

# FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at *Fletching Parish Church* on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm**. *The chairman reported the meeting would be recorded*

## PUBLIC SESSION - Questions and comments received from the public: NONE RECEIVED

Item	Description	Responsible
143.	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Cllr Rothery (Chairman), Cllr Collum, Cllr Minch, Cllr Hannay, Cllr Borton</p> <p><b>Also present:</b> District Cllr Galley and no members of the public</p> <p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> Were accepted from Cllr Greenish, Cllr Kerwood, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Sainsbury and Lorna Thwaites (Clerk and RFO)</p>	Chairman
144.	<p><b>Declarations of interest in respect of matters to be discussed:</b> No interests were declared</p>	Full Council
145.	<p><b>Report from the District Councillor:</b> The Council is currently in Purdah so there is little to report until after the General Election. The new refuse/ recycling contract is so far working well and there is a significant reduction in the number of missed bin collections. The ESCC consultation report on Fletching Primary School will be released on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December. The final decision on the future of the school will be delivered on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.</p>	District Cllr Galley
146.	<p><b>Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 04<sup>th</sup> November 2019:</b> The council <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept a correction to agenda item 5 iii) the School House Trust has pledged to provide <b>£20k</b> to be delivered over 2 financial years. These changes were made and the Chair signed the minutes as an accurate record.</p>	Chairman
147.	<p><b>Finance/Administration:</b></p> <p><b>1. Finance</b></p> <p>i) Payments for Dec were <b>AUTHORISED</b> and the bank reconciliation <b>NOTED</b>.</p> <p>ii) A quarterly budget update for Q3 was <b>RECEIVED</b> by the Council. The budget vs. actual comparison was discussed and no concerns were raised.</p> <p>iii) The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to <b>DEFER</b> the approval of the budget for financial year 2020/21 until the Parish Council meeting in January - a decision does not need to be taken until the end of January and Cllr Shaw was not in attendance.</p> <p><b>2. Burial Ground</b></p> <p>i) An application for a memorial headstone was discussed and it was <b>AGREED</b> that it would <b>APPROVE</b> the design. Although there is some colour in the headstone, which was deemed unusual for the Fletching Burial Ground, as the colour was not considered particularly obtrusive it was agreed to accept the design.</p> <p>ii) The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to instruct Ian Davison of Surrey Hill Solicitors to work on behalf of the Council with respect to the registration of land at the Burial Ground. This was <b>AGREED</b> subject to the clause Cllr Greenish would like inserted into the terms '<i>we should limit our liability for fees to <b>£1,000 for each matter as that accords with the budget</b></i>'.</p> <p>iii) The Council had not yet received costs from Tim Jordan for the additional items to the Grass Cutting specification and the Council <b>AGREED</b> to <b>DEFER</b> this decision until the January meeting.</p> <p>iv) The works authorised with Brook Hart in the Burial Ground are to be undertaken Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December.</p> <p><b>3. Grants</b></p> <p>i) No applications for small grants with Fletching Parish Council were received</p>	Full Council

