

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL
THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PAVILION, SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND
ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Bullock, Edwards, Gadd (Chair), Griffin, Maggs, C Moore, P Moore, Murphy (Vice Chair), Peaford, Smith and Tincombe

Also in attendance: Amanda Barlow (clerk) (in part), Fiona Hensher (rfo) (in part), Cllr Bob Standley, Cllr Johanna Howell and 3 member of the public

The meeting commenced with a presentation by Tom Warder from Sussex Community Housing

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
Apologies received and reasons accepted, from Cllrs Crawford, Morris and Niell
2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9.2.
3. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.
A member of the public commented on the worsening situation of the parking outside the school. The Chair has requested a meeting at the school and the Parish Council has looked at options at their meeting with East Sussex Highways. Members agreed to discuss the matter further with East Sussex Highways and the school. Tim Page advised he has submitted a grant application for producing Neighbourhood Watch crime reports. He explained some of the history to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
4. To receive the County and District Report
County Report
Cllr Standley advised that there was a significant improved in ESCC GSCE results and particularly at Uplands. There is to be an increase in funding for primary and secondary schools and particularly for SEN children. There is also increased funding for Adult social care. Cllr Standley also stated that there were issues over the closing of Weald Hall. There have been some residents complaining about speeding in Station Road and it was agreed to forward this on to the Speedwatch co-ordinator.
Uplands – there is an issue around parking and construction traffic. Members noted that the Kier document stated that there is no parking on site. Currently there is construction traffic and buses parking on the pavement.
The Chair advised that WPC were receiving numerous complaints about the car parking at St James Square due to urgent need to carry out relining. Due to no clear lines, cars are parking up to 3 abreast outside the designated parking area blocking the entrance to Blacksmith Lane. This is the only exit for the large farm vehicles and entrance for Fire Engines Cllr Standley advised that he would look into it urgently, bearing in mind that the disabled space also needs remarking.
District Report
Cllr Howell gave a verbal report and her written report is included in the full set of papers on the website.
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting 11 July 2019 as a true record.
Members resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 11 July 2019 as being a true record.
6. To determine matters arising from the previous minutes for updating and noting.
6.8.3 The Clerk circulated the response regarding questions about Members. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when the Member who raised the issue was present.
8.4 The Clerk is proceeding with the registration of the Wadhurst flag.
7. 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 to discuss Agenda item 9.9 to the exclusion of the press and public.
8. Chair's Announcements
None.

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9. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.
 - 9.1 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to providing local homes for local people
Members voted in the majority to go ahead with looking into the project. Members agreed that Cllr Bullock should organise a public meeting and it was agreed to spend up to £250 on the event. Members agreed that the Parish Council should participate in the scarecrow event coming up or at another event in the village. (Action: Clerk and Cllr Bullock).
 - 9.2 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to parking at Uplands
Cllr Moore advised that following a meeting with Uplands there has been some further progress. The project has now gone back to the 3 tennis courts at the back of the school and the working group will proceed with this project.
 - 9.3 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to grass cutting
Members agreed that Cllr Murphy, Moore, Tincombe and the RFO will meet to discuss the issues that arose over the grass cutting during the summer.
 - 9.4 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to a joint initiative with the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS)
Members resolved to award a £100 grant for advertising for the fitness with the ESFRS which should be open to all and not specifically for ladies. Members agreed that all the other proposed ESFRS initiatives should be discussed by the Community Committee.
 - 9.5 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, a grant application request
Members resolved to award a grant of £250 to set up the Wadhurst Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. (Action: RFO and Clerk).
 - 9.6 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to Christmas lights
Members resolved that the Clerk should instruct East Sussex Highways to install 3 more adapters on lamps in the High Street at a cost of £1,300. (Action: Clerk)
 - 9.7 To adopt minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 27 July, 24 August and 7 September (not yet approved) 2019
Members resolved to adopt the Planning Committee minutes held on 27 July, 24 August and 7 September (not yet approved) 2019.
 - 9.8 To approve/note items payable and paid.
Members resolved to approve/note the items payable and paid as at Appendix A.

