

Clerk: Liz Bennett

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Minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at Fletching Village Hall on Monday 4th September at 7pm.

Item	Description	Responsible
109.	<p>Members present: Cllr P. Roundell (Chairman), Cllr B. Dickens, Cllr S. Sainsbury, Cllr C. Rothery (late arrival), Cllr N. Collum (late arrival), Cllr S. Bone (late arrival).</p> <p>Also present: Liz Bennett (Clerk), County Councillor Roy Galley and six members of the public.</p>	
110.	<p>Apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr D. Kerwood.</p>	
111.	<p>Declarations of interest. No declarations were received.</p>	
112.	<p>Co-option of a new member of the Council. Michael McGowan was co-opted to join the Parish Council. He was not able to attend this meeting but will join the next one.</p> <p>(Cllr C. Rothery arrived)</p>	
113.	<p>Questions from the public. The following questions were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could the Parish Council minutes be published in the Fletching Parish Magazine? It was thought that there is not enough room in the magazine to do this, but the minutes are posted on Parish Council website and on the notice board outside the village hall. - Could a permanent football net be placed on the recreation ground for children to play with because at the moment, they kick a ball against a cricket sight screen which is being damaged? This is a matter for the Recreation Ground committee but the Parish Council will suggest it to them. - Could the email to Wealden District Council showing the Parish Council support for the application to list the Rose and Crown as a community asset be posted on the website? This was agreed. <p>(Cllr Collum arrived)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parish Council was asked to give residents warning of when weed killing was to be carried out in the High Street so that they could avoid the area with their pets. This was agreed. <p>(Cllr Bone arrived)</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WD/2017/1892/LDE (Certificate of lawful development application for existing use). Stationing of residentially occupied mobile home. Mallig Farm, Down Street, Piltdown. Cllr Dickens confirmed that the mobile home has been occupied for more than 10 years. It was agreed to recommend that the mobile home should be tied to agriculture so that it can only be used by people associated with the farm. - WD/2017/1384/F The Marles, North Hall Lane, Fletching. Demolition of existing agricultural barn and erection of contemporary dwelling, new access, landscaping and associated infrastructure. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this application and when a vote was taken, 2 voted in favour of it, 1 voted against it and three Councillors abstained. So, whilst the Parish Council do not object in principle the following points and concerns were raised during the discussion which the Clerk was asked to pass on to Wealden District Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the new building will not be on the same site as the existing barn, but it is understood that this was to preserve two old oak trees. - the footprint of the new building is larger than the existing barn, but it is understood that this is because it will be a one and half storey building that will lie low on the land to reduce the impact. - the glass will be clearly visible from the road especially during winter. - the main concern is that the site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and that the modern design of the building is out of character and not appropriate for the area. - WD/2017/1814/F Replacement of existing porch on street front with new. Removal of porch on south front and replacement with window. Remodelling of the east and south elevations of the single storey service wing to include new steps and porch. Removal of modern partitions on ground floor and restoration of southern chimney breast and fireplaces. Alterations to bathrooms at first floor level. Remove bathroom at second floor level and form new bathroom in another room. Clinton Lodge, High Street, Fletching. Cllr N. Collum declared a prejudicial interest because she submitted this application and the Parish Council declined to comment. 	
118.	<p>Planning decisions. The following decisions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - .WD/2017/0953/LB Installation of a new gas central heating system. 4 Cawnpore Cottages, High Street, Fletching. Approved. - WD/2017/1040/F Two and single storey extensions. The Nest, Shortbridge Road, Piltdown. Approved. - WD/2017/1359/F Increase curtilage and build garage for use with property. The Shed, Mill Lane, Fletching. Approved. - WD/2017/1146/F Garden room to rear of property. North Lodge, Bell Lane, Fletching. Refused. - WD/2017/1440/LBR Retrospective application for provision of a shower room and bath in the attic. 2 Corner Cottages, High Street, Fletching. Approved - WD/2017/0606/F Remove three buildings and erect three detached dwellings and car ports. Flitteridge Farm, Daleham Lane, Fletching. Refused. 	
119.	<p>Grant application from Fletching Recreation Ground Charity. Fletching Recreation Ground Charity has applied for a grant of £740 for two replacement windows. It is understood that the work has already been</p>	

