

# FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Village Hall** on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm.**

Item	Description	Responsible
112	<b>Members Present:</b> Cllr Peter Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Noel Collum, Cllr Chris Rothery, Cllr Sam Sainsbury, Cllr Sandy Bone, Cllr Tristan Elbrick, Cllr Wes Constantinou. <b>Also present:</b> Lorna Thwaites (Clerk), Roy Galley (ESCC and WDC Councillor) and 2 members of the public.	
113	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cllr Dan Kerwood.	
114	<b>Declarations of interest.</b> Cllr Sainsbury declared that her husband is one of the volunteers involved in item 11(a) <i>Request to maintain and repair fingerpost at the Triangle, Shortbridge Road, Piltdown.</i>	Cllr Sainsbury
115	<b>Terms of the Public Session.</b> The Clerk reported the meeting would be recorded.	
116	<b>Report from County and District Councillors.</b> <i>East Sussex County Council (ESCC):</i> The current focus is on the Core Offer. There is insufficient money with the withdrawal of Government grants and other restrictions to provide all services that are currently offered. Some services that aren't statutory will be cut or cut back. ESCC are looking at what they can provide, what they would like to provide and what they can afford to provide. Some services that are not a statutory requirement are likely to be withdrawn over next two or three years. There are likely to be cuts for services for Special Educational Needs. ESCC will be withdrawing some services for schools they are not under the current legislation an ESCC requirement. There will be more priorities on adult social care. ESCC will be lobbying the Government as the County has more over 85year olds than in the rest of the country, all of which need increasing amounts of care and therefore East Sussex need a special consideration  <i>Wealden District Council (WDC)</i> The Wealden Local Plan is progressing. There are issues around the extent to which we need to protect Ashdown Forest. The waste collection issue now in a much healthier state with an improvement in the number of missed bins. The decision on the appointment of a new contractor will be made at the end of November/beginning December who will take over from next June.	P. Roundell R. Galley
117	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018.</b> <b>1. The clarification on minute item 103 was NOTED by the Council– request received by email to the Clerk,18 Oct 2018:</b> <i>Fletching Recreation Ground Management Committee has 4 committee members but has 'representatives' from Fletching clubs, societies etc. giving a total number of 11 trustees.</i>	P. Roundell

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	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.	
118	<p><b>Finance/Administration.</b></p> <p><b>1. Finance</b></p> <p>a) Payments for November were <b>AUTHORISED</b> and the bank reconciliation was <b>APPROVED</b>.</p> <p>b) Grant Application - Rachel Owens – Forest School Sessions at Fletching School - it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to fund 3 terms at a cost of £154 per term.</p> <p>A grant request was made to the Council, to support a bursary offering weekly after school Forest School sessions at Fletching School. The bursary is to be in honour of Robert Witham and will provide two funded places at the club. This would enable six additional children to attend the sessions who may otherwise not have been able to attend.</p> <p>c) Grant Application - Samaritans, Tunbridge Wells and District. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to offer a one-off grant of £90.</p> <p>This grant will support the refurbishment of their meeting room.</p> <p><b>2. Burial Ground:</b></p> <p>a) An Interment of Ashes on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> October was <b>NOTED</b>.</p> <p>b) A request for a memorial tablet was <b>APPROVED</b> subject to placement after the sinking of the grave had been rectified.</p>	
119	<p><b>Co-option of Parish Councillor.</b></p> <p>An application had been received from one applicant – Mr Andrew Shaw. This had been previously circulated to the Council.</p> <p>Mr Shaw has been a resident in the Parish for many years and has been involved in the local community in many ways with his children having attended both Fletching pre-school and primary school. He is the Treasurer of the Friends of Fletching and Fletching Bonfire Society and is a Chartered Accountant.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Mr Shaw to leave the meeting. A vote was taken on whether to co-opt Mr Andrew Shaw onto the Parish Council. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by unanimous vote of the remaining councillors to co-opt Mr Andrew Shaw.</p> <p>Having been duly signed and witnessed, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received from Andrew Shaw. The Clerk will arrange relevant training and reference materials as appropriate.</p>	Clerk
120	<p><b>Allocation of vacant responsibilities and confirmation of current cllr responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leches and Smiths nominative trustee for 4 years - Cllr Shaw <b>AGREED</b> to take on this responsibility.</li> <li>- Planning responsibility - it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Constantinou should take on this responsibility.</li> <li>- Review &amp; update councillor responsibilities list - the Clerk was requested to email the list to all councillors.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Shaw</p> <p>Cllr Constantinou</p> <p>Clerk</p>
121	<p><b>Planning applications.</b></p> <p>No planning applications had been received for review at this meeting</p>	
122	<p><b>Planning decisions received:</b></p> <p><b>The following planning decisions were noted:</b></p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by)</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order 2018/0009 (Fletching)</p> <p>Land at Piltdown Poultry, The Farmhouse, Fairhazel, Shortbridge, Piltdown, East Sussex</p>	

