

# 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 30 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs. Bullock Crawford, Gadd, Griffin (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 C Moore and P Moore  
Cllr Griffin was elected as Chair for this meeting.*
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.*
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019  
***Members resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 17 October 2019 as being a true record.***
4. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019
  - 6.1 *East Sussex Highways said they would not permit parking for scooters.*
  - 6.3 *Clerk has instructed Europlants to go ahead with planting.*
  - 6.4 *Refuse tip – the Clerk is completing the application form.*
  - 6.5 *Uplands Parking - this item will be discussed at Full Council meetings.*
  - 6.7 *Grass cutting – this item was agreed at the Full Council meeting.*
  - 6.8 *Tree warden – invited to attend meeting*
  - 7.4 *Station crossing – awaiting update from Ian Johnson at ESH*
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 fingerposts
    - Repair of post at Osmer's Hill  
***Members resolved to appoint Jakk Country Furniture Designs Ltd to install a new post at a cost of £1,003.40***
    - Repair of post at Partridge Lane  
***Members resolved to appoint Jakk Country Furniture Designs Ltd to carry out the repairs as quoted.***
    - New post at Snape Lane  
***Members agreed to take this item to the Full Council meeting as it was a completely new post and Members questioned whether the post was necessary.***
  - 6.2 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the bus stops
    - At the Greyhound  
***Members resolved to appoint Graham Thorpe to put weatherboarding in the bus stop at the Greyhound at a cost of up to £250.***
    - Opposite the fire station  
***Members agreed to get the glass replaced and asked the Clerk to look at options. (Action: Clerk).***
  - 6.3 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the dark skies policy  
***Members agreed to refer the dark skies policy to the next meeting so that further investigations could take place. (Action: Clerk)***
  - 6.4 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to safety bollards in the High Street  
***Members agreed that this item should be discussed once the plans for the resurfacing of the High Street has been finalised as this area is being considered for improvement.***
  - 6.5 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the Wadhurst High Street Pedestrian Improvement Scheme  
***Members noted that there are two separate issues. The resurfacing of the High Street will take place first and then Members can agree the Wadhurst High Street Pedestrian Improvement Scheme. Members agreed that members should meet with Ian Johnson***

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**and Chris Tree at East Sussex Highways to look at a proposal to put to the next EHT Committee meeting and subsequently a Full Council meeting. (Action: All members)**

6.6 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to Pell crossing

**Members agreed not to take any further action following advice from East Sussex Highways.**

7. Items for discussion

7.1 SLR meeting Actions, Minutes of last meeting and note of new SLR arrangements

*Noted. Cllr Griffin advised that he has had no response from ESH and would take up the actions outstanding with Cllr Standley. **Members agreed that no action should be taken with regard to signage at Blacksmith's Lane.***

7.2 Maintenance contractor

*Members agreed that they would ask Cllr P Moore to look at options for the contractor.*

7.3 Pothole campaign

*Members agreed that the Clerk should respond to Ms Heywood inviting for her to attend a meeting making representation in the public forum.*

7.4 Streetlight

**Members agreed to have the heritage lights cleaned first and asked the clerk to check with ESH that these lamps have dark skies compliant light bulbs.**

7.5 High Street working party

*Report at next meeting.*

7.6 Grass Triangles

*Cllr Murphy advised that she will update at the next meeting.*

7.7 Sussex Lund Fund

*Members agreed that the Clerk should put a note for the September/October meeting to prepare a project for the Lund Fund applications 2020/21.*

7.8 Great British Spring Clean

**Members agreed to set a date at the Full Council meeting.**

7.9 Budget for 2019/20

*Members asked the Clerk to discuss the lack of expenditure with the RFO.*

8. Items for inclusion on future agenda.

*Members had a general discussion on how the Parish Council can contribute to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. **It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting. (Action: Clerk)***