

# FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Parish Church** on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm**. *The Clerk reported the meeting would be recorded*

## **PUBLIC SESSION - Questions received from the Public:**

A question was raised about a resident in the parish and problems presented by this resident as a neighbour and within the parish. The council advised that there is a process with Wealden District Council for such disputes and that Wealden District Council have been made aware of the issue. It was suggested a diary was kept of any problems.

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204	<b>Members Present:</b> Cllr Peter Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Chris Rothery, Cllr Sam Sainsbury, Cllr Wes Constantinou, Cllr Noel Collum, Cllr Andrew Shaw, Cllr Tristan Elbrick (arrived 19.20). <b>Also present:</b> Lorna Thwaites (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.	
205	<b>Apologies for absence received and approved:</b> District Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Sandy Bone, Cllr Kerwood	
206	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:</b> None were received	
207	<b>Report from County and District Councillors:</b> Precepts are currently being agreed. Wealden are increasing the precept for Fletching by 2.7%. East Sussex are increasing their precept by just over 3% and the Police by 14%.	Cllr Roundell
208	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019:</b> The council <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the minutes as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.	Chairman
209	<b>Councillor Actions since the last meeting of Fletching Parish Council (not included elsewhere in the agenda)</b> a) Hedge Trimming - The hedge cutting shown on Tim Jordan's schedule is an error and there won't be hedge cutting during the bird nesting season. b) Wreath Removal - the Clerk is to request that Cllr Kerwood remove any remaining wreaths	Cllr Constantinou Cllr Kerwood
210	<b>Finance/Administration:</b> <b>1. Finance</b> a) Payments for March were <b>AUTHORISED</b> and the Bank Reconciliation was <b>APPROVED</b> . <b>2. Burial Ground:</b> a) Burial Ground Fees for 2019 - the council <b>RESOLVED</b> to increase fees by 9%. A member of the public asked if there was an area of un-consecrated ground in the Burial Ground. The council are currently in the process of establishing if part of the burial ground is un-consecrated.	Clerk/ Chairman  Full Council Clerk
211	<b>Planning applications:</b> <b>Applications reviewed by councillors with planning responsibility:</b> No applications were reviewed by delegation  <b>To consider the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting:</b> <b><u>WD/2018/2578/F (expiry date for comments 06/03/2019):</u></b> COPWOOD BARN, ROCKS ROAD, UCKFIELD TN22 3PT CHANGE OF USE AND CONVERSION OF EXISTING REDUNDANT BARN TO PROVIDE 1 X 3 BEDROOM AND 1 X 1 BEDROOM DWELLING HOUSES. Comments:	Cllrs with planning responsibility   Full Council