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	<p><b>Application No. WD/2018/1484/FR</b>  RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF A STUDIO/OUTBUILDING. WOOLPACK FARM HOUSE, BELL LANE, FLETCHING TN22 3YB  Wealden District Council has decided to <b>REFUSE</b> the above application on 1 October 2018</p>	
123	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Request to maintain and repair fingerpost at The Triangle, Shortbridge Road, Piltdown - it was <b>AGREED</b> to move this item for discussion during Agenda Item 17.</li> <li>b) Pothole Bell Lane - Cllr Constantinou provided an update on this incident and the Chairman advised that it is ESCC Highways who are responsible for the roads.</li> <li>c) Rag Solutions Ltd - textile re-cycling (follow-up). Cllrs <b>AGREED</b> to send potential sites to the Clerk to seek further information. Cllr Constantinou offered to meet with the Rag Solutions if required.</li> </ul>	Cllr Constantinou
124	<p><b>Budget</b>  The Clerk was requested to send the current level of reserves to the councillors.  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to discuss the budget further at the next council meeting.</p>	Clerk
125	<p><b>Update re the proposals for the phone box at Splaynes Green and agree actions required.</b>  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> for the Clerk to sign contract with Community Heartbeat. The Clerk was requested to update the interested volunteers with progress on the project.</p>	Clerk
126	<p><b>Update on Fletching Speedwatch.</b>  Cllr Sainsbury provided the following update:  2 Speedwatch sites (one on each side of the road) have been approved on the A272. The checks at these sites have now started.  It isn't possible to have a site near to the junction with Lodge Lane and Ruston Bridge Road or at the crossroads by Trading Boundaries as these sites are both too near to speed limit changes.  The Speedwatch team are currently waiting for approval on a site on the road leading up to Fletching Primary School.  8 volunteers are currently signed up to Speedwatch but more are needed to make it parish-wide. Ideally a monthly roster of volunteers is needed.  Cllr Constantinou offered to join the Speedwatch volunteers.</p>	Cllr Sainsbury
127	<p><b>Update on refurbishment of Pump House.</b>  Cllr Constantinou had undertaken some initial discussions with a contractor about the possible renovation of the Pump House. It was <b>AGREED</b> that this project should be progressed by gaining some initial ideas of costs involved in its restoration.  It was suggested that funding may be available via the Land Fill tax.</p>	Cllr Constantinou
128	<p><b>Update on Fletching Recreation Ground project.</b>  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry this item forward to the next agenda</p>	Cllr Roundell
129	<p><b>Repair of Fingerposts within the Parish of Fletching.</b>  Cllr Sainsbury updated that a survey had been undertaken by a contractor and was currently waiting for their report.  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry this item forward to the next agenda  <i>Cllr Galley left the meeting</i></p>	Cllr Sainsbury
130	<p><b>To consider the purchase of a local photographic archive.</b>  As no further information had been received at this stage, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry this item forward to the next agenda  <i>Cllr Elbrick left the meeting</i></p>	
131	<b>To receive reports from meetings and training attended.</b>	

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	Autumn Conference - Cllr Sainsbury sent an update to cllrs by email Engaging & Empowering Your Communities - Cllr Bone and Cllr Sainsbury to send a report by email  <b>Attendance agreed at training/events.</b> VAT Training the Essentials – 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, Billingshurst Clerk Wealden Parish Conference – 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018, Hailsham Civic Community Centre - Cllr Bone	Cllr Bone, Cllr Sainsbury  Clerk Cllr Bone
132	<b>Meeting Dates for 2019/20 -</b> The Clerk was requested to re-send these via email	Clerk
133	<b>Information for noting or including on a future agenda.</b> No items were raised	
134	<b>Close of meeting at 20.52</b>	
135	<b>London Protocol</b> Cllr Rothery <b>AGREED</b> to take on this responsibility	Cllr Rothery
136	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec in Fletching Village Hall	