

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Village Hall** on **Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7pm.**

Item	Description	Responsible
137	Members Present: Cllr Peter Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Noel Collum, Cllr Chris Rothery, Cllr Sam Sainsbury, Cllr Sandy Bone, Cllr Tristan Elbrick, Cllr Dan Kerwood, Cllr Wes Constantinou, Cllr Andrew Shaw. Also present: Lorna Thwaites (Clerk), Roy Galley (ESCC and WDC Councillor) and 4 members of the public.	
138	Apologies for absence None received.	
139	Declarations of interest.	
140	Terms of the Public Session. The Clerk reported the meeting would be recorded.	
141	Questions from the Public. A concern was raised over the speed of traffic travelling down Fletching High Street. The Council advised that a new Speedwatch point has been agreed coming into Fletching village. However more volunteers are required for Speedwatch to be really effective and to run regular traffic monitoring sessions. The Council suggested that the member of the public speak directly to East Sussex County Council to raise their concerns. Cllr Sainsbury AGREED to raise the possibility of a Speedwatch site in the middle of Fletching. Sites put forward need to be approved by the Police.	Cllr Sainsbury
142	Report from County and District Councillors. <i>East Sussex County Council (ESCC):</i> The focus at present is on the budget and defining the Core Offer. ESCC are lobbying for when the fairer funding formula comes out in a couple of years' time, asking for demographic factors to be taken into consideration (East Sussex has a higher number of residents 85years and older which should be considered). The Local Government Funding Settlement was expected on 6th December but it may be put back due to Brexit. Cllr Galley has presented to the ESCC scrutiny commitment around funding issues for small schools. Schools need to enter into formal partnerships with other schools to provide economies of scale. Fletching School is in partnership with Chailey. Speeding - Cllr Galley recommended Speedwatch to help with Fletching traffic issues. Number of killed and seriously injured is slightly down. The County Council has £1m of Public Health Money, mainly to fund an education campaign going into schools and colleges but also for engineering works. They have identified 10 locations up and down the County as accident hazard areas and they will introduce some more measures to improve safety. <i>Wealden District Council (WDC)</i> Budget proposals are due shortly. The next cabinet meeting is on 12th December when Cllr Galley will be taking two papers: one is on the waste contract - the new company has been chosen on quality and money and came top on both and a recommendation to charge for garden waste (approx. £50 per year); the other is a paper for reducing single use plastics and things that can be done internally at Wealden District Council.	P. Roundell R. Galley
143	Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018.	P. Roundell