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	<p>It appears to be on the same footprint and using the existing structural pillars of the existing barn. The council questioned if there was an agricultural tie on the land. The council expressed concerns over the amount of garden allocated to the dwelling houses. If the land is deemed as agricultural land it would need to have the increase in curtilage for the dwellings approved. There was nothing seen in the application with regards to the structural detail for the conversion. It was felt that it may not meet the requirements of policy RAS3.</p> <p>The council <b>AGREED</b> to recommend the application should be <b>REFUSED</b>  <b><u>APP/C1435/W/18/3206268 (expiry date for representations 22/03/2019)</u></b>            THE MARLES, NORTH HALL LANE, FLETCHING, TN22 3SA            DEMOLITION OF EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BARN AND ERECTION OF CONTEMPORARY DWELLING, NEW ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.</p> <p>Comments:            The site is in an AONB and the amount of glass that is involved in the design of the dwelling is not appropriate for the area.</p> <p>The council <b>AGREED</b> to recommend the application should be <b>REFUSED</b>  <b><u>WD/2019/0353/F (expiry date for comments 15/03/2019):</u></b>            CLAPWATER BARN, CLAPWATER, FLETCHING, UCKFIELD, TN22 3YA            PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION</p> <p>Comments:            The barn is not a listed building            The barn has already been enlarged and this is a similar enlargement. There is no bat survey or ecological report provided with the application. It is suggested that a report should be provided that allows for adequate protection for bats.</p> <p>The council <b>AGREED</b> to <b>SUPPORT</b> the application subject to receiving and reviewing the suggested ecological reports.  <b><u>WD/2019/0324/F &amp; WD/2019/0325/LB (expiry date for comments 19/03/2019):</u></b>            6 THE COURTYARD, SHEFFIELD PARK, TN22 3QW            INSERTION OF WINDOW ON REAR ELEVATION.</p> <p>Comments:            The building is in the curtilage of a Listed Building. It is crucial that the same stone and frame are used as the existing property.</p> <p>The council <b>AGREED</b> to recommend the application should be <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p>
212	<p><b>Planning decisions received (after the publication of the agenda):</b>  <b>The following planning decisions made by Wealden District Council (WDC) were noted:</b>  <b><u>WD/2018/0820/F</u></b>            EXTENSION TO EXISTING FARM SHOP BUILDING TO INCLUDE NEW FOOD PREPARATION AREA, RETAIL SECTION AND CAFE.            DENNIKER FARM HOUSE, RUSTON BRIDGE ROAD, FLETCHING, TN22 3SH - <b>APPROVED</b>  <b><u>WD/2019/0008/LDE</u></b>            USE OF PIECE OF ADJOINING FARMLAND AS GARDEN            SLUG COTTAGE, DOWN STREET, NUTLEY, TN22 3EH - <b>ISSUED</b>  <b><u>WD/2018/2664/LB</u></b>            REPLACEMENT OF NON-ORIGINAL EXTERNAL TIMBER DOOR WITH NEW SOLID OAK DOOR.            THE STYLE OF THE NEW DOOR HAS BEEN COPIED FROM THE ORIGINAL EXTERNAL DOOR WHICH NOW PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE 'WASH UP ROOM'.            OAK HALL, SHEFFIELD PARK, SHEFFIELD PARK, TN22 3QX - <b>APPROVED</b></p>	Wealden District Council

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213	<b>Correspondence:</b> a) No correspondence was received for discussion	Clerk
214	<b>Policies reviewed and adopted:</b> a) Financial Regulations - <b>RE-ADOPTED</b> with no changes b) Code of Conduct - a new Code of Conduct was reviewed by the Council and was <b>ADOPTED</b> . This will replace the existing Code of Conduct.	Full Council
215	<b>Parish Council Elections May 2019:</b> The council <b>AGREED</b> that councillors would email the clerk in confidence to confirm their nomination intentions. The council <b>AGREED</b> that the election should be promoted via the website and parish magazine.	Full Council Clerk
216	<b>Draft agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019:</b> The council <b>AGREED</b> that agenda should follow the same format as last year and should be finalised once the new council is in place.	Full Council
217	<b>Update on the progress of the phone box at Splaynes Green:</b> A meeting was held with a local resident who is putting together plans and costs for the refurbishment and use of the box. A member of the public put forward a suggestion of creating a local tourist information kiosk in the telephone box, including history of the parish.	Cllr Sainsbury
218	<b>Update on the Pump House Restoration project:</b> Cllr Constantinou is still waiting for written confirmation if the building or the pump are Listed. The Clerk was requested to contact Jo Tucker of the Wealden District Conservation Dept.	Cllr Constantinou
219	<b>Attendance agreed at training/events:</b> No training was agreed <b>Training Attended by the Clerk:</b> A brief report was provided by the Clerk on VAT Training - the essentials and Year End Finance. The Clerk provided the council with an update on her progress on CiLCA. To support the Clerk in achieving this qualification the council <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay her 2 hours of overtime per week to devote to CiLCA studies until the qualification was complete in June 2019.	Clerk
220	<b>Information for noting or including on a future agenda:</b> To move the start time of the meeting from 7pm to 7.30pm	
221	<b>Close of meeting at 20.36</b>	
222	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Fletching Parish Church	Full Council