

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND ON THURSDAY 17 October 2019 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs. Gadd, C Moore, P Moore (Chair), Murphy, Smith
Also present: Amanda Barlow (clerk) and 0 members of the public

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Anderson, Bullock, Crawford and Griffin
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 6.5 and 7.7.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2019
Members resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 6 June 2019 as being a true record.
4. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2019
None.
5. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.
None.
6. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.
 - 6.1 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to parking issues in the High Street for mobility scooters.
Members agreed to investigate further a possible parking space for scooters near the bus stop. (Clerk)
 - 6.2 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the High Street working group
*Cllr P Moore advised that he has set up a working party including Andy Scott, Stephen O'Sullivan and Helen Yemm to help improve the aesthetics of the village. Members agreed that they need to let residents know that the Parish Council have no control over private rents and understand that most businesses in Wadhurst do not pay business rates. **Members agreed the Communications Committee should look at asking residents to use the village cafes and shops. (Action: Cllr P Moore and Cllr Smith).***
 - 6.3 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to summer planting
Members resolved to accept the cost of the winter planting and summer planting with Europlants and asked the Clerk to confirm the contract. (Action: Clerk)
 - 6.4 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, registering of the Refuse tip site as an Asset of Community Value
Members agreed to spend up to £250 to investigate registering the Refuse tip site as an Asset of Community Value. It was agreed that Cllr P Moore would form a working party of 4 Members. (Action: Cllr P Moore)
 - 6.5 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the Uplands Community College parking project
Members agreed that this project should be discussed at the Full Council Meeting and Cllr P Moore to get further information to present to the Council. (Action: Cllr Moore)
 - 6.6 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, employing a lengthsman for Wadhurst
Members agreed to recommend to Full Council that a maintenance contractor is appointed. (Action: Cllr P Moore).
 - 6.7 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to grass cutting
Members agreed to discuss the grass cutting options in further detail and bring a final proposal to the Full Council Meeting in December.
 - 6.8 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to a tree planting scheme
Members agreed that Cllr P Moore would contact the Tree Warden.
7. Items for discussion
 - 7.1 Trees - Tree warden
As 6.8.
 - 7.2 High Street Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
Noted. Members agreed that the Clerk should contact Cllr Standley for further information.

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7.3 SLR meeting Agenda Items and Date

- Scooter Parking
- High Street Pedestrian Improvement Scheme

7.4 Station crossing

Members noted that the Clerk has submitted the feasibility survey to Ian Johnson.

7.5 Risk Management Policy

Members noted the EHT risks.

7.6 Pothole campaign

Noted.

7.7 Construction parking at Uplands

*Cllr Standley has discussed with the school about construction parking at school. The constructors are fulfilling the traffic plan by not driving through the village. **Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the school asking if a solution be sought. (Action: Clerk)***

7.8 Budget for 2019/20

Noted.

7.9 Outstanding works for EHT Committee

Noted.

8. Items for report only.

8.1 Wildflower vergers report from The Head Gardener

Noted.

9. Items for inclusion on future agenda.

None.