The Clerk and RFO left the meeting.

 - 9.9 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the pay proposals for the Clerk, RFO and Caretaker
Members resolved to award the pay proposals as proposed. Members resolved to adopt the SSALC policies as presented.

The Clerk and RFO returned to the meeting.
10. Items for report.
 - 10.1 Reports from committees/working parties/representatives etc.
 - 10.1.1 Neighbourhood Plan
Noted. Members agreed that the NPSG should do a presentation on both the results of the household survey and business survey. (Action: Cllr C Moore).
11. Items for noting
 - 11.1 To note spend, to date, against budget for 2019-20.
Noted.
 - 11.2 To note dates of meetings and training sessions
Members noted the dates as at Appendix B.
 - 11.3 Correspondence
 - 11.3.1 General Correspondence
Members noted the correspondence at Appendix C.
 - 11.4 To note information on painting of St James's Square
12. Items for Focus and Communication
Community Housing, Liaison with ESFRS, Neighbourhood Watch
13. Urgent issues at the discretion of the Chair for noting or inclusion on future agenda
None.

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August Transfer and Cheques							
Cheque No.	To who	Description	Amount	VAT	NET	Agreed Bank Transfer Signature one	Agreed Bank Transfer Signature two
BP1008	Mrs A Barlow	Clerks Salary	£1,306.75	£0.00	£1,306.75		
BP1008	Mrs F Hensher	RFO Salary	£574.75	£0.00	£574.75		
BP1008	Mr R Penny	Caretaker Salary	£629.01	£0.00	£629.01		
BP1008	Nest Pension	Pension Contribution	£223.88	£0.00	£223.88		
BP1008	Mr B Crouch	Grass Cutting Emergency	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00		
BP1008	Mr B Crouch	Grass Cutting	£512.00	£0.00	£512.00		
BP1008	SSALC Ltd	Training	£84.00	£14.00	£70.00		
BP1008	BT	Wifi	£40.68	£0.00	£40.68		
BP1008	Tivoli	Pavilion Grass Cutting	£180.46	£30.08	£150.38		
BP1008	Ewen Cameron	Tree work branch removal	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00		
BP1008	Spy Alarms	Annual Fire Contract	£606.00	£101.00	£505.00		
BP1008	Playdale	Swing	£277.68	£46.28	£231.40		
BP1008	Mrs A Barlow	Clerks Expenses	£190.56	£0.00	£190.56		
BP1008	Mrs F Hensher	RFO Expenses	£93.57	£0.00	£93.57		
BP1008	S.R services	Toilet Cleaning	£589.00	£0.00	£589.00		
BP1008	Europlants	Hanging inv 20111	£61.25	£10.21	£51.04		
BP1008	Europlants	Flower Tubs inv 20053	£260.93	£42.49	£217.44		
BP1008	Biffa	Pavilion Waste	£50.98	£8.50	£42.48		
Awaiting invoices but are regular Payments							
BP1008	Mrs Nessie Ramm	Litter Contractor	£132.00	£0.00	£132.00		
			£6,313.50	£252.56	£6,059.94		

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Appendix B

Training for Dates and Times for Wadhurst Parish Council

Thursday October 3rd

Training from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Comfort break with tea and coffee

Full Council meeting from 7.45 pm

Thursday October 10th

Training from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

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Full Council - Sparrows Green Pavilion at 19.30

June 13
July 11
September 12
October 3
November 7
December 5
January 9
February 6
March 5
April 2
May 14

