

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at *Fletching Parish Church* on **Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm**. *The clerk reported the meeting would be recorded*

PUBLIC SESSION - Questions and comments received from the public: No questions were received.

Item	Description	Responsible
188.	<p>Members Present: Cllr Rothery (Chairman), Cllr Collum, Cllr Minch, Cllr Hannay, Cllr Borton, Cllr Shaw (arrived 19.34), Cllr Greenish.</p> <p>Also present: District Cllr Galley, Lorna Thwaites (Clerk and RFO) and 3 members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Cllr Kerwood sent his apologies as he was unable to make the meeting due to being caught in traffic congestion.</p>	Chairman
189.	<p>To RECEIVE declarations of interest in respect of matters to be discussed None RECEIVED.</p>	Chairman
190.	<p>The Council CONFIRMED the minutes were an accurate record and the Chairman duly SIGNED the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 03 February 2020</p>	Chairman
191.	<p>Report RECEIVED from the District Councillor: A local resident has raised a concern with Cllr Galley regarding the location of the 40mph speed limit sign on the A275 towards Trading Boundaries. This matter was also discussed at the recent SLR meeting with Fletching Parish Council and East Sussex Highways. The Council AGREED to explore the matter further, costs and processes involved and the possibility of applying for the community match programme.</p> <p>Cllr Galley provided an update on trees that have been felled around Ashdown business park - the trees taken down have been granted permission to fell.</p> <p>Cllr Galley asked the council if they were happy having only one candidate to liaise with as both County Councillor and District Cllr. The council confirmed they were happy with the current situation.</p>	Cllr Galley
192.	<p>Matters arising since the last meeting:</p> <p>1. Casual Vacancy in the Officer of Councillor</p> <p>i. One application was RECEIVED for this vacancy: The Council asked questions of the applicant who was present at the meeting. <i>The applicant left the meeting whilst the Council voted.</i></p> <p>ii. The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Constantinou to the role of Parish Councillor with a majority vote. Mr Constantinou signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk.</p> <p>2. Bench at Cherry Tree Cottages</p> <p>i. An update on location and bench dimensions was RECEIVED: The Council RESOLVED to purchase a 3-seater bench from Wealden Benches and to site it on the grass in front of the village hall car park. The Council AGREED to a provisional budget of £100 for the securing of the bench and the purchase of leg collars.</p> <p>3. VE75 Day</p> <p>i. The Council have been advised of 3 events within the Parish - a Fun Run; Fletching Village Stores charity bake off and the Griffin Inn will be organising a celebratory event. Fletching Bell Ringers have been consulted and are considering if they are able to ring the bells on this day.</p> <p>4. Annual Parish Meeting</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Green Spaces Working Group</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p>

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	<p>i. The village hall availability for the APM was RECEIVED for the week commencing 11th May.</p> <p>ii. A date of Monday 11th May at 7.30pm was AGREED for the APM.</p> <p>iii. The Council AGREED to invite the following key agenda items & speakers: Ashdown forest Conservators; Environmental Health regarding Binding Regulations; and the Senior Planning Policy Officer. It was suggested that Clubs and Societies in the Parish of Fletching might also be invited.</p> <p>5. Broadband Speed within the Parish</p> <p>i. Emails from parishioners were RECEIVED: Reviewing the correspondence suggests there has been an improvement within the Parish but there are some areas (predominantly Piltdown) that still have poor coverage. Cllr Galley advised that the Council that ESCC have confirmed that 97% of the Parish is covered by fast broadband. A Change Request (CR) has been made to the broadband contract agreed between ESCC, Building Digital UK and BT. Once the CR is agreed more information will be provided about the final build deployment.