

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Village Hall** on **Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.30pm**. *The clerk reported the meeting would be recorded*

PUBLIC SESSION - Questions and comments received from the public:

A member of the public (also a member of the Piltdown Residents Association (PRA)) reported to the Council that the PRA have undertaken checks on the footpaths in Piltdown. These have resulted in these footpaths being in a good state of repair. Any issues, repairs required and blockages on footpaths have been reported to East Sussex County Council. Members of the Parish Council expressed thanks to the PRA for this work in the Parish.

Item	Description	Responsible
126.	<p>Members Present: Cllr Rothery (Chairman), Cllr Collum, Cllr Minch, Cllr Shaw (arrived 19.36), Cllr Hannay, Cllr Borton, Cllr Greenish, Cllr Kerwood.</p> <p>Also present: District Cllr Galley, Lorna Thwaites (Clerk and RFO) and 1 member of the public.</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Were accepted from Cllr Sainsbury.</p>	Chairman
127.	<p>Declarations of interest in respect of matters to be discussed: Cllr Hannay declared his interest as a school governor in agenda item 6:3 (i) Grants - Fletching Primary School. Cllr Rothery declared an interest in the purchase of Fletching stores; agenda item 7 - Planning Applications - Fletching Stores.</p>	Full Council
128.	<p>Report from the District Councillor: <i>East Sussex County Council (ESCC)</i> The decision of the ESCC consultation on the proposal to close Fletching CE Primary School is expected to be 10th December although it may be postponed to 23rd December. <i>Wealden District Council (WDC)</i> The waste contract with Kier is going extremely well. WDC is currently working on a plan to react effectively to climate change.</p>	District Cllr Galley
129.	<p>Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 07th October 2019: The council RESOLVED to accept a minor typing amendment to agenda item 112 (i) para 2 (year 2021/2020 amended to 2021/22) and the proposal of Cllr Hannay to insert the words 'Learning Materials' into sentence 1, para 1, agenda item 112 (ii). The Clerk made these changes and the Chair signed the minutes as an accurate record.</p>	Chairman
130.	<p>Matters arising since the last meeting of Fletching Parish Council:</p> <p>i) The Council discussed the request of a member of public to ask ESCC to lower the speed limit to 20mph on the High Street. The Council NOTED the information that Cllr Sainsbury had emailed to the Clerk in her absence - this matter had previously been raised at a SLR meeting and details on how these matters are considered by East Sussex Highways were provided. Cllr Galley advised that speed checks are the first step of ESCC when assessing speed limits and often these show that the average speed is in keeping with the speed limit. Such surveys are done at the expense of the Parish Council. The Council NOTED that Speed Watch has recently started on the road into the village. The Council RESOLVED to raise the matter again at the next SLR meeting.</p> <p>ii) The poppy wreath for Memorial Sunday was RECEIVED by the Parish Council. The Chairman AGREED to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>iii) The Council RECEIVED an update on the East Sussex consultation on the proposal to close Fletching CE Primary School from Cllr Hannay: Cllr Standley visited the school on 04 November and confirmed that the consultation decision would not be made on 10th December and the date of 23rd Dec was being considered; 72 children were on roll on Census Day; the DofE have confirmed</p>	Full Council

