

# FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at Fletching Village Stores on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm.

Item	Description	Responsible
42253	<b>Members present:</b> Cllr P. Roundell (Chairman), Cllr B. Dickens, Cllr C. Rothery, Cllr S. Bone, Cllr Lady Collum, Cllr D. Kerwood, Cllr I. Setford, <b>Also present:</b> Liz Bennett (Clerk), Bob White (Piltdown Residents Association) 3 members of the public, Roy Galley – County Councillor (late arrival)	
42254	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were accepted from Cllr S. Sainsbury and Cllr T. Elbrick.	
42255	<b>Declarations of interest.</b> No declarations were made.	
42256	<b>Questions from the public.</b> None received.	
42257	<b>Superfast Broadband in Local Areas.</b> It was agreed that this item would be moved up the agenda because the members of the public attended the meeting specifically for this item.  Bob White from Piltdown Residents Association provided an update on the provision of superfast broadband in the parish. Bob has been in touch with East Sussex County Council for the last 18 months to try and understand the position. He now understands that ESCC provide the funding but that BT oversee the roll out schedule. BT have provided the following update for postcodes in the parish:  TN22 3XB, Golf Club Lane, is a partial build and will be completed in late 2019, I am not able to advise at this time which properties will be covered. TN22 3XA, Shortbridge Road, is being built and should be ready in the next quarter i.e. April to June. TN22 3XG, Sharpsbridge Lane, is being built and should be ready in the next quarter. TN22 3XN, A272 Grisling Common / Moses Farm, is not currently in the plans so will not get superfast broadband. TN22 3XD, Foxease (off Shortbridge Road), is in the plans and should be completed sometime in 2019 TN22 3XJ, Shortbridge Road / Lodge Lane, is already able to order superfast broadband.  Verbal confirmation on the 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 by telephone	

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	<p>TN22 3XE Barkham Lane (off Sharpsbridge Lane) 5 out of 8 houses will get Superfast broadband – the 3 houses not getting it are currently unknown. TN22 3YE Fairhazel no build in current plans (another procurement in 2019 is when it will be looked at).</p> <p>FLETCHING</p> <p>Church Road – High Street Tn22 3ss – Cherry Tree Cottages, provision is imminent which hopefully means in the current quarter. Northall Clay Shoot – has it already and must contact their provider.</p> <p>Once the superfast broadband infrastructure is in place at these locations the individual homeowners will need to contact their own broadband provider to get connected to it. There will be a charge for this.</p> <p>Where there are no plans by BT to provide superfast broadband, residents would need to apply for a grant through Community Fibre. BT will contribute what the average house would cost however residents would be expected to contribute the balance.</p> <p>Current estimates range from £25,000 to £50,000, it has been known for work carried out to be as low as £10,000 contribution.</p> <p>Bob was thanked for all his hard work.</p>	
42258	<p><b>Reports of District and County Councillors</b> It was agreed that this item should be delayed until the arrival of Cllr Galley.</p>	R. Galley P. Roundell
42259	<p><b>Minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.</b> An amendment was made to the list of payments that were presented to the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January. The payment to Monica Borton was changed from £260 to £100. Once the amendment was made it was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meetings. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.</p>	P. Roundell
42260	<p><b>Planning applications received prior to the meeting.</b> None received.</p>	
42261	<p><b>Planning decisions.</b> The following decision was noted: - WD/2016/2947/F Single storey rear addition. 2 Vigoes Cottages, Sheffield Green, Sheffield Park. Approved.</p>	
42262	<p><b>Updates on the following initiatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Community Resilience plan</b> Cllr Rothery and Cllr Dickens have created a committee to put together the Community Resilience plan using ESCC guidelines. A notice will appear in Fletching Parish Magazine to ask for volunteers to help in the event of an emergency and to identify individuals who might need assistance. They are also identifying locations around the parish that could act as help points in an emergency. The plan would only be used in extreme situations where the emergency services are unable to help.</li> <li>- <b>Speed limit reductions on Shortbridge Lane and Golf Club Lane.</b> The application for match funding has been submitted and it is understood</li> </ul>	C. Rothery B. Dickens

