

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Village Hall** on **Monday 03 June 2019 at 7.30pm**. *The clerk reported the meeting would be recorded*

PUBLIC SESSION - Questions received from the public:

The councillors were asked to state what each member individually planned to undertake to benefit the Parish. The Clerk advised that the council members cannot make individual decisions but contribute to the collective decisions made by the council. The Chairman provided the main priorities for the council as detailed at the Annual Parish meeting.

Item	Description	Responsible
44.	<p>Members Present: Cllr Rothery, (Chairman), Cllr Sainsbury (Vice-Chair), Cllr Kerwood, Cllr Collum, Cllr Minch, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Hannay, Cllr Borton. Also present: District Cllr Galley, Lorna Thwaites (clerk and RFO) and 3 members of the public. Apologies for absence: The council received and accepted apologies from Cllr Greenish who was unable to attend due to a commitment made prior to being elected as a councillor.</p>	Chairman
45.	<p>Declarations of interest in respect of matters to be discussed: Cllr Hannay declared that his wife has an interest in the sale of the village shop.</p>	Chairman
46.	<p>Report from the District Councillor: <i>East Sussex County Council (ESCC):</i> Some difficult consultations are currently underway: Meals on Wheels is currently provided by a contractor and ESCC are looking at removing the subsidy in order to make savings. The consultation will also look at more focused, less residential based services for working age adults. There is also a consultation on reducing number of Children's Centres down to 16 (from 30). Efforts to be focused on disadvantaged children as a result. A councillor questioned if it would be possible to identify the numbers in the parish of Fletching affected by these changes. Cllr Galley advised there is no easy way to establish this number, however there is a contact point on the website. <i>Wealden District Council (WDC):</i> The charged for garden waste collection is going quite well with 20k signed up for collections (80% online). The online booking systems seems to have worked well.</p>	District Cllr Galley
47.	<p>Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 13th May 2019. The council RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record and they were signed by the chairman.</p>	Chairman
48.	<p>Finance/Administration: 1. Finance i) Payments for June were AUTHORISED and the bank reconciliation NOTED. ii) Cllr Sainsbury SIGNED the bank mandate to act as a signatory for all council bank accounts. iii) The Clerk RECEIVED signed member allowance decision forms from council members. 2. Burial Ground i) The clerk reported there had been no recent activity at the Burial Ground.</p>	Chairman Cllr Sainsbury Clerk
49.	<p>Formation of Working Groups: i) The delegation arrangements to working groups and individual areas of responsibility were AGREED by the council.</p>	Full Council

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	ii) The council AGREED to report back from working groups at the ordinary meetings of the parish council.	
50.	<p>Eligibility of the Council with regards to meeting the criteria for the exercise of the General Power of Competence.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had now been awarded her CiLCA qualification. The council RESOLVED it now meets the criteria for the exercise of the General Power of Competence.</p>	Clerk
51.	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p><i>To note comments made by delegation to the following applications:</i></p> <p>None received</p> <p><i>To consider the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting:</i></p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2019/0706/F (Expiry date for comments: 30 May 2019 extended to 4th June)</u></p> <p>1 CHESTNUT COTTAGES, CHURCH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SN TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE AND REPLACEMENT TIMBER GARAGE AND CARPORT</p> <p><i>Comments from Fletching Parish Council:</i> The development can only be seen by the immediate neighbour and the council consider it to be an acceptable development. The suggestion is to rebuild the garage on the same footprint. The new garage will be attractive but fairly high as it will have loft storage above the garage making it more visible from the road. The Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.</p> <p><u>Application No. WD/2019/0959/F (Expiry date for comments: 31 May 2019 - extended to 4th June)</u></p> <p>CHURCH FARM BUNGALOWS, CHURCH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SP PROPOSED LOFT CONVERSION, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, GARAGE CONVERSION, AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS</p> <p><i>Comments from Fletching Parish Council:</i> The development will be hidden from the road and not intrusive on the landscape. A similar extension has also been done on the neighbouring house. The Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.</p> <p><i>To agree any representations made by Fletching Parish Council in respect of:</i></p> <p><u>Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/W/19/3228738</u></p> <p>Appeal by Mrs Fiona Kemp (the Appellant)</p> <p>LAND ADJACENT TO 4 BREWERS ROW, CHURCH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SJ DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOP BUILDINGS. CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW, DETACHED DWELLING WITH NEW VEHICULAR HIGHWAY ACCESS, ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING WORKS</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to forward their previous comments regarding the application.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p>
52.	<p>To receive the following planning decisions from Wealden District Council:</p> <p><u>WD/2019/0390/F - PILTDOWN POULTRY, FAIRHAZEL, PILTDOWN, TN22 3YE</u> DEMOLITION OF REDUNDANT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION OF 3 BAY CAR PORT AND EXTENSION TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE AND REPLACEMENT SHED.</p> <p>Wealden District Council decided to APPROVE the above application on 13 May 2019.</p> <p><u>WD/2019/0707/F- BARKHAM MANOR, BARKHAM LANE, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XE</u> COVER AN EXISTING OUTDOOR RIDING ARENA TO FORM AN INDOOR RIDING ARENA FOR THE ANCILLARY USE TO BARKHAM MANOR.</p> <p>Wealden District Council decided to APPROVE the above application on 13 May 2019.</p> <p><u>Appeal Ref: APP/C1435/W/18/3206268 - the Appeal is DISMISSED</u></p>	WDC