</p> <p>ii. The Parish Council AGREED to email the eSussex Broadband programme advising there are still some areas within the Parish that have poor coverage.</p> <p>6. Public Apology</p> <p>i. An apology was RECEIVED from Cllr Roundell regarding comments he made at the Wealden Planning North Committee Meeting. The Clerk read out the apology and it was ACCEPTED by the Members of Fletching Parish Council. Cllr Galley praised the council for the efforts they make in reviewing planning applications and expressed his view that Fletching Parish Council are very thorough in their assessment of applications.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Full Council</p>
<p>193.</p>	<p>Finance/Administration:</p> <p>1. Finance</p> <p>i. Payments for March were AUTHORISED and the bank reconciliation NOTED.</p> <p>ii. The increase from EE of 2.2% for the Clerk's mobile phone contract was RECEIVED.</p> <p>iii. The Council RESOLVED to allocate funds from reserves for the work undertaken to-date by Surrey Hills Solicitors on land registration.</p> <p>iv. The Council RESOLVED to allocate additional funds from reserves for further work on land registration by Surrey Hills Solicitors. The estimate for additional work required is between £500 and £750 plus VAT. The Council RESOLVED that Cllr Greenish should make enquiries directly with the diocese.</p> <p>2. Burial Ground</p> <p>The Council RECEIVED the update that Tim Jordan had been requested to fill and seed several graves.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Cllr Greenish</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>194.</p>	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p>To RECEIVE comments for applications reviewed by Cllrs with delegated planning responsibility: <u>WD/2020/0034/LB MAYS HOUSE, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3ST</u> (expiry date for comments: 21 Feb 2020)</p> <p>REPLACEMENT TOP FLOOR WINDOWS AND STABLE DOOR ON REAR ELEVATION.</p> <p>Comment AGREED by FPC: This is a grade 2 listed building in the village street and so it will be very visible from the street. However, the existing windows are very inappropriate and correction with sash windows we feel would enhance the building, but of course they must use timber, double glazing will not be allowed as it is an early property.</p>	<p>Cllrs with delegated planning responsibility</p>

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	<p><u>WD/2020/0056/F ASHGROVE, GOLDBRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XN</u> (expiry date for comments:26 Feb 2020) TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND ENCLOSED PORCH TO FRONT ELEVATION</p> <p>Comments AGREED by FPC: Cllrs from FPC visited this property and noted that it was a very nice house dating from 1860 with very fine Flemish bond brick work and lime mortar. Our only concern was that the extension would hide all this beautiful brickwork, although the owners have built a garage with similarly good brickwork and lime mortar. The Council felt that the addition would be visible from the A272, but it would be subsidiary to the main house and, executed well, it would not detract from it. However, it is very important that a condition is applied that the brickwork must be similarly good bricks and fine lime mortar joints.</p> <p>To AGREE comments for the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting:</p> <p><u>WD/2020/0175/FR LAND ADJACENT TO BARN COTTAGES, FAIRHAZEL, PILTDOWN, TN22 3YE</u> (expiry date for comments:5 March 2020) RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF THE LAKE HOUSE SITUATED ON THE LAND ADJACENT TO BARN COTTAGES TO BE USED IN ANCILLARY TO THE ADJACENT DWELLING</p> <p>Comments AGREED by FPC: Policies DC16 and GC2, 5.91 - it was felt the building is not essential for purpose of agriculture or forestry or any rural enterprise. The property is not replacing a dwelling. Policy 5.92 - sporadic or scattered development is contrary to the plans of the local strategy and detrimental to the rural locality and not in keeping with it. The building is visible from Rocks Road. The Council RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application.