equipment to the Village to provide a list of things that residents can donate. **This should come to the next meeting of the Community Committee (Action: Clerk)***

Cllr Gadd advised that the One Shop are putting cones on the parking spaces to allow their lorries to carry out deliveries. It was agreed to discuss this at the next SLR Meeting. (Action: Clerk).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.02.

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REMIT OF COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

This is an update on the paper produced by Cllr Morris when the Community Committee was established almost 5 years ago. That paper divided the Committee's responsibilities into two, matters delegated to it by Full Council, and matters over which the Council has not direct responsibility, but may wish to influence or support.

The Committee holds a watching brief for the Council on all the activities which help the community in Wadhurst to function, excluding those covered by the Environment, Highways and Transport Committee. These can be summarised as follows (Where there is an existing lead member on an issue, I have made a note of that.)

Delegated Responsibilities

- Neighbourhood Plan (CM, FH, SB, LM)
- Public Toilets (SG)
- Youth Provision (Cllr Wells)
- Jardin d'Aubers (CM)
- Commemoration Hall development (FH, plus Cllrs Dunnett & Wells)
- Small Grants
- Emergency Plan (SG)

Liaison and Outreach

- High Street/Economy (CM)
- Tourism (PG)
- Community Buildings (FH)
- Education (SB is the Council's representative to Uplands)
- Police (Cllr Wells)
- Culture
- Social and Welfare (LM)
- Sport and Recreation (all matters not covered by the Recreation Ground Management committee)
- Health
- Belief

Action Required

Members are asked to:

1. Note the existing remit of the Committee and comment on any changes which might be made
2. Volunteer to take responsibility for the areas described, particularly for those where there is a delegated responsibility
3. Indicate if there are any of the above areas they would like the Committee to explore more actively (eg. By having speakers at future Committee meetings)