

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held at **