



FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors of the Parish of Fletching held at Fletching Parish Church on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm.

Item	Description	Responsible
1	Present: Chris Rothery (Parish Council Chairman), Lorna Thwaites (Parish Council Clerk and RFO) and 8 members of the Parish Council. District Councillor Roy Galley. 9 members of the public.	The Chairman
2.	Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and the newly elected council members. He outlined the purpose of the meeting and procedural matters. The Chairman thanked previous council members for all their hard work and Peter Roundell was thanked for all the work he did in the role of Chairman of the Parish Council.	The Chairman
3.	Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th May 2018. The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.	The Chairman
4.	Highlights of the past year. The Chairman provided a report on the key activities, income and expenditures for the past financial year of April 2018 to March 2019. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Bob White of the Piltown Residents Association (PRA) for the litter picking activities he has organised in the Parish. Thanks were also given to the Fletching Speedwatch volunteers and for the benefits their work brings to the Parish.	The Chairman
5	Parish Plan 2019-20 The Chairman presented the Parish Plan for 2019/20, the details of which can be found on the Fletching Parish Council Website. District Cllr Galley provided an update from East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Wealden District Council (WDC): A big issue facing ESCC and WDC is the reduced money from government and this is likely to result in some controversial decisions being made. A consultation is being undertaken around reducing children's centres (currently 30 likely to reduce to approx. 16). Some elderly care homes have been closed and services at home introduced. A consultation is underway about taking away the 'meals on wheels' subsidy. Wealden Local Plan has been submitted. The Local Plan sets the framework for future development. The new waste contractor is Biffa (starting 01 July). £50 a-year garden waste collections have started Cllr Galley advised he is in cabinet for Waste and Highways and attends the meetings of 6 parish councils. He raised the point that Fletching Parish Council is one of the most effective - planning applications are taken seriously, policies are considered and reviews are rigorous. Successful	The Chairman District Cllr Galley



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	meetings are held between the Parish Council and East Sussex Highways. He congratulated Fletching Parish Council for the work they do.	
6	<p>Public question time</p> <p>A question was raised regarding the production and supply of village gateways that Piltown Residents Association (PRA) are currently discussing with East Sussex Highways and the Parish Council. Cllr Sainsbury advised that ESCC will provide details of approved suppliers and these will be provided to the PRA.</p> <p>A member of the public raised their concerns over the quality of the pavement where building work is being undertaken. The Chairman advised the council would keep an eye on the work and the state of the pavement.</p> <p>A member of the public raised the issue of the bend near the pond in Splaynes Green becomes very icy which causes some road traffic accidents. There is no speed limit in this area and the road is used by a lot of commuting traffic.</p> <p>A request was made for a grit bin.</p> <p>Cllr Sainsbury offered to meet with the member of public to discuss these issues.</p> <p>Posts put up at Splaynes Green were also mentioned. These were put in to stop cars driving over the Green. However, they have been knocked over. It was requested that the council considered replacing these posts with a ditch.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding the Village hall and Pavilion. The member of public highlighted the fact that the pre-school closed which has caused problems for the school.</p> <p>The member of the public expressed a view that numbers were down at the cricket club due to the lack of young families in the village.</p> <p>The Parish Council was asked to consider youth in the parish and how families can be encouraged in to use the facilities.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the member of public for raising these concerns and advised that one of the newly elected councillors has strong links with the school and the expectation is that this will help strengthen the relationship between the Parish Council and the school. The Chairman also stated that the powers of the Parish Council are limited in some of these areas.</p> <p>One of the council members asked Cllr Galley about an online fundraising portal for projects. Cllr Galley was not aware of this and the councillor agreed to forward details to Cllr Galley.</p>	<p>Cllr Sainsbury</p> <p>Cllr Sainsbury</p> <p>Cllr Sainsbury</p>
7.	Meeting closed at 20.19	