</p> <p><u>WD/2020/0220/F THE FLYING ENGINE, MILL LANE, FLETCHING, TN22 3PY</u> (expiry date for comments: 5 March 2020) ERECTION OF A SHED/WORKSHOP WITHIN THE GARDEN ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE FLYING ENGINE.</p> <p>Comments AGREED by FPC: This is a Listed Building of 18th and 19th century origin. The Council understands no pre-app consultation was undertaken. Policy DC19 - the dwelling is outside of the development boundary. Policy DC19.2 - it is not intrusive on the landscape and doesn't detract from the rural landscape. The height of the shed/workshop has been kept low and below hedge height. NPPF 202 - it was felt that the shed/workshop was of benefit to the house. The Council RESOLVED to pass over the application to Wealden District Council.</p> <p><u>WD/2019/1088/F LITTLE BARKHAM FARM, GOLDBRIDGE RD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XL</u> (Expiry date for comments:11 March 2020) PROPOSED CONVERSION OF EXISTING FORMER STABLES BUILDING WITH THE ADDITION OF A SMALL EXTENSION TO FORM A THREE BEDROOMED SINGLE STOREY DWELLING</p> <p>Comments AGREED by FPC: The Council had seen this application previously and supported it and understand that it has been supported by Wealden District Council. However, FPC believes that when WDC visited they had not noticed two sheds on the far side of the drive and this application relates to these sheds. The Council understands a pre-app discussion has taken place. These sheds will be sited on existing foundations and footprint. There are improvements proposed for the roof and the building will be lifted and put on bricks just off the ground. The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE this application.</p>	Full Council
195.	<p>To RECEIVE the following planning decisions from Wealden District Council:</p> <p><u>WD/2019/2637/F COPWOOD FARMHOUSE, ROCKS ROAD, UCKFIELD, TN22 3PT</u></p> <p>PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION</p> <p>WDC APPROVED the application on 12 February 2020.</p>	WDC

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	<p><u>WD/2020/0037/OH WILMSHURST, FLETCHING, EAST SUSSEX, TN22 3YB</u> TO CONVERT POLE 241782 TO TERMINAL POLE AND INSTALL 2 X STAY WIRES. TO CONVERT POLE 241755 TO TERMINAL POLE AND INSTALL 2 X STAY WIRES. TO REMOVE POLES 241752, 241753, 241754 AND ASSOCIATED HV OVERHEAD LINES. WDC decided to RAISE NO OBJECTIONS to the application on 17 February 2020.</p> <p><u>WD/2019/2434/LB CLINTON LODGE, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3ST</u> INSTALL NEW BATHROOM IN EXISTING BEDROOM. FORM A NEW ACCESS AND STAIR BETWEEN EXISTING BEDROOM AND NEW BATHROOM. WDC APPROVED the application on 25 February 2020.</p> <p><u>WD/2019/2394/LB APT 2, SHEFFIELD PARK HOUSE, SHEFFIELD PARK, UCKFIELD, TN22 3QZ</u> INSTALLATION OF LOG BURNING STOVE IN DRAWING ROOM. REMOVAL OF SECONDARY GLAZING TO THE SOUTH FACING ELEVATION WINDOWS ONLY. SECONDARY GLAZING TO BE RETAINED TO NORTH FACING ELEVATION WINDOWS. INSTALLATION OF NEW BOILER. AMENDED DRAINAGE/SERVICE RUNS IN NEWLY FORMED KITCHEN AND REFITTED BATHROOM AND ENSUITE. REPLACEMENT 4NO. ROOFLIGHTS WITH ROOF LANTERNS. GENERAL REFURBISHMENT WORKS TO SHUTTERS AND CEILINGS AND REMOVAL OF ARCHWAY. THE HOT WATER CYLINDER WILL ALSO BE RETAINED. WDC APPROVED the above application on 26 February 2020.</p> <p><u>Appeal A: APP/C1435/C/18/3217857 Appeal B: APP/C1435/C/18/3217312</u> Land at Woolpack Farm House, Bell Lane, Fletching, East Sussex The appeal is ALLOWED dated 25th February 2020.</p>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate</p>
<p>196.</p>	<p>Highways Matters:</p> <p>i. An update on the Flood Tests at Splaynes Green was RECEIVED from ESH Customer Services. The drainage team are currently scheduled to carry out drainage improvement works on Daleham Lane from 14 April to 8 May (dates subject to change).</p> <p>ii. An update on the Splaynes Green grit bin installation was RECEIVED. ESH are waiting for advice on this matter and will update FPC further once this has been received.</p> <p>iii. An update on overhanging trees on Down Street was RECEIVED. ESH have recently inspected the trees and several leaning trees were identified. These are on land not maintained by ESH and are the responsibility of private landowners. As such ESH have referred the matter to their Enforcement team for further investigation.