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	It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.	
144	<p>Finance/Administration.</p> <p>1. Finance</p> <p>a) Payments for December were AUTHORISED.</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliation: The Clerk advised the Council that HSBC has not yet provided her with access to the online account and that the bank reconciliation would be circulated as soon as possible.</p> <p>2. Burial Ground:</p> <p>a) Request for burial plot in un-consecrated area of Burial Ground</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that Cllr Kerwood would speak to Barry Dickens to establish if he has any knowledge of an un-consecrated area of Fletching Burial Ground</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Kerwood</p>
145	<p>Planning applications.</p> <p><i>Applications reviewed by councillors with planning responsibility - comments sent to WDC were noted:</i></p> <p>WD/2018/1468/F & 1469/LB HOLMESDALE FARMHOUSE, BELL LANE, FLETCHING, TN22 3YB PROPOSED SINGLE-STOREY PORCH EXTENSION, EXISTING GARAGE ALTERATIONS, AND PROPOSED NEW SINGLE-STOREY DETACHED STABLES AND GARDEN MACHINERY STORE. <i>Comments sent to WDC 27 Nov 2018</i> The important thing is that this is in the AONB. The stables will probably be seen from the road. They are almost larger than the house and we are concerned about the height which could be seen from the house. There have been buildings here in the past, but they were agricultural. These are for horses which are domestic not agricultural. We are concerned about the movement of the horses bearing in mind the proximity to the Ashdown Forest. There is no grazing attached to the house, merely a gentleman's agreement to use a nearby paddock. If this agreement collapses the horses will have to be moved by vehicles. We are also concerned for the access for tractors to remove the waste from the horses. Does this mean another entrance for access will be required? The porch is not appropriate for a listed building. There are no other external developments on this listed building.</p> <p>WD/2018/2092/F & 2093/LB CHURCHGATE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SS ALTERATIONS TO FORM A GLAZED ROOF AND PARAPET WALL TO EXISTING BRICK COURTYARD TO BECOME A BOOT ROOM; REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT AND DECORATION OF WINDOWS AND FRONT DOOR; ALTERATIONS TO MASTER BEDROOM TO FORM A VAULTED CEILING; REMOVAL OF INSET WOOD-BURNING STOVE AND FLUE IN MASTER BEDROOM/BATHROOM; REPLACEMENT OF INSET WOOD-BURNING STOVE IN KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND REMOVAL OF FLUE; AND NEW FLUE FOR AGA. <i>Comments sent to WDC 27 Nov 2018</i> No objection. Recommend for approval.</p> <p>To consider the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting:</p> <p>WD/2018/0818/F BARKHAM FARM, GOLDBRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XL DEMOLITION OF TWO EXISTING BARNs AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DWELLINGS, ACCESS, PARKING AND RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGES (SUBSEQUENT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION CONSENTS WD/2016/1028/P04 AND WD/2016/0188/P04 FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM TWO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS TO</p>	<p>Cllr Collum Cllr Rothery Cllr Constantinou</p> <p>Full Council</p>

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	<p>TWO C3 DWELLINGS) Additional Plans received showing the revised internal access arrangements, revised location of proposed dwellings to facilitate a smaller residential curtilage. Plans dated November 15. <i>Comments to WDC 5 Dec 2018</i> The dwellings have been moved forward to gain access behind the property and for a garden. It will be very visible from the village. The Council recommend to REFUSE based on the same reasons as previously stated for this application.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw arrived</p> <p>WD/2018/2145/F LAND ADJACENT TO 4 BREWERS ROW, CHURCH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3SJ DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOP BUILDINGS. CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW, DETACHED DWELLING WITH NEW VEHICULAR HIGHWAY ACCESS, ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING WORKS Comments The land is not in AONB. There is a concern that the new dwelling is larger footprint than the current industrial building. The plans are for a 5-bedroom house. The entrance is very wide. There is no provision for domestic paraphernalia - garages, sheds, greenhouses etc. It is outside a development boundary. It is a conversion of a brownfield site. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this development on a brownfield site subject to meeting any conditions of the new Wealden Draft Local Plan (policies WLPT 10 and WRAS 3) and the footprint not being larger than the current industrial building.</p>	
	<p>Planning decisions received: The following planning decisions made by Wealden District Council (WDC) were noted: Application No. WD/2018/1331/FR STAR HOUSE, DOWN STREET, PILTDOWN TN22 3XU RETROSPECTIVE ALTERATION OF EXISTING RIGHT OF ACCESS FOR THE USE OF STAR COTTAGE FOR VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND EGRESS ONTO/OFF DOWN STREET AND THE CREATION OF NEW CROSSOVER TO BE CARRIED OUT BY APPROVED CONTRACTOR. WDC has decided to APPROVE the above application on 7 November 2018.</p> <p>Application No. WD/2018/1060/F OUSE MEADOW CAMPSITE, TROFFGATE FARM, EAST GRINSTEAD ROAD, NORTH CHAILEY, TN22 3QL USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AS A SEASONAL NON-FIXED CAMPSITE FOR UP TO 40 PITCHES. TEMPORARY PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL OR EASTER WEEKEND WHICHEVER EARLIER TO 30TH SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR. WDC has decided to APPROVE the above application on 12 November 2018.</p> <p>Application No. WD/2018/1304/F POUND FARM, SHEFFIELD GREEN, SHEFFIELD PARK TN22 3RB CONVERSION OF BARN TO RESIDENTIAL DWELLING The above application on was WITHDRAWN on 13 November 2018.</p> <p><i>Received after the agenda had been published:</i> Application No. WD/2018/1490/FR WOOLPACK FARM, BELL LANE, FLETCHING TN22 3YB RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION TO HAY BARN FOR USE AS AN AGRICULTURAL STORE.</p>	

