

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Village Hall** on **Monday 3rd Sept 2018 at 7pm.**

Item	Description	Responsible
70.	Members Present: Cllr Peter Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Noel Collum, Cllr Chris Rothery, Cllr Sam Sainsbury (arrived 7.10pm). Also present: Lorna Thwaites (Clerk), Roy Galley (ESCC and WDC Councillor) and 3 members of the public.	
71.	Apologies for absence Apologies were accepted from Cllr Elbrick and Cllr Bone Absent Cllr Kerwood	
72.	Declarations of interest. Cllr Rothery declared an interest in relation to planning application WD/2018/1484/FR & WD/2018/1490/FR	
73.	Terms of the Public Session. The Clerk reported the meeting would be recorded.	
74.	Report from County and District Councillors. Cllr Galley reported that the big issue facing East Sussex County Council (ESCC) was lack of money. ESCC is looking at what they need to provide and what will the cost be. Pressure is on the care budget and highways at a minimum. Wealden District Council have now published a draft Local Plan for representations. The bin crisis continues with 700-800 missed bins per week. However not many bins are missed in Fletching and Piltdown. Nearly £1m per year has been saved for the last 5 years. There is a new bin contract starting June 2019 and Cllr Galley is hopeful that this will bring an improvement. There will be changes to Wealden's Garden Waste Collection Service in 2019 which will be a chargeable service. The Chairman asked members of public and other councillors their experience of bin collections in the parish. A member of the public reported that Cherry Cottages have been missed in the past although not reported in. A question was raised over the financial stability of East Sussex County Council. Cllr Galley advised they are planning for the expected shortfall.	P. Roundell R. Galley
75.	Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd July 2018. It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.	P. Roundell
76.	One minute's silence was held in memory of Derek Lingham The Chairman said a few words about the contribution Derek Lingham had made to the Parish and how he would be sorely missed.	P.Roundell
77.	Co-option of a new Parish Councillor. An application had been received from one applicant – Mr Wesley Constantinou. This had been previously circulated. Mr Constantinou was invited to answer a few questions.	

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	<p>Mr Constantinou was asked if he would attend highways checks and quarterly SLR meetings if elected - to which he confirmed he would. The Chairman asked Mr Constantinou to leave the meeting. A vote was taken on whether to co-opt Wesley Constantinou onto the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED by unanimous vote of the remaining councillors to co-opt Mr Wesley Constantinou.</p> <p>Having been duly signed and witnessed, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received from Cllr Constantinou. The Clerk will arrange relevant training and reference materials as appropriate.</p>	Clerk
78.	<p>1. The resignation of Cllr Mike McGowan. The resignation of Mike McGowan was noted and thanks for his contribution were expressed. The Clerk advised that WDC had been notified and the Notice of Vacancy placed on the noticeboard and FPC website. A discussion was had about the visibility of the vacancy notice and Cllr Sainsbury agreed to put a notice on Piltdown Facebook page. If an election isn't requested by 5th September 2018 then the vacancy can be filled by co-option at the Parish Council meeting on 1st October 2018.</p> <p>2. To agree who will take over the unallocated responsibilities arising from the resignation of Cllr B. Dickens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice Chairman – it was AGREED that this position would not be filled at this current time but if the Chair was not able to attend a meeting one of the cllrs would take on the role of Chair at a parish council meeting should the need arise. - Leches and Smiths nominative trustee for 4 years – the Clerk was asked to find out more information about the trust and the date of the next meeting. - Responsibility for green spaces including burial ground maintenance/ grass cutting – Cllr Constantinou AGREED to take on this role. - Planning responsibility – the cllrs RESOLVED to wait to assign this responsibility until the current Parish Councillor vacancy had been filled. 	<p>Cllr Sainsbury</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Constantinou</p>
79.	<p>Planning applications. To note comments made by delegation to the following applications:</p> <p>WD/2018/1248/F Piltdown Poultry, Fairhazel, Piltdown, TN22 3YE Extension to residential curtilage to include new access, demolition of redundant agricultural buildings and construction of 3 bay car port. Extension to existing driveway to provide access to adjoining land. No Objection</p> <p>WK/2018/06193 Guido's Butchery and Deli, Ashgrove, Goldbridge Road, Piltdown, E.Sussex, TN22 3XN New license for selling alcohol at Guido's No Objection</p> <p>To consider the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting:</p> <p>WD/2018/1304/F Pound Farm, Sheffield Green, Sheffield Park, TN22 3RB</p>	