</p> <p>iv. An update on other items from the SLR meeting of 18 February 2020 was RECEIVED. FPC are pending a response from ESH regarding a water level depth gauge for Mill Lane where flooding occurs. The request for school signs indicating the location of the school is to be followed up by Cllr Hannay. <i>Cllr Galley left the meeting 21.00</i></p> <p>v. Changes to East Sussex Highways Fees Structure were RECEIVED.</p>	<p>Cllr Minch</p> <p>Cllr Minch</p> <p>Cllr Minch</p> <p>Cllr Minch</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>197.</p>	<p>Correspondence: To RECEIVE and AGREE any actions for the following:</p> <p>i. The proposal of the PRA regarding SLR meetings was RECEIVED: FPC AGREED to continue quarterly council meetings and twice-yearly meetings with representatives from ESH. The PRA offered their assistance with highways checks in this part of the parish and attendance at the SLR meetings if required. The PRA were thanked for their support and offer of assistance.</p> <p>ii. A summary of the Agricultural Bill introduced to Parliament on 16 January 2020 was RECEIVED.</p> <p>iii. The Council AGREED to enter Parishes in Bloom 2020.</p>	<p>Highways Group</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	iv. An email from a member of the Public regarding the Wealden Local Plan was RECEIVED : The Council AGREED that lots of input had been put into the plan at the early stages and suggested the member of public attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. v. A request regarding the validity of the parish council insurance being used for the Litter Pick was RECEIVED : The Parish Council RESOLVED that the PRA would organize and co-ordinate the event on their behalf. Volunteers attending the event will be covered by the Parish Council insurance.	Clerk Full Council
198.	<p>Projects:</p> <p>1. RECREATION GROUND:</p> <p>i. An update on the consultancy work of AiRS with regards to the transfer of trusteeship of the Fletching Recreation Ground was RECEIVED: A meeting has been arranged on 9th April with AiRS to be attended by members of Fletching Parish Council and the trustees of Fletching Recreation Ground.</p> <p>2. PILTDOWN VILLAGE GATEWAYS:</p> <p>i. An update from the PRA was RECEIVED: Forms have been re-submitted to ESH and licenses have been issued for the gates. An installation date will soon be agreed.</p> <p>3. PARISH WALKS:</p> <p>i. An update on the parish walks undertaken was RECEIVED: Cllr Minch has almost completed all the walks and has reported a few styles with problems.</p> <p>4. FINGERPOSTS:</p> <p>i. The Council RECEIVED an offer to repair the brickwork at the Splaynes Green Fingerpost was received. Mr V Cottingham has offered to undertake the work without a charge. ii. The Council RESOLVED to appoint Mr V Cottingham to undertake the brick work. iii. The Council RESOLVED to instruct JAKK to undertake the work on the Splaynes Green Fingerpost. iv. The Council RESOLVED to apply for match funding with ESCC.</p> <p>5. PUMP HOUSE:</p> <p>i. A quote was RECEIVED from DGC consultancy for Site Investigation works and Compilation of Schedule of Works. The total of both pieces of work is in the region of £850. ii. The Council AGREED not to proceed with a schedule of works from DGC consultancy.</p> <p>6. SPLAYNES GREEN TELEPHONE BOX:</p> <p>i. No update has yet been received: Cllr Shaw and Cllr Constantinou AGREED to speak with the volunteer to understand next steps.</p>	Full Council Cllr Borton Cllr Minch Cllrs Kerwood & Constantinou Clerk Cllr Minch Full Council Cllrs Shaw & Constantinou
199.	Items AGREED for the Parish Council Magazine: details of the Annual Parish Meeting, Parishes in Bloom, Litter Pick with PRA, and the new bench at Cherry Tree Cottages	Clerk
200.	To AGREE items for the next parish council meeting: To review the 2020/21 budget. To RESOLVE to apply for a concealed entrance sign for the entrance to Stephens Farm.	Full Council
201.	An update on London Protocol was RECEIVED and actions were AGREED.	Full Council
202.	Close of meeting: 21.41	
203.	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th April - 7.30pm, Fletching Village Hall	Full Council