

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Village Hall** on **Monday 7th January 2019 at 7pm.**

Item	Description	Responsible
159	Members Present: Cllr Peter Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Noel Collum, Cllr Chris Rothery, Cllr Sam Sainsbury, Cllr Sandy Bone, Cllr Dan Kerwood, Cllr Wes Constantinou, Cllr Andrew Shaw. Also present: Lorna Thwaites (Clerk), Roy Galley (ESCC and WDC Councillor) and 6 members of the public.	
160	Apologies for absence None received. Cllr Elbrick was absent.	
161	Declarations of interest. The following personal interests were declared with regards to Agenda Item 7 - planning application WD/2018/1964/F: Cllr Sainsbury lives opposite Moons Farm; Cllr Rothery has a connection via a shoot he is involved with who purchase wheat from Randle's Farm; Cllr Roundell knows the applicant's family.	
162	Terms of the Public Session. The Clerk reported the meeting would be recorded.	
163	Questions from the Public. A member of the Piltdown Residents Association (PRA) made a request for the Parish Council to support the Great British Spring Clean and to fund a flyer to be inserted into the Parish Magazine (Agenda Item 9a). The PRA are looking for volunteers from the Fletching part of the parish to support the Great British Spring Clean which the PRA will co-ordinate. A question was raised regarding planning application WD/2018/1964/F Moons Farm, Sharpsbridge Lane as to whether this might one day become a business/shooting lodge and the impact this would have. A question was raised regarding the project to refurbish the Pump House. The Council advised that no decisions have been made at this stage as it is in very early days of planning. The view was noted that the current housing hides the pump from view.	
164	Report from County and District Councillors. WDC and ESCC are currently in consultation over expansion at Gatwick Airport through increasing the number of flights through technical measures or by bringing the standby runway back into use. Wealden DC response is that for environmental reasons they prefer the first option which is the smaller expansion.	P. Roundell R. Galley
165	Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018. It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.	P. Roundell
166	Finance/Administration. 1. Finance a) Payments for January were AUTHORISED and the Bank Reconciliation was APPROVED . 2. Burial Ground: Interment of Ashes - the Council RESOLVED to approve the request for the interment of cremated remains in a wooden or bio-degradable casket.	Clerk
167	Planning applications. Applications reviewed by councillors with planning responsibility - comments sent to WDC were noted:	Cllr Collum Cllr Rothery

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	<p>WD/2018/2599/F DENNIKER COTTAGE, RUSTON BRIDGE ROAD, FLETCHING, TN22 3SH Description: GROUND & FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION. Comments sent to WDC 27 Dec 2018: The Council consider this is over development as it is very considerably greater than the original footprint. The extension of the bedroom over the new conservatory is acceptable but the extension from the cloakroom to form an extra bathroom will be too high bearing in mind the proximity of the neighbour. The neighbour's development is a single storey, but this is a double storey and considered to be over dominant. The Council's recommendation is to REFUSE this application because the development so far has been enough.</p> <p>WD/2018/2396/LB & 2395/F 2 ROBINS CROSS, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SX Description: NEW REAR EXTENSION AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS. Comments sent to WDC 28 Dec 2018: In principle the Council has no objection to this rear ground floor extension to the listed property to improve living space. The proposed extension is not visible to the public and does not affect the neighbouring property to the north, although there could be some effect on a small ground floor window of the neighbouring property to the south.</p> <p>Cllr Lady Noel Collum did not visit this property as the Collum Trust owns the house next door.</p> <p>To consider the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting: Application No. WD/2018/1964/F Expiry date for comments: 9 January 2019 MOONS FARM, SHARPSBRIDGE LANE, PILTDOWN TN22 3XG Description: PROPOSED CONVERSION OF EXISTING REDUNDANT BARN TO FORM A NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND ERECTION OF NEW GARAGE. Comments from Fletching Parish Council in respect of this application: There are concerns in relation to the size of the conversion as there are no specific details on sizing and no comparison with the original building on the planning documents. There are concerns over the presence of oak trees on the road side and the closeness of the footings required for the house and it is suggested that an arboricultural survey will be required. No report has been provided regarding the increased movement of traffic across Ashdown Forest (Policies RAS2 and AF1). A habitat report has not been provided with the application. Concerns were raised as the application states that it is for the conversion of a barn which has redundant agricultural use although the barn is in use (Policy RAS2 - replacement of agricultural buildings for residences). The application shows no request for increased curtilage into the agricultural land for cars or garden (policies RAS2 - DV111). The council has concerns over the design and overdevelopment. There are large plate glass windows some of which overlook a neighbouring property. The Council RESOLVED to recommend that the application should be REFUSED.</p> <p>Cllrs Sainsbury, Rothery and Roundell who had declared a personal interest remained in the room for the discussion.</p>	<p>Cllr Constantinou</p> <p>Full Council</p>
168	<p>Planning decisions received: The following planning decisions made by Wealden District Council (WDC) were noted: WD/2018/1691/F SPLAYNES GREEN FARM, NORTH HALL LANE, FLETCHING TN22 3SA</p>	