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	<p>Conversion of barn to residential dwelling Comments: The same footprint is to be used for the proposed dwelling which will be a three bedroom family house. It is sited close to Ashdown Forest therefore there are concerns over traffic movements. The barn proposed for conversion is a recent building. It was AGREED by the full council to recommend this application for REFUSAL on grounds AF1</p> <p>WD/2018/1452/F Black Ven Farm, Down Street, Nutley, TN22 3EH Steel Portal Frame Building to provide livestock housing and agricultural machinery and equipment storage Comments: This is a working farm wishing to expand their number of animals. There is an expectation of Fletching Parish Council that drainage issues are to be addressed. It was AGREED by the full council to RECOMMEND this application for approval - subject to being accordance with a farm plan for WDC to consider.</p> <p>WD/2018/1331/FR Star House, Piltdown, TN22 3XU Retrospective alteration of existing right of access for the use of Star Cottage for vehicular and pedestrian access and egress onto/off Down Street and the creation of new crossover to be carried out by approved contractor. Comments: Access onto Down Street is now safer than previous right of access. The applicant has been advised by highways what issues they must address to be compliant. It was AGREED by the full council to RECOMMEND this application for approval.</p> <p>WD/2018/1484/FR Woolpack Farm House, Bell Lane, Fletching, TN22 3YB Retrospective application for erection of studio/outbuilding Comments: A conflict of interest was declared by Cllr Rothery This site is in an AONB. It wouldn't have had permitted development permission. The maximum height for development is 4m however this building is 4.26m The applicant was in attendance at the meeting and made various comments about the application. Fletching Parish Council wish to support the preservation of the AONB and would not approve the application if it was a new application. It was AGREED by the full council to RECOMMEND this application for REFUSAL.</p> <p>WD/2018/1490/FR Woolpack Farm House, Bell Lane, Fletching, TN22 3YB Retrospective application for extension to Hay Barn for use as an agricultural store Comments: the extension is small in scale, added to a portion of the existing building. It is a breeze block structure against a modern barn. The council raised the question of whether something could be done to make it more in keeping with the other barn and to make it less visible. The council would also like to understand the agricultural and/or commercial reasons for the existence of the building and its appearance being in AONB.</p>	