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148.	<p><b>Planning applications:</b>  <b>To note comments made by delegation to the following applications:</b>  <b>WD/2019/2244/F &amp; 2245/LB</b> (Expiry date for comments: 25 Nov 2019)                      FERMOYS, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3TE                      NEW GARAGE AND ALTERATION TO CONVERT THE EXISTING GARAGE INTO A ROOM                      Comments from FPC:                      Cllrs visited this property and spoke to the owner. The existing garage doors are to be retained so that the house would look the same from the outside. The windows will be going on the north side, almost into the hedge. The positioning of the new garage would seem to be quite discreet and acceptable. Fletching Parish Council agreed to <b>SUPPORT</b> this application.  <b>Notification of Appeal:</b>  <b>APP/C1435/C/18/3217857 &amp; 3217858; APP/C1435/W/18/3218312</b> (Expiry date for comments 03 Dec 2019)                      Woolpack Farmhouse, Bell Lane, Fletching                      No further comments from Fletching Parish Council were received.</p>	<p>Cllrs with delegated Planning responsibility</p> <p>Full Council</p>
149.	<p><b>To receive the following planning decisions from Wealden District Council:</b>  <b>WD/2019/2000/FR</b> - 3 TRICKLANDS COTTAGES, SHEFFIELD PARK, TN22 3QN                      PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED TWO-STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND ORANGERY - <b>APPROVED</b> by WDC on 12 Dec 2019</p>	WDC
150.	<p><b>Highways Matters:</b>                      i) The flood test in Splaynes Green has been carried out but no results have yet been received by Fletching Parish Council.                      ii) The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue with the current option - <u>Option 1 - Standard</u>: Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish/Town Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only. The Council will monitor the grass during 2020 to see if 2 cuts are sufficient.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Full Council</p>
151.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b>                      i) Correspondence received regarding Piltdown Golf Course Footpaths was <b>NOTED</b> by the Council.                      ii) A letter regarding a possible breach of planning permission WD/2016/2406/F was <b>RECEIVED</b> and discussed by the Council. The Council <b>AGREED</b> that they should notify Wealden Enforcement about this issue.                      iii) Concerns over the erection of a building (barn) on Goldbridge Road, Piltdown were <b>RECEIVED</b> and discussed. There were two applications: WD/2018/7005/AD and WD/2018/7020/AD which seem to refer to this building. FPC was not a Consultee on either application. The Council <b>AGREED</b> to ask Wealden Enforcement to confirm the barn has been cited in the correct location and the interior has been built to the specifications requested as a Parishioner feel it has been built with the intention of being converted into a household dwelling (it has block walls with a steel exterior on the inside of the outside cladding).                      iv) Correspondence regarding VE Day 75 events was <b>RECEIVED</b> - 3day international celebration 8 May - 20 May 2020. The Council <b>AGREED</b> to <b>DEFER</b> to the next Council meeting.</p>	Clerk
152.	<p><b>Projects:</b>  <b>1. RECREATION GROUND:</b>                      i) Cllr Rothery updated the Council further to a meeting with Fletching Recreation Ground Committee (FRGC) on 27 Nov 2019. FRGC have been advised of the discussions of Fletching Parish</p>	<p>Cllr Rothery/Cllr Greenish</p>

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	<p>Council to engage with a firm of lawyers to change the FPC Trustee role from Custodian to Sole Trustee.</p> <p>ii) The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to change the Parish Council from Custodian Trustee of the Parish Council to Sole Trustee.</p> <p>iii) The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to instruct Surrey Hill Solicitors to act in assisting with changing the role of the FPC from Custodian Trustee to Sole Trustee. Any charges by Surrey Hill Solicitors would be limited to £1,000 at this stage for this engagement.</p> <p><b>2. PILTDOWN VILLAGE GATEWAYS:</b></p> <p>i) To RECEIVE an update from the PRA - the Council <b>AGREED</b> to <b>DEFER</b> this item until the next meeting</p> <p><b>3. PARISH WALKS:</b></p> <p>i) Cllr Minch updated the Council on the parish walks undertaken to-date. This is an ongoing item and there will be an update at the next meeting. There has been a limited response to an article in the Parish Magazine to help with researching and looking at any work required on the Parish walks. Cllr Minch <b>NOTED</b> that she had been sent details of the Millennium walk.</p>	<p>Cllr Borton</p> <p>Cllr Minch</p>
<b>153.</b>	<p><b>To AGREE items for the next parish council meeting</b></p> <p>Approval of 2020/21 Budget and Precept</p> <p>VE Day 75 Events</p> <p>Fete 2020: Clinton Lodge</p> <p>Climate Change: Parishioner engagement</p>	Full Council
<b>154.</b>	<p><b>Close of meeting: 20.36 (Cllr Shaw arrived)</b></p>	
<b>155.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - 7.30pm, Fletching Village Hall</b></p>	Full Council