

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at *Fletching Parish Church* on **Monday 8th April 2019 at 7pm**. *The clerk reported the meeting would be recorded*

PUBLIC SESSION - Questions received from the public:

A member of the public asked if any progress had been made regarding neighbour problems. The council advised that is being dealt with by Wealden District Council (WDC).

The Piltdown Residents Association (PRA) have received complaints regarding ditching problems in Sharpsbridge Lane, Piltdown. WDC have tested the ditch water and reported that no ammonia has been found and therefore it is not considered a sewage leak. Both Cllr Galley and the PRA believe there is a sewage leak coming through the fields which is causing the problems. Cllr Galley has spoken to Environmental Health who have agreed to undertake further tests. Cllr Galley requested that this item should be added to the agenda of the SLR meeting between Fletching Parish Council and East Sussex Highways.

The PRA Litter picking campaign has been supported by approx. 20 people. There is still lots of litter to be collected - on the A272 between Old Spot Farm Shop and Goldbridge Lane and the road between Trading Boundaries and the Bluebell Railway.

Item	Description	Responsible
1.	<p>Members Present: Cllr Peter Roundell (chairman), District Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Chris Rothery, Cllr Sam Sainsbury, Cllr Wes Constantinou, Cllr Noel Collum, Cllr Tristan Elbrick, Cllr Sandy Bone, Cllr Dan Kerwood, Cllr Andrew Shaw (arrived 19.05). Also present: Lorna Thwaites (clerk) and 3 members of the public.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence received and approved: None were received.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None were received.</p>	
4.	<p>Report from the County and District Councillor: No further report was received at this stage due to the impending elections.</p>	District Cllr Galley
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2019: The council RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record and they were signed by the chairman.</p>	Chairman
6.	<p>Councillor actions since the last meeting of Fletching Parish Council (not included elsewhere in the agenda) a) All poppy wreaths in the Parish have now been removed The members of the council expressed thanks to both Cllr Kerwood and Jason Tidy who placed the wreaths in the parish.</p>	
7.	<p>Finance/Administration: 7:1 Finance i) Payments for April were AUTHORISED and the bank reconciliation was APPROVED. In accordance with FPC Financial Regulation 2.2, Cllr Shaw was appointed to verify the bank reconciliations once a quarter and at year end. The reconciliations for financial year 2018/9 and bank statements were APPROVED and signed by Cllr Shaw. ii) The end of year, actuals versus budget, financial statement was APPROVED by the council iii) FPC AGREED the terms of engagement for the Internal Auditor, Peter J Frost iv) The FPC Risk Assessment was AGREED by the council with no amendments v) The FPC Asset Register was AGREED by the council with no amendments</p>	Clerk/ Chairman Full Council Clerk

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	<p>vi) The clerk notified the council of Local Pension Scheme Contributions to be paid during 2019/20</p> <p>7:2 Burial Ground</p> <p>The clerk updated the council on the recent interment at the Burial Ground.</p> <p>The clerk and Cllr Constantinou brought to the attention of the council that the map of the Burial Ground is not an accurate record of occupied and unoccupied plots.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Constantinou
8.	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p><i>Applications reviewed by councillors with planning responsibility:</i></p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2019/0305/FR - Retrospective</u> DEERVIEW FARM, DOWN STREET, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XX RETROSPECTIVE HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF EXTERNAL TENNIS COURT TO FRONT OF PROPERTY. Fletching Parish Council are concerned that there is no history of any planning application to lift the agricultural restriction on the land and there is no application for the sand school which would be required. The tennis court is too close to the road and very visible, particularly the fence which is high, and the purple colour of the tennis court. A green building just near the tennis court was noticed and the council wondered whether this was new as the council have no history of an application for this. Bearing in mind these comments, Fletching Parish Council OBJECT to this retrospective planning application.</p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2019/0373/F</u> 9 CHERRY TREE COTTAGES, FLETCHING, TN22 3SY TWO STOREY DOMESTIC EXTENSION. The owner has consulted Wealden District Council who advised him that it would be better not to extend the bathroom as far as they had suggested in order to avoid encroaching on the light of the neighbour. The double storey extension for the kitchen was very modest and Fletching Parish Council (FPC) feel it would not damage the light access for the neighbour on the other side. FPC feel that this is an acceptable development, similar extensions have taken place on this façade of the neighbouring cottages.</p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2018/2666/F & 2667/LB</u> 4 WHITES COTTAGES, CHURCH STREET, FLETCHING TN22 3SP PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION This is a listed property but on the rear façade there has already been a minor extension, a single storey extension with a pitched tiled roof which is very successful. FPC feel that a small extension similarly pitched and tiled is acceptable. The front of the listed property will remain untouched.</p> <p>To consider the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting:</p> <p><u>WD/2018/0116/F - Appeal (deadline for comments 11th April 2019)</u> THE GRANGE, REAR OF THE PEACOCK INN, SHORTBRIDGE, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XA CHANGE OF USE TO ONE DWELLING</p> <p><i>Applications received after the agenda was distributed:</i></p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2019/0390/F (Expiry date for comments 25 April 2019)</u> PILTDOWN POULTRY, FAIRHAZEL, PILTDOWN, TN22 3YE DEMOLITION OF REDUNDANT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION OF 3 BAY CAR PORT AND EXTENSION TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE.</p>	<p>Cllrs with planning responsibility</p> <p>Cllrs with planning responsibility</p> <p>Cllrs with planning responsibility</p> <p>Full Council</p>