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	<p>will be reviewed in March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Fingerpost replacement</b> The Clerk is obtaining quotes that are needed as part of the application for match funding. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether sponsorship of fingerposts is a possibility.</li> <li>- <b>New website</b> - The Clerk is making good progress on the development of the new website and hopes that it will go live in the next few weeks.</li> <li>- <b>First Responders.</b> The meeting was postponed and so Cllr Bone will provide a report at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>S. Bone</p>
42263	<p><b>Management and future management of the recreation ground.</b> There is nothing to report at this stage and so the item will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	
42264	<p><b>Proposed churchyard management plan.</b> Cllr Bone queried why the Parish Council manage the burial ground when the PCC manage the churchyard. The churchyard is now closed for burials and the PCC could have asked the Parish Council to maintain it, but have chosen not to. The management of the burial ground by the Parish Council is a long-standing arrangement.</p> <p>The proposed plan for managing the grass in the churchyard and burial ground will be discussed at the next meeting when Nigel Symington from the PCC can attend.</p>	
42265	<p><b>Community Speed Watch.</b> This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	S. Sainsbury
42266	<p><b>Posts at Splaynes Green.</b> Some of the posts have been knocked down at Splaynes Green. It was agreed that these will not be replaced unless cars start to park on there, in which case it will be reviewed.</p>	
42267	<p><b>Reports from County and District Councillor.</b> This item had been delayed due to the late arrival of County Councillor, Roy Galley, who had been held up at another meeting.</p> <p><b>East Sussex County Council.</b> Cllr Galley reported that the ESCC budget will be agreed this week and that the County Council portion of council tax will rise by 4.9%, with 3% being used exclusively for adult social care. Funds have also been allocated to drainage and to help with school funding issues.</p> <p>Cllr Galley also reported that Highways will be carrying out some repair work along Mill Lane. It was suggested that potholes should be repaired more thoroughly and sealed so that the repairs are more long lasting. Cllr Galley asked that this be referred to the next SLR meeting.</p> <p>There was a further exchange about Broadband issues and Cllr Galley was asked to help push for broadband in the areas not currently in the BT plan. It was suggested that ESCC and BT should work more closely on the on the plan.</p>	

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	<p><b>Wealden District Council.</b> Cllr Roundell reported that the spring clean will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk was asked to obtain some spring clean kits.</p> <p>Cllr Roundell reported on the Steel Cross planning appeal decision which now enforces the WDC restrictive policy towards planning and the protection of the Ashdown Forest.</p>	Clerk																																																												
42268	<p><b>Appointment of internal auditor.</b></p> <p>It was resolved to appoint Peter Frost from Peter J Consulting as the internal auditor and to follow the guidelines in the NALC publication “Governance and Accountability in Local Councils”.</p>																																																													
42269	<p><b>Locations for bulb and wild flower planting.</b></p> <p>ESCC have offered to plant bulbs and wild flowers in the parish. The following locations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The triangles at Barkham Lane, Golf Club Lane and Lodge Lane</li><li>- Surrounding the Piltdown sign</li><li>- The verge along the recreation ground</li><li>- Splaynes Green</li></ul>	Clerk																																																												
42270	<p><b>Reports from meetings and training attended.</b></p> <p>Cllr Dickens attended the meeting at the Bluebell Railway to discuss the forthcoming visit from the Flying Scotsman from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of April. The event is likely to attract thousands of visitors to the area.</p> <p><b>Attendance at training/events.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the AiRS Funding Workshop will be attended by Cllrs Sainsbury, Bone and Dickens. The ESALC Spring Conference will be attended by Cllrs Sainsbury and Bone. Cllr Dickens agreed not to attend.</p>																																																													
42271	<p><b>Administration, payments and bank reconciliation.</b></p> <p>The bank reconciliation was noted. It was resolved that the Parish Council would add £75 to the funds distributed to local causes from the Fletching Festival, thus making the total up to £1000. The following payments were approved:</p> <table><tr><td>ES Pension Fund</td><td>Clerk’s pension</td><td>BACS</td><td>£166.55</td></tr><tr><td>Elizabeth Bennett</td><td>Salary</td><td>BACS</td><td>£473.49</td></tr><tr><td>Mid Sussex Websites</td><td>Updates</td><td>BACS</td><td>£50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Elizabeth Bennett</td><td>Expenses</td><td>BACS</td><td>£12.04</td></tr><tr><td>Fletching Recreation</td><td>Grant</td><td>BACS</td><td>£530</td></tr><tr><td>Fletching PCC</td><td>Grant</td><td>BACS</td><td>£720</td></tr><tr><td>Village Stores</td><td>Use of stores</td><td>BACS</td><td>£25</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">*Distribution of funds from festival:</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">- Recreation Ground</td><td></td><td>£200</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">-Forget me knot</td><td></td><td>£200</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">-Fletching Scouts</td><td></td><td>£100</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">-Fletching Bonfire Society</td><td></td><td>£400</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">-Fletching Village Hall</td><td></td><td>£50</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">-Fletching Art Group</td><td></td><td>£50</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ES Pension Fund	Clerk’s pension	BACS	£166.55	Elizabeth Bennett	Salary	BACS	£473.49	Mid Sussex Websites	Updates	BACS	£50.00	Elizabeth Bennett	Expenses	BACS	£12.04	Fletching Recreation	Grant	BACS	£530	Fletching PCC	Grant	BACS	£720	Village Stores	Use of stores	BACS	£25	*Distribution of funds from festival:				- Recreation Ground			£200	-Forget me knot			£200	-Fletching Scouts			£100	-Fletching Bonfire Society			£400	-Fletching Village Hall			£50	-Fletching Art Group			£50					
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42272	<p><b>Information for noting or including on a future agenda.</b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to add the possible removal of the birch trees from Fletching Burial Ground to the agenda of the next meeting.</p>	Clerk																																																												

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42273	Close of meeting	P. Roundell
42274	<b>Date of next meetings.</b> Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 8pm Fletching Village Hall. Meeting will be held only if required to consider planning applications. Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm in Fletching Village Hall.	

Draft minutes subject to confirmation.