

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Parish Church** on **Monday 5th March 2018 at 7pm.**

Item	Description	Responsible
223.	Members present: Cllr Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Dickens, Cllr Kerwood, Cllr McGowan, Cllr Sainsbury Also present: Liz Bennett (Clerk), Roy Galley (ESCC and WDC) 5 members of the public.	
224.	Apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr N. Collum, Cllr C. Rothery, Cllr T. Elbrick, Cllr S. Bone	
225.	Declarations of interest. Cllr Sainsbury declared a personal interest in planning application WD/2018/0297/BR because she is a friend of the applicant.	
226.	Questions from the public. A representative from Woolpack Farm read a letter that had previously been circulated to Councillors. The contents of the letter were noted. It was stated that Woolpack Farm has no tenants. The Clerk confirmed that minute 216 will be amended to remove the word "tenant". The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had passed on reports that it had received of activities at Woolpack Farm to Wealden District Council. They are the planning authority and the Parish Council has no further involvement.	
227.	Report from County and District Councillors. Roy Galley provided a report including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ESCC will be considering the future of public libraries and hope to make them more accessible and community related.- The Local Plan has been delayed until June because Natural England have asked for some more work to be done in connection with the Ashdown Forest.	
228.	Minutes of the meetings held on 5th February 2018. It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 5 th February 2018 as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.	
229.	Planning applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WD/2018/0240/F Land at Mark Street, Bell Lane, Nutley, TN22 3PD. Erection of timber stables, sand school and change of use of land. It was agreed to recommend this application for refusal because the proposal would be detrimental to the area and would cause increased traffic, having a negative impact on the Ashdown Forest.	

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	<p>There is no provision for parking or access track and no water supply. It is unclear whether this is for private or commercial use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WD/2018/0343/F Snatts Cottage, Ruston Bridge Road, Fletching. Part single, part two storey rear extension and associated roof and internal alterations. As previously approved but amended to show revised roof over single storey extension and removal of previously proposed chimney, render to part of rear elevation. The amendments are not significant and so the proposal was recommended for approval. - WD/2018/0297/BR Old Farm. Barkham Lane, Piltdown. Retrospective application for roof repairs and woodworm treatment. Recommended for approval. - WD/2018/0116/F The Grange, Rear of The Peacock inn, Shortbridge, Piltdown. Change of use to residential. There has been insufficient time for the Councillors to visit and consider the application fully prior to the meeting. The recommendation will be delegated in accordance with Standing Orders to two of the Councillors with planning responsibility plus the Clerk. 	
230.	<p>Planning decisions. The following decisions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WD/2017/2881/F Proposed agricultural general-purpose building, Ketches Farm, Ketches Lane, Sheffield Park. Approved. - WD/2017/2875/F Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. Kalmia, Sheffield Park, Uckfield. Approved. 	
231.	<p>Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finances. The Clerk distributed the financial report showing the payments for approval, the receipts and the bank reconciliation. It was resolved to approve the payments and the report was signed by the Chairman and is attached to these minutes. - Burial Ground applications. The applications were noted. 	
232.	<p>ESCC proposed cuts to grass cutting service. It was agreed that no action is required. The proposed cuts will have minimal impact in the parish.</p>	
233.	<p>Essential work carried out at the burial ground and salt purchase. The Clerk reported that some essential maintenance work had to be carried out at the burial ground since the last meeting. In accordance with Standing Orders, the Clerk consulted with the Chairman and Vice Chairman before proceeding. The Vice Chairman also purchased some salt during the snow, after consultation with the Clerk and Chairman. These actions were noted.</p>	
234.	<p>Phone boxes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ownership of phone box at Tanyards Lane/ A275. Cllr Sainsbury will determine whether the phone box is available for adoption and report back at the next meeting. - Update re the phone box at Splaynes Green. Splaynes Green residents are being consulted on whether they would like to convert the phone box into a notice board/ book exchange. Their views will be reported to the next meeting so that the Parish Council can decide whether to ask to adopt the phone box from the Community Heartbeat Trust. 	S. Sainsbury Clerk
235.	<p>Refurbishment of fingerposts in the parish. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain quotes for refurbishing the fingerposts</p>	S. Sainsbury Clerk

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	and confirm the financing or sponsorship possibilities. An article can then be placed in the parish magazine to ask for sponsorship.	
236.	Annual Parish Meeting. A provisional date of Tuesday 8 th May was agreed and representatives from the Ashdown Conservators will be asked to speak. The Clerk will confirm availabilities before the date is finalised.	Clerk
237.	Councillor responsibilities. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting when more Councillors will be present. It was agreed that "Business and Tourism" and "Youth" could be removed from the list.	Clerk
238.	Sign at Cherry Cottages entrance to the burial ground. Delegated authority, up to £100, was given to the Clerk and Cllr Dickens to purchase a sign that will encourage walkers to use the correct route across the recreation ground.	Clerk Cllr Dickens
239.	Recording of crime in the parish. It has previously been agreed that the Clerk should maintain a log of crime and traffic accidents in the parish. It is not possible for members of the public to add items directly to the website, but they can notify the Clerk. An item was placed in the parish magazine a while ago about this, but the Clerk will place another in the next edition.	Clerk
240.	Fletching Recreation Ground project. Cllr Roundell and Cllr McGowan hope to meet with representatives from the Village Hall to discuss the project.	P Roundell M McGowan
241.	Document Retention Strategy. The document retention strategy is based on a model from SALC. The strategy was approved by the Parish Council.	
242.	Reports from meetings and training attended. None received.	
243.	Information for noting or including on a future agenda. The following items will be added to the next agenda: - new grit bins at Splaynes Green - revival of the Parish Council newsletter - repairs to the Pump House.	Clerk
244.	Close of meeting	
245.	Date of next meeting. - 9 th April at 7pm in Fletching Village Hall.	