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	The Council AGREED that this should be delegated to cllrs with planning responsibility	
9.	<p>Planning decisions received:</p> <p>The following planning decisions made by Wealden District Council (WDC) were noted:</p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2018/2093/LB & 2092/F</u> CHURCHGATE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SS DEMOLITION OF BOUNDARY WALL AND ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO FORM PORCH/BOOT ROOM; REPLACEMENT OF TIMBER DOORSTEP/THRESHOLD TO FRONT DOOR AND REPAIRS TO DOOR FRAME; REMOVAL OF INSET WOOD-BURNING STOVE AND FLUE IN MASTER BEDROOM/BATHROOM; REPLACEMENT OF WOOD-BURNING STOVE IN KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND REMOVAL OF FLUE; PROVISION OF NEW FLUE FOR AGA. Wealden District Council decided to APPROVE the above application on 8 March 2019.</p> <p><u>WD/2018/2701/P04</u> STEEL BARN, BARKHAM FARM, GOLDBRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XL CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO CLASS C3 RESIDENTIAL Wealden District Council has decided that PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED on 25 March 2019.</p> <p><u>TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2019/0009 FLETCHING</u> LAND AT PILTDOWN POULTRY, THE FARMHOUSE, FAIRHAZEL, SHORTBRIDGE, PILTDOWN, EAST SUSSEX</p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2019/0353/F</u> PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION CLAPWATER BARN, CLAPWATER, FLETCHING, UCKFIELD, TN22 3YA Wealden District Council has decided to APPROVE the above application on 4 April 2019.</p>	Wealden District Council
10.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>i) The council RESOLVED to submit the following points/questions to SSALC for the bi-annual meeting with Giles York, Chief Constable, Sussex Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of police visibility in the parish; • To request information on how accidents on roads in the parish are logged by the police and how Fletching Parish Council can access these records. <p>ii) The council RESOLVED to participate in the Parish in Bloom scheme and the clerk was asked to forward the request to Cllr Collum.</p> <p>iii) The PRA put forward a request to use the Public Liability Insurance of Fletching Parish Council for the 'Great British Spring Clean'. The clerk was asked to contact their insurance providers to check if this was possible.</p> <p>iv) The council received a message of thanks from the Ashdown Forest Conservators for the receipt of the grant awarded by the Fletching Parish Council.</p> <p>v) The Council received a message of thanks from Fletching Primary School for the grant payment towards the Forest School bursary sessions.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Parish council elections May 2019:</p> <p>The clerk updated the council that 12 nominations have been received for 9 seats and that an election will be held on 2nd May 2019.</p>	Full Council
12.	<p>To agree start times for the monthly ordinary meetings of the full council</p> <p>The council RESOLVED to change the start time of meetings to 7.30pm to assist councillors travelling from work to the meetings.</p>	Full Council

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13.	<p>Update on the progress of the phone box at Splaynes Green: A volunteer has put together a renovation plan with costings which was shared with the council. Toadman Joinery have offered a replacement door free of charge. The council RESOLVED that Cllr Sainsbury should notify the volunteers to progress with the refurbishment project as per their costings and receipts for expenditure should be sent to the clerk.</p>	Cllr Sainsbury
14.	<p>Update on the Pump House restoration project: The clerk has contacted Jo Tucker, Snr Heritage Officer who has advised the Pump House is not statutorily listed. Cllr Constantinou has had discussions with Lucy Parry of Historic England who believes it is listed. Historic England have agreed to search their archives and send written confirmation to Cllr Constantinou.</p>	Cllr Constantinou
15.	<p>Attendance agreed at training/events: No training was agreed Training attended by the clerk: The clerk updated the council that she has completed 23 Learning Outcomes and has 7 more to complete.</p>	Clerk
16.	<p>Information for noting or including on a future agenda: To receive an update on the SLR meeting of 10th April To consider the adoption of Clerk National Pay scales and to set a salary scale for the role of Clerk and RFO for Fletching Parish Council To receive an update on the enforcement issues at the Old Mushroom Farm</p>	
17.	<p>Close of meeting at 20.15</p>	
18.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th May - Annual Council Meeting - 7.30pm in the Village Hall Monday 20th May - Annual Parish Meeting - time tbc in the Village Hall</p>	Full Council