

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at Fletching Village Hall on Monday 7th August 2017 at 7pm.

Item	Description	Responsible
90.	Members present: Cllr B. Dickens (Vice Chairman and Chair of this meeting), Cllr S. Bone, Cllr D. Kerwood, Cllr N. Collum. Also present: Liz Bennett (Clerk), 5 members of the public.	
91.	Apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr P. Roundell, Cllr C. Rothery and Cllr T. Elbrick. It was suggested that the Chairman should speak to Cllr Elbrick to enquire whether his work commitments will continue to prevent him from attending meetings.	P. Roundell
92.	Declarations of interest. No declarations were made.	
93.	Questions from the public. - The Parish Council was asked if it would support the latest application to list the Rose and Crown as an asset of community value. The Parish Council has previously agreed to support this and the Clerk was asked to write to Wealden District Council to confirm support for the application. - The Parish Council was asked if it would use a Compulsory Purchase Order to purchase the Rose and Crown to save it from residential development. This will be put on the agenda of the September Parish Council meeting.	Clerk Clerk
94.	Report from County and District Councillors The Councillors were not present.	
95.	Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2017. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and fair record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.	B. Dickens
96.	Update on the sale of the Rose and Crown. The first application to list the Rose and Crown as an asset of community value was rejected by Wealden District Council and a second application has been submitted by a community group. A petition has been signed in support of the application by 127 people. As agreed in the public session, the Clerk will write to Wealden District Council to support the application.	Clerk
97.	Resignation of Councillor Ian Setford. The resignation was noted and the Parish Council wished to record thanks to Cllr Setford for his service on the Parish Council. The vacancy has been advertised and if no election is requested then co-option can take place in	

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98.	<p>Planning applications.</p> <p>a. WD/2017/1613/LB Femoys, High Street, Fletching. Construction of front porch and infilling of garage side window. It was resolved to recommend this application for approval.</p> <p>b. WD/2017/1556/F for Land at Copwood Pool, Rocks Road, Uckfield. Proposed surrender of lawful recreational use of land, demolition of buildings, removal of mobile home, and construction of a single storey 2- bed dwelling house. The new dwelling is larger than the existing mobile home but it is still small and well screened. It was resolved to recommend this application for approval.</p>	
99.	<p>Planning decisions.</p> <p>The following decisions were noted:</p> <p>a. WD/2017/1128/F Demolition of the existing dwelling and its replacement with a 2 storey dwelling. Little Ferrers, Batts Bridge Road, Piltdown. Approved.</p> <p>b. WD/2017/1012/LB Extension of existing servery. Sheffield Park Garden, Sheffield Park. Application withdrawn.</p> <p>c. WD/2017/0926/F To construct a footbridge over the River Ouse, Sheffield Park and Garden. Approved.</p> <p>d. WD/2017/1035/F Two storey extension to house and extension and provision of pitched roof outbuilding. Fairhazel Farmhouse, Piltdown, Uckfield. Approved.</p> <p>e. WD/2017/1231/F Remove external timber stair. Extend the rear of the existing garage in matching materials to enclose new access stair. Use of existing loft as ancillary sleeping accommodation. Bull Cottage, Ketches Lane, Sheffield Park. Approved.</p>	
100.	<p>Grant application from Fletching Recreation Ground Charity.</p> <p>The additional quotes requested by the Parish Council have not been received and so this item will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
101.	<p>Removal of the tree at the burial ground.</p> <p>At the last meeting a quote was accepted, but it did not include stump grinding and so the quotes need to be reconsidered. It was resolved to accept the quote from Simon Young.</p>	Clerk
102.	<p>Weed killing.</p> <p>Two quotes were considered and it was resolved to accept the quote from Brook Hart.</p>	Clerk
103.	<p>Revised standing orders including new delegation scheme.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to amend paragraph 25c under "Delegation", so that the final sentence reads "This would only include matters of public safety". This makes the delegation of urgent matters less open ended. With this amendment, it was resolved to accept the revised standing orders.</p>	Clerk
104.	<p>Reports from meetings and training attended.</p> <p>None received.</p> <p>Attendance at training/events.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Scams awareness session will be held on 14th September at 8pm in Fletching Village Hall.</p>	Clerk

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105.	<p>Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finances. The Clerk distributed the financial report showing payments for approval, receipts in July 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. <p>The Clerk also reported that the cheque written to the “Art Group” as part of the festival grants had to be re-written payable to “Yvonne Thomas”, because the Art Group do not have their own bank account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memorial application. The application for the re-inscription of the stone for Richard and Daphne Hall was approved. 	
106.	<p>Information for noting or including on a future agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Bone reported that Maria Caulfield MP has agreed to write in support of establishing a local First Responders team which will help when applying for funding. - The Clerk’s holiday dates were noted. 	
107.	Close of meeting	
108.	<p>Date of next meeting. 4th September at 7pm in Fletching Village Hall.</p>	

Fletching Parish Council Finances 7th August 2017

Payments for approval

Ref	Method	To	For	Amount
29	Chq 230	Nice n Tidy	Grass cutting 14/7 and 16/6	650
30	DD	Wealden District Council	Installation of new dog bin	600
31	BACS	Elizabeth Bennett	Salary (includes backpay for pay rise)	550.57
32	BACS	East Sussex Pension Fund	Clerk's pension	199.77
33	BACS	Global Tree Care	Burial ground hedge tidying	240.00
34	BACS	Elizabeth Bennett	Expenses including laptop repairs	94.20

Receipts in July, for noting.

From	For	Amount
East Sussex County Council	Fingerpost grant	247.50

Fletching Parish Council Bank Reconciliation 31st July 2017

Balance per bank statements as at 31st July 2017		Cashbook	
FPC Current Account	5813.45	Opening balance	30267.51
FPC Festival Account	24.97	Add receipts in year	16244.75
FPC Savings Account	33554.68	Less payments in year	-8170.33
FPC War Memorial Account	421.35		
FPC Maryon-Wilson Account	498.18		
Less unrepresented cheques			
Barry Dickens	-20.7		
Nice n Tidy	-650		
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Net Balance	38341.93	Balance	38341.93

Signed, Chairman of PC Meeting 7th August 2017