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	<p>The Marles, North Hall Lane, Fletching, TN22 3SA WD/2018/0818/F - BARKHAM FARM, GOLDBRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XL DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CANADIAN STEEL BARN AND CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING, ACCESS, PARKING AND RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE (SUBSEQUENT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION CONSENTS WD/2016/1028/P04 AND WD/2018/2701/P04 FOR CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO CLASS C3 DWELLING) Wealden District Council has decided to APPROVE the above application on 31 May 2019. Cllrs were concerned by the approval of this application.</p>	
53.	<p>Correspondence Received: i) The Council RESOLVED to organise the Litter Picking Campaigns in co-ordination with Bob White and the PRA. This would provide insurance cover for volunteers via the Parish Council insurance policy. ii) The council RESOLVED to request free 'Do not knock' door stickers from Able Community Care. iii) Cllr Minch AGREED to be the contact for Parishes in Bloom. iv) The Rita Project - the council RESOLVED to invite Madeleine Hunter to speak at a parish council meeting.</p>	Clerk
54.	<p>Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR): i) The report from internal auditor, Peter J Frost was RECEIVED and NOTED. ii) The AGAR section 1 Annual Governance Statement was APPROVED and SIGNED. iii) The AGAR section 2 Accounting Statements were APPROVED and SIGNED.</p>	Clerk/RFO
55.	<p>Dates for council meetings Jan, Feb, Mar 2020: The dates of Monday 6th January; Monday 3rd February; Monday 2nd March were AGREED by the council.</p>	Full Council
56.	<p>Measures necessary to have Fletching Stores declared an Asset of Community Value. The question was raised if the council should put forward Fletching Stores to be nominated as a Community Asset in order to keep the building as a shop. The council RESOLVED to submit an application to register the shop building as an Asset of Community Value.</p>	Cllr Hannay
57.	<p>Update on Fingerposts: i) The warranty offered by JAKK was confirmed by Cllr Sainsbury as one year on workmanship. ii & iii) The council AGREED that Lodge Lane/Shortbridge Road and Shortbridge Road/Sharpsbridge Lane are unsteady and in need of immediate repair and should be the fingerposts prioritised for repair. iv) The offer from Neil Kerridge for voluntary support in fingerpost renovation work was RECEIVED by the council. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Maresfield Parish Council as Neil had undertaken some voluntary work on fingerposts for them. The council felt that the fingerposts all needed significant restoration work at this time and that voluntary maintenance could be beneficial in the future.</p>	Cllr Sainsbury Full Council Full Council
58.	<p>Update on the progress of the phone box at Splaynes Green. The Clerk was requested to put an article in the parish magazine requesting for volunteers to work on the restoration of the box. Thanks were NOTED to Toadman Joinery who have offered to restore the wooden door of the phone box and Tom Forcier for his efforts on this project. The volunteers of Splaynes Green are currently reviewing the use of the box.</p>	Cllr Sainsbury
59.	<p>How Fletching Parish Council will work with the PRA (Piltdown Residents Association) on the installation and future maintenance of the village gateways proposed for Piltdown.</p>	Full Council

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	The council RESOLVED to discuss gateways at the next SLR meeting. The report from Michael Higgs of East Sussex County Council (ESCC) stated that ESCC would not be responsible for the maintenance of the gates. The Clerk was asked to find out the increase to the Parish Council insurance policy for 3 village gateways. Cllr Sainsburys and Borton AGREED to discuss gateways with the PRA and to feedback to the council. <i>Cllr Galley left the meeting 20.54</i>	Cllr Sainsbury Cllr Borton
60.	Update from the Recreation Ground Committee AGM Cllr Rothery and Kerwood attended the Fletching Recreation Ground Committee (FRGC) AGM last week. The Recreation Ground has been in deficit in 2018/9 and income was down and there are limited reserves available. It was felt that there has been less occasional use which has had an impact on the charities' finances. It was AGREED that the parish council working group for the Recreation Ground should meet with the FRGC to discuss a way forward.	Cllr Rothery
61.	Content for the next Parish Magazine. The content was AGREED by the council.	Full Council
62.	Annual review of the Clerk's performance. It was AGREED that the staffing working group would set a date with the Clerk for her annual review.	Full Council
63.	Attendance AGREED at training/events 'How can the High Weald AONB Partnership help your parish?' event on 02 July 2019, 4pm - 6.30pm, Crowborough Community Centre - interested cllrs AGREED to email the clerk if they are available to attend. To receive an update on training attended by the Clerk and CiLCA progress The Clerk reported that she had now been AWARDED her CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration).	Full Council Clerk
64.	To agree items for the next parish council meeting: To discuss the impact of the changes to the SLR meetings to Fletching Parish Council and to RESOLVE how the council would take this forward. To RESOLVE whether to co-opt a non-council member to council working group(s). To AGREE coverage for Clerk's annual leave.	Cllr Sainsbury Cllr Sainsbury Full Council
65.	Close of meeting - 21.13pm	
66.	Date of Next Meeting Monday 1st July - 7.30pm in the Village Hall	Full Council