

DRAFT

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND PAVILION, WADHURST THURSDAY FEBRUARY
27th 2020 AT 19:50

Present: Cllrs Griffin, Morris (Chair) and Peaford.

Also present: 4 members of the public

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence: ***Cllr Maggs and Cllr Tincombe.***

2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests: ***Cllr Morris declared a personal interest in item 6.3***

3. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes: ***Cllr Morris noted that members of the public were in attendance for item 6.3: To discuss and agree, if appropriate, next actions with regard to Wadhurst Culture. Cllr Morris asked members if they would be willing to take this item next and open it to discussion with the public: members agreed. Cllr Morris asked if Cllr Peaford would take the chair in view of his declared personal interest: Cllr Peaford kindly agreed. Cllr Morris briefly summarized his paper, congratulated Wadhurst Culture on their outstanding record of achievement and members extended a warm welcome to representatives from Wadhurst Culture including their Chair. The Committee noted the benefits which have accrued to Wadhurst as a result of its investment in Wadhurst Culture and noted Wadhurst Culture's concern at inaccurate references to them being 'a private club'. Action – Cllr Morris to request the clerk to refer the paper to Full Council for discussion and noting at the April meeting.***

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2019 as a true record: ***with 'Thursday' amended to 'Thursday' and 'Cllr Griffen' amended to 'Cllr Griffin', members agreed to approve the minutes of 5 December 2019 as a true record.***

5. To determine matters arising from the previous minutes for updating and noting:

6.1 ***To discuss and agree, if appropriate, next actions with regard to support for the Churchyard garden project***
The Clerk advised that the Members do not own the allotments by the churchyard. Members agreed to find out who owns the land. (Action: Cllr Tincombe): noted that Cllr Tincombe was presently self-isolating: Cllr Morris to ask the clerk to follow up when possible.

6. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.

6.1 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, next actions with regard to the Jardin d'Aubers and war memorial fence: ***(i) re the proposed notice board, Cllr Morris reported on his informal discussion with a planner, who had expressed concern about potential safety issues. Members confirmed that they wished to investigate alternative designs – Action Cllr Morris. (ii) Re the war memorial fence, update received from the clerk that she had spoken to Graham Thorpe and asked him to get an alternative quote which will be for soft wood. The fence contractors are currently overloaded with work due to storms. Members noted their thanks to the clerk especially in the absence of an RFO, but also asked for clarification if the locum RFO could confirm that Financial Regulations were being observed and whether three contractors should be approached – Action Clerk/RFO.***

(iii) damage to notice board: noted – Action Cllr Morris

6.2 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, next actions with regard to a request for a memorial bench: ***a request had been sent to the clerk from a member of the public offering to provide a bench at the Jardin, stating a preference for it to be situated near the War Memorial. While supporting the request in principle, members agreed it would be for full Council to agree a location in the War Memorial garden – Action: Cllr Morris to refer to the clerk.***

6.3 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, next actions with regard to Wadhurst Culture: ***see above.***

7. Items for discussion

7.1 Age UK - current and future community support requirements: ***Cllr Peaford reported on the Age Concern bus visiting outside the Commem Hall. Many residents having been helped. Age UK have lost funding for services to the Red Cross, whose plans as yet unknown. Cllr Peaford asked for support for a proposal to fund Age Concern for 2 volunteers, one with 27 years trading standards experience, and***

the other with 30 years benefits advice. She would seek partnership with other local Parish Councils. Cllr Griffin supported the idea of a joint proposal in principle, but advised caution that full Council would want reassurance that ongoing numbers would justify the expenditure. Action: Cllr Peaford to update the document with suggested information and for AgeUK to complete a grant request. Cllr Peaford will approach Ticehurst and Frant Councils to sound them out .

7.2 Feedback from Community Network Meeting: Cllr Peaford had organised a meeting on 21/2, aiming to meet quarterly. The forum could act as a group, seek to set up a charity or a CIC. The Network's objectives being to bring to Wadhurst expertise from agencies such as the dementia alliance, Brighton University Hospital - Care for carers, and to encourage and support residents to travel to get such services. Also the Patient Participation Group. Invites are to be extended to other villages'a joint forum' is to look at extending to other local villages.

7.3 Dementia Week and Community Involvement: Cllr Peaford reported on the Wealden Dementia Alliance group which is part of a national initiative. A 'Mens Shed' project similar to one set up in Groombridge, is an initiative that requires a champion. Cllr Peaford suggested Cllr Griffin may be interested. The week 11-17 May will see events to raise awareness of dementia, including Bake off by Carillon Cottage, a VE singsong session Wadhurst Manor and the Cinema Club hosting a 'Calamity Jane' event. The Church and other businesses will also taking part. Cllr Peaford suggested, that WPC may wish to take part in the initiative.

8. Items for report.

8.1 To note spend to date: noted

8.2 To note Community Committee Responsibilities: noted

9. Urgent issues at the discretion of the Chair for noting or inclusion on future agenda: none