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	<p>completed although the grant application states that work will not commence until the grant is received. The Parish Council is concerned that the Recreation Ground request grants every year and that it should be more self-sufficient. This request is for maintenance work that the Charity should be able to cover. As a one-off gesture of good will the Parish Council agreed to pay a grant for half the amount requested i.e. £370.</p> <p>Cllr Sainsbury asked for it to be recorded that she did not agree with paying the grant because the Charity should not be reliant on the Parish Council each year and it should raise their fees, if necessary, to cover their own costs.</p>	Clerk
120.	<p>Burial Ground Maintenance:</p> <p>-New grass cutting specification for 2018-2021. Cllr Dickens and the Clerk have reviewed and revised the grass cutting schedule which was circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to accept the new schedule which will be used for obtaining quotes for the new contract starting next year.</p> <p>- Other maintenance work required to Yew trees. Cllr Collum has advised that the Yew hedge in the burial ground requires regenerating and has provided a specification for the work. It was resolved to obtain quotes with a view to starting the work next spring.</p>	B. Dickens
121.	<p>Street cleaning schedule. The street cleaning schedule has also been revised and was circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to accept the new schedule and to have the next street clean in the spring.</p>	B. Dickens
122.	<p>Grant request from Uckfield FM. The Parish Council is unclear of the reach of Uckfield FM and of the community benefits that it brings to Fletching. After some discussion, it was agreed that Uckfield FM should be invited to a Parish Council to explain more about their service and how it benefits parish residents.</p>	
123.	<p>Reports from meetings and training attended. None received.</p> <p>Attendance at training/events. Cllr Sainsbury will be attending the SSALC conference, this has already been agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk can attend the Burial Ground training day by SSALC in February at a cost of £60.</p>	
124.	<p>Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finances. The Clerk distributed the report showing the payments for approval, the receipts in August 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. - Approval of burial ground/ memorial applications. None received. 	
125.	<p>Information for noting or including on a future agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible grant application from PCC. The Clerk has received a request for advice regarding a grant application that the Church would like to submit for repairing the footpaths in the churchyard. It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot legally contribute to the maintenance of Church premises and that the PCC should be paying for the upkeep of Church 	Clerk

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	<p>premises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Security at Piltdown. Piltdown Residents Association has raised concerns at a recent spate of burglaries in the area. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the next meeting. - First Responders. Cllr Bone reported that she will be attending a First Responders meeting on 20th September. - Strengthening Local Relationships. The next Highways SLR meeting is on Monday 11th September. 	
126.	Close of meeting	
127.	<p>Date of next meetings. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October at 7:30pm in Fletching Parish Church.</p> <p>A SCAMS presentation will be given at 8pm on Thursday 14th September in Fletching Village Hall.</p>	

Fletching Parish Council Finances 4th September 2017

Payments for approval

Ref	Method	To	For	Amount
35	BACS	Mr B. Dickens	Travel expenses	12.60
36	Chq01	Nice N Tidy	Grass Cutting	650.00
37	BACS	Elizabeth Bennett	Salary	493.80
38	Chq02	Mrs S. Bone	Councillor allowance	62.61
39	BACS	Mr B. Dickens	Councillor allowance	62.61
40	Chq 03	Mr S. Sainsbury	Councillor allowance	72.61
41	BACS	HMRC	Income tax – quarterly	433.95
42	BACS	East Sussex Pension Fund	Clerk's pension	177.05
43	BACS	Elizabeth Bennett	Expenses	28.29

There were no receipts in August.

Fletching Parish Council Bank Reconciliation 31st August 2017

Balance per bank statements as at 31st August 2017		Cashbook	
FPC Current Account	4758.21	Opening balance	30267.51
FPC Festival Account	24.97	Add receipts in year	16244.75
	31554.6		-
FPC Savings Account	8	Less payments in year	9904.87
FPC War Memorial Account	421.35		
FPC Maryon-Wilson Account	498.18		
Less unpresented cheques			
Nice N Tidy	-650		
	36607.3		36607
Net Balance	9	Balance	.39

Signed by Chairman of PC meeting 4/9/17