Finance & Resources – Sparrows Green Pavilion at 19.30

July 4
November 14
February 13

Environment, Highways & Transport – Sparrows Green Pavillion at 19:30

June 6
October 17
January 30
March 26

Community - Sparrows Green Pavilion at 19.:30

June 27
November 28
February 27
April 23

Recreation Ground Management – Sparrows Green Pavilion at 18:30 to 19:15

July 11
November 7
March 5

Communications – Sparrows Green Pavilion at 18.00 to 19.15

June 13
October 10
February 6

Planning – Carillon Cottage – Saturdays at 09.30

June 1, 15, 29
July 13, 27
August 10, 24
September 7 21
October 5, 19
November 2, 16, 30
December 14, 28
January 11, 25
February 8, 22
March 7, 21
April 4, 18
May 2, 16, 30

Tuesday 12 May 2020 at 19:00 - Annual Parish (Village) meeting - Commemoration Hall

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Appendix C

July 6 to September 8 2019

Correspondence

1. WDALC AGM
2. Wealdlink – Report April to June 19
3. WDC – From Chair - Dementia Support East Sussex...Can you Help?
4. WDC - Air Quality Paper
5. RSPB Weald Reserves Eletter
6. SSALC - Sussex ALC Bulletin 28-2019 - includes training programme for September 2019
7. ESCC - FW: Supporting Grassroots Live Music
8. WDC - Energy Efficiency Update for Parish Councils July 2019
9. WDC - Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 17th July, 2019, 10.00 a.m.
10. Cllr Morris - Fw: [WadhurstNP-Steering] Bewl & Wadhurst feature in the Evening Standard – sent to all Cllrs
11. Gatwick Airport publishes its Final Master Plan
12. Cllr Morris- Forest Row Tip - for information and perhaps some reflection? – sent to all Cllrs
13. WDC - Newly published decision: Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn 2018/19
14. WDC - Minutes for Licensing Sub-Committee, Friday, 19th July, 2019, 10.00 a.m.
15. WDC - Supplement: Annual Report on Internal Audit Activity to the minutes for Audit, Finance and Governance Committee, Wednesday, 31st July, 2019, 9.30 a.m.
16. News from the High Weald AONB Partnership - July 2019
17. Sussex ALC Bulletin - 29-2019
18. WDC - Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 25th July, 2019, 10.30 a.m.
19. Sussex ALCs Bulletin - 31-2019
20. East Sussex Highways - RE: Temporary Road Closure - U7546 Scrag Oak Lane, Wadhurst - 22/8/2019 to 23/8/2019 - sent to all Cllrs
21. WDC - Minutes for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 18th July, 2019, 10.30 a.m.
22. Wealden District Council - Review of Polling Districts & Places
23. Sussex ALC Bulletin - 30-2019
24. Southeastern Railway - Southeastern franchise extended to April 2020
25. Rural Sussex - Neighbourhood Planning - What's the verdict? September Sessions - sent to NPSG
26. WDC - Minutes for Full Council, Wednesday, 24th July, 2019, 10.00 a.m.
27. ESCC - Funding opportunities
28. Southeastern Railway - An Invitation to our Stakeholder Forum
29. WDC - Wealden Parish Bulletin, August 2019
30. ESCC - FW: DCMS - Tourism - £250,000 Broadband Competition for Event Venues
31. WDC - Minutes for Audit, Finance and Governance Committee, Wednesday, 31st July, 2019, 9.30 a.m.
32. WDC - Minutes for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 15th August, 2019, 10.30 a.m.
33. Southeastern Railway - Don't forget to tell us your views
34. WDC - Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 22nd August, 2019, 10.30 a.m.
35. News from the High Weald AONB Partnership - August 2019
36. Southeastern Railway - New enhancements for Southeastern passengers
37. Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 28th August, 2019, 10.00 a.m.
38. East Sussex Highways - Temporary Road Closure - U7548 Darbys Lane, Wadhurst - 7/11/2019 to 8/11/2019
39. SLCC- News Bulletin - 30th August 2019
40. Southeastern Railway - New Community Rail Partnership launches on our network this Sunday
41. WDC - Re: More training opportunities at Wealden...
42. Southeastern On Track Newsletter - August 2019
43. South East Water Open Day at Bewl Water - Saturday 12 October (J3275)