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	<p>to the school that they could expect to receive £27.5k from the increased funding- a 1-year announcement for the next financial year; the School House Trust has pledged to provide £20k to be delivered over 2 financial years (the school are currently pending formal confirmation of the financial years for receipt of this funding).</p> <p>Cllr Hannay AGREED to circulate to all Council Members information on the current financial situation of the school.</p>	
131.	<p>Finance/Administration:</p> <p>1. Finance</p> <p>i) Payments for November were AUTHORISED and the bank reconciliation NOTED.</p> <p>ii) The first draft of the FPC annual budget for financial year 2020/21 was discussed and AGREED. Cllr Shaw advised that the Leche and Smith Charity are looking for opportunities to fund bursaries supporting people within the Parish. The Clerk was asked to send contact details for the Forest School After School sessions to Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>2. Burial Ground</p> <p>i) It was RESOLVED that no fee(s) are applicable to replace a headstone and for restoration works to be undertaken at another grave.</p> <p>ii) Burial Ground activity- the Clerk advised the Council that an interment was booked for 6th November.</p> <p>iii) A report on the Land Registration of the Burial Ground was circulated by Cllr Greenish prior to the meeting. Some areas of the land title are not currently registered to the Parish Council. The Council AGREED that Cllr Greenish should request a quote from Ian Davidson, Surrey Hill Solicitors.</p> <p>v) The Clerk is still pending quotes from Tim Jordan for additional items to the Grass Cutting specification.</p> <p>vi) The Clerk advised the Council that she had been in touch with Alex from Brook Hart and was pending a date for the works authorised in the Burial Ground.</p> <p>3. Grants</p> <p>i) The grant request from Fletching CE Primary School for day-time Forest School sessions was re-submitted by Cllr Hannay in his role as a School Governor. The Forest School sessions are to be held during terms 3 & 4, Spring term 2020 and the grant requested is £1440. Council Members discussed current allocation of funds to grants from the 2019/20 budget and any unallocated budget. The Council RESOLVED to support the grant with a contribution of £558.</p> <p><i>Cllr Hannay did not vote but remained in the room.</i></p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Cllr Shaw</p> <p>Cllr Greenish</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hannay</p>
132.	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p><i>To note comments made by delegation to the following applications:</i></p> <p><u>WD/2019/1955/F</u> (<i>Expiry date for comments:16 October 2019</i>)</p> <p>HIGHFIELD, DOWN STREET, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XX</p> <p>MOBILE TIMBER DWELLING TO PROVIDE LIVE/WORK UNIT</p> <p><i>Comments from Fletching Parish Council:</i></p> <p>Cllrs have visited the site. They are concerned that it is a substantial building in a green field but do appreciate that it might be necessary to house the dogs who are undergoing therapy. It is not in the AONB therefore we feel that the Council will SUPPORT the application but only subject to strict conditions. The building cannot be used for permanent residential occupation. It can be occupied only in connection with Canine Hydrotherapy It must be removed in the vent of the</p>	<p>Cllrs with delegated Planning responsibility</p>

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	<p>business ceasing to operate. The consent should be time limited to 5 years which means the applicant would need to re-apply for any further consent.</p> <p>To consider the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting: <u>WD/2019/2238/F</u> (Expiry date for comments: 15 November 2019) FLETCHING STORES, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SS USE OF UPPER LEVEL FLAT AS A SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL UNIT OF ACCOMMODATION, INDEPENDENT FROM THE GROUND FLOOR SHOP.</p> <p><i>Comments from Fletching Parish Council:</i> The Parish Council believe the shop to be a very important asset to the Parish and the Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application <i>Cllr Rothery did not comment or vote but remained in the room.</i></p> <p><u>WD/2019/2277/F</u> (Expiry date for comments: 21 November 2019) FOXLEASE, SHORTBRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XD DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGES, PROPOSED SINGLE-STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND REPLACEMENT GARAGE.</p> <p><i>Comments from Fletching Parish Council:</i> The property can only be seen by the golf course and it is well screened by trees. DC18.5.98 - the application is considered appropriate in character and the impact on the house will be negligible. The footprint is almost the same and should have no impact on neighbours. The garages are being moved to make them more part of the house, but the height is not noticeably higher and not felt to present any particular issues. The Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.</p>	Full Council
133.	<p>To receive the following planning decisions from Wealden District Council: <u>WD/2019/1226/F</u> MAPLE PARK LODGE, GOLF CLUB LANE, PILTDOWN, UCKFIELD, TN22 3XB REMOVE EXISTING ROOF, REPLACE WITH SINGLE SPAN ROOF INCLUDING DORMER WINDOWS. APPROVED <u>APP/C1435/W/19/3228738</u> Land adjacent to 4 Brewers Row, Church Street, Fletching TN22 3SJ - APPEAL ALLOWED AND PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED <u>WD/2019/1409/F & 1410/LB</u>- HOLMESDALE FARMHOUSE, BELL LANE, FLETCHING, TN22 3YB PROPOSED PORCH EXTENSION, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SHED AND NEW STABLES WITH GARDEN MACHINERY STORE. APPROVED <i>Cllr Galley left the meeting 20.50</i></p>	WDC
134.	<p>Highways Matters:</p> <p>i) The Clerk advised that the invoice for the Splaynes Green Grit Bin and license had been received and the invoice was APPROVED at the meeting.</p> <p>ii) The Council RESOLVED to purchase grit refills for other grit bins in the Parish if required.</p> <p>iii) Grass cutting option with ESCC for 2020. The Council AGREED to move this item to the next Council meeting and the Clerk was asked to request maps showing the cuts proposed.</p>	Clerk Full Council Full Council
135.	<p>Correspondence Received:</p> <p>i) Fletching Stores Update - RECEIVED and NOTED</p>	Full Council
136.	<p>Projects:</p> <p>i) PUMP HOUSE:</p> <p>a) The Council AGREED that no further steps were required at this present time.</p> <p>ii) FINGERPOSTS:</p> <p>a) Cllr Kerwood highlighted the problems with the fingerpost at Splaynes Green. The Council AGREED to carry forward this agenda item.</p>	Cllr Minch Cllr Sainsbury