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	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DILAPIDATED SHEDS AND ASSOCIATED POULTRY FARM BUILDINGS AND THE ERECTION OF A TWO-STOREY DWELLING WITH ACCOMMODATION IN THE ROOF AND DETACHED GARAGE. Wealden District Council APPROVED the above application on 24 December 2018. <i>Received after the agenda had been published:</i>	
169	Correspondence: a) PRA Great British Spring Clean - The Piltdown Residence Association are looking for volunteers from Fletching to support the Great British Spring Clean. The Council RESOLVED to fund their request for £61 to produce a flyer insert for the Parish Magazine which will promote the event and request volunteers to support the event. b) Wealden Citizen Advice - the Clerk was requested to contact Wealden Citizen Advice with a view to them attending a meeting later in the year.	Clerk
170	To choose the level of Parish Councillors Allowances to implement for 2019/20. The Parish Council received the report of the Wealden Parish Remuneration Panel on Town and Parish Councillor Allowances 2019/20. It RESOLVED to implement Level 1 allowances for the financial year 2019/20 with a Basic Allowance of £163 and Chairman's Allowance of £281. This allowance is payable to elected councillors should they choose to claim it.	
171	To receive the new pay scales for 2019/20 and to agree the Clerk's spinal column point (SCP) The Council received the 2019/20 National Salary Award. It RESOLVED to adopt the recommended pay scales when the Clerk's salary is reviewed in July 2019.	
172	To agree the 2019/20 Budget and Precept The Council RESOLVED to increase the precept for 2019/20. The average Band D household will pay £53.60 which is an increase of £1.72. Cllr Shaw proposed that the Council adopt a budget creating a surplus of 10%. Cllr Shaw agreed to send a response to current budget by email to the Clerk.	Cllr Shaw Cllr Shaw
173	To receive the timetable for Elections 2019 The Council received the timetable for Elections 2019. The Clerk advised she will be attending an Elections Briefing in February.	Clerk
174	Update on Fletching Recreation Ground project. No further progress was reported.	Cllr Roundell
175	Update on the progress of the phone box at Splaynes Green. Cllr Kerwood agreed to gain 2 further quotes with regards to securing the base of the telephone kiosk.	Clerk Cllr Kerwood
176	To receive an update on the Pump House Restoration project Cllr Constantinou is to discuss restoration options for discussion at the next council meeting.	Cllr Constantinou
177	To progress the Data Subject Access Request The Clerk updated the Council on the process and the action taken to-date	Clerk
178	Attendance agreed at training/events. The Clerk's attendance at Year End Finance Training 28 Feb 2019, Sackville House, Lewes, £65+VAT was APPROVED .	Clerk
179	Information for noting or including on a future agenda. To approve the 2019/20 Budget. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Kerwood for the next meeting	Cllr Shaw/Clerk Cllr Kerwood
180	Close of meeting at 20.35	
181	Date of Next Meeting Monday 4 th February 2019 in Fletching Village Hall	