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	It was AGREED by the full council to RECOMMEND this application for REFUSAL based on the appearance of the building - with a proviso that it could be made more in keeping with existing buildings.	
80.	<p>Planning decisions: The following decisions were noted: WD/2018/0116/F The Grange, Rear of the Peacock Inn, Shortbridge, Piltdown, TN22 3XA Change of use to one dwelling Refused</p> <p>WD/2018/1244/F Horse and Barge Farm, Shortbridge Road, Piltdown, TN22 3XA Proposed two storey rear infill extension Approved</p> <p>WD/2018/1044/LB & WD/2018/1043/F Oak Hall, Sheffield Park Garden, Sheffield Park, Uckfield, TN22 3QX Existing windows, rooflights and doors to be removed, replaced or refurbished with new softwood timber units Approved</p> <p>WD/2018/1352/PO Flitteridge Farm, Daleham Lane, Fletching, TN22 3TQ Modification of Section 106 agreement dated Feb 2002 attached to WD/1999/1317/JF Permitted</p> <p>Concerns were raised over the presence of a mobile home in the field opposite the farm. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Planning Enforcement.</p> <p>WD/2018/1303/F 3 Tricklands Cottages, Sheffield Park, TN22 3QN Proposed two storey side extension and conservatory Approved</p> <p>WD/2018/1321/FA Land at Copwood Pool, Rocks Road, Uckfield, TN22 3PT Minor Material amendment to WD/2017/1556/F (proposed surrender of lawful recreational use of land, demolition of buildings, removal of mobile home and construction of a single 2-bed dwelling house) Approved</p> <p>WD/2017/2257/F Chapel Cottage, Shortbridge Road, Piltdown, Uckfield, TN22 3XD Replace existing brick outbuilding with timber frame annexe Approved</p>	Clerk
81.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHS Health Checks – the Clerk was asked to find out more information and advertise in the Parish Magazine to gauge interest levels. 2. RAYNET – a voluntary group of radio users involved in Local Authority emergency response planning. Cllr Rothery offered to be involved in communications with RAYNET. 3. AIRS – it was AGREED to renew the subscription to AiRS. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Rothery</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>4. Sports and Play Consulting – the Clerk was requested to pass the email onto John Shaw of the Recreation Ground Committee.</p> <p>5. Bell Ringing Armistice Centenary – the clerk was asked to put an article in the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>6. Community Speedwatch – a letter of approval from the Parish Council was duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
82.	<p>To receive update re the proposals for the phone box at Splaynes Green and agree actions required.</p> <p>Cllr Rothery AGREED to email residents of Splaynes Green to gauge levels of interest.</p>	Cllr Rothery
83.	<p>To consider repairs needed to Pump House.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Cllr Constantinou would take on this project. Cllr Sainsbury offered to provide an overview of the current situation to Cllr Constantinou.</p>	Cllr Constantinou/Cllr Sainsbury
84.	<p>Update on Fletching Recreation Ground project.</p> <p>Cllr Roundell had received some correspondence from Richard Cossens, Chairman of Fletching Recreation Ground Committee (FRG). The Committee believe it may be possible to bring the Recreation Ground under the administration of Fletching Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Roundell and the Clerk AGREED to arrange a meeting with Richard Cossens and John Shaw of FRG to discuss the project further.</p> <p>Cllr Rothery advised that he had spoken to Richard Cossens and believed Maresfield Parish Council had recently taken over the Maresfield Recreation Ground.</p> <p><i>Cllr Galley left the meeting.</i></p>	Cllr Roundell/Clerk
85.	<p>Finance/Administration.</p> <p>1. The financial report showing the payments for approval, the receipts and bank reconciliation were approved and signed by the Chairman. It is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>2. The purchase of McAfee software subscription was AUTHORISED.</p> <p>3. Burial Ground:</p> <p>3.1: an application for a memorial was APPROVED.</p> <p>3.2: A request for space in the un-consecrated part of the Burial Ground had been received. Cllr Rothery is meeting Sonia Harriet and will ask if she has knowledge of this part of the Burial Ground.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Rothery</p>
86.	<p>To receive reports from meetings and training attended.</p> <p>CiLCA Study day was found very beneficial by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk updated that she had passed the first CiLCA module.</p> <p>The Clerk advised she was attending Cemeteries Legal Compliance Training on 6th September 2018.</p> <p>Attendance at training/events.</p> <p>Cllr Sainsbury expressed an interest in the East Sussex ALC AGM & Autumn Conference, 11th October 2018. The Clerk was asked to send out the conference programme. All cllrs AGREED attendance of Cllr Sainsbury if the content of the conference is appropriate.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Sainsbury</p>
87.	Close of meeting at 20.35	
88.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 1st October 2018 in Fletching Parish Church</p>	
89.	<p>Items for the next meeting's agenda</p> <p>To develop a plan for the maintenance and repair of Finger Posts in the Parish</p>	