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	<p>b) The Council AGREED that any maintenance work on remaining posts prior to full renovation should be discussed and undertaken in the new year.</p> <p>iii) SPLAYNES GREEN PHONE BOX RESTORATION:</p> <p>a) Cllr Sainsbury in her absence had emailed the Clerk stating that a meeting would be held in February for work to be scheduled in summer 2020. Cllr Kerwood suggested the phone box needed under-pinning. Cllr Rothery AGREED to discuss next steps with Cllr Sainsbury. <i>Cllr Shaw left the meeting 21.05</i></p> <p>iv) RECREATION GROUND:</p> <p>a) An update on discussions with the Fletching Recreation Ground Committee was RECEIVED and the following two options were suggested by Cllr Greenish - to maintain the existing charity with the Parish Council acting as a trustee or to transfer the ownership to the Parish Council. It was AGREED that Cllr Greenish would request an estimate from Ian Davidson, Surrey Hill Solicitors.</p> <p>v) PILTDOWN VILLAGE GATEWAYS:</p> <p>a) Cllr Borton presented a proposal to the Parish Council on behalf of the PRA. The Council NOTED that the project was started by the PRA as an initiative to slow traffic speed and that the PRA have agreed to put money aside for future maintenance of the gateways.</p> <p>b) The Council RESOLVED to have the PRA install gateways in the Parish, with ownership and maintenance to remain the responsibility of the PRA. The PRA are to progress with the license application. The Council expressed thanks for the work the PRA have undertaken on this project.</p> <p>vi) PARISH WALKS:</p> <p>a) Cllr Minch is still progressing with the walks and some volunteers have come forward.</p> <p>vii) EMERGENCY PLAN:</p> <p>a) Cllr Rothery AGREED to review the existing plan and to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Sainsbury/Cllr Rothery</p> <p>Cllr Greenish/Cllr Rothery</p> <p>Cllr Borton</p> <p>Cllr Minch</p> <p>Cllr Rothery</p>
137.	<p>Content for the next Parish Magazine: An update on the recently renovated Fingerposts</p>	Full Council
138.	<p>Training/Events:</p> <p>i) Wealden Parish Conference, 6 Nov 2019. £30pp. No further requests to attend were received.</p> <p>ii) ESALC Autumn Conference 10th October 2019 - Cllr Sainsbury had been unable to attend.</p>	Full Council
139.	<p>Meeting Dates 2020/21</p> <p>i) Dates for Ordinary Meetings Jan 2020 to Apr 2021 were RECEIVED and AGREED</p>	Full Council
140.	<p>Items for the next parish council meeting: To invite the new Rural Crime PCSO for Sussex Police to a meeting of the Parish Council</p>	Full Council
141.	Close of meeting at 21.28	
142.	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2 nd December 2019 - 7.30pm, Fletching Village Hall	Full Council