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	<p>WDC has decided to REFUSE the above application on 27 November 2018.</p> <p>Application No. WD/2018/1248/F PILTDOWN POULTRY, FAIRHAZEL, PILTDOWN, TN22 3YE EXTENSION TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE TO INCLUDE NEW ACCESS, DEMOLITION OF REDUNDANT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF 3 BAY CAR PORT. EXTENSION TO EXISTING DRIVEWAY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO ADJOINING LAND. The above application was WITHDRAWN on 30 November 2018.</p>	
146	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) Shooting Range Concern An unsigned letter had been received by the Council detailing an encounter with a shoot whilst walking on a footpath between Fletching Church and Mallingdown Farm. Cllr Rothery declared an interest as he is involved in a local game shoot and was aware that a local farm were having an informal clay pigeon shoot close to the footpath on the day in question. The BASC Shooting code was referred to. It was AGREED that the Clerk should send a letter to the local farm to highlight the concerns that had been raised.</p>	Clerk
147	<p>Update on refurbishment of Pump House Renovation project. It was RESOLVED to move this item forward to the council meeting in January.</p>	Cllr Constantinou
148	<p>Update on Fletching Recreation Ground project. Cllr Roundell met with John Shaw and Richard Cossens regarding Fletching Recreation Ground (FRG) and the possibility of it being managed by Fletching Parish Council. Fletching Parish Council need to consider if they have the capacity and will to become more involved in the Recreation Ground. FRG have been in touch with the Charities Commission to establish if the constitution could be amended so that Fletching Parish Council becomes the Trustee (it is currently the Custodian Trustee). The Council RESOLVED to receive a proposal from FRG on how things might work in the future and to continue the discussions and dialogue between Fletching Parish Council and Fletching Recreation Ground.</p>	Cllr Roundell
149	<p>Repair of Fingerposts within the Parish of Fletching. A first quote has been received however there are concerns over the guarantee they offer. Further quotes are to be gained in time to meet the deadline for ESCC match funding.</p>	Cllr Sainsbury
150	<p>Budget The Council reviewed the 2018/9 current budget and discussed the key priorities for 2019/20. The Council RESOLVED to increase the precept with an inflationary increase. It was AGREED that Cllr Shaw and Cllr Sainsbury would work with the Clerk/RFO to finalise the budget</p> <p><i>Cllr Galley left the meeting</i></p>	All councillors Clerk Cllr Sainsbury Cllr Shaw
151	<p>Update on the progress of the phone box at Splaynes Green. Cllr Kerwood provided a quote for the repair of the phone box base and declared an interest in the quote. There might be a live electricity connection that needs to be considered before any work can be undertaken. Cllr Kerwood AGREED to obtain further quotes for the work on the base. The Council RESOLVED the kiosk should become a Book Box (lending library). It was AGREED to discuss this item further at the January meeting.</p>	Clerk Cllr Kerwood
152	<p>Purchase of a photographic archive: It was RESOLVED that no offer could be made at this stage</p>	Cllr Kerwood

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153	Council Meeting Dates 2019: The Chair is not available 4 th March and 1 st April and will send his available alternative dates to the Clerk. The Clerk was requested to circulate these dates for consideration.	Cllr Roundell
154	Attendance agreed at training/events. No course or events were put forward for approval at this time.	
155	Information for noting or including on a future agenda. No items were raised.	
156	Close of meeting at 21.03	
157	London Protocol The Council RESOLVED to allocate a budget of £200.	Cllr Rothery
158	Date of Next Meeting Monday 7 th January 2019 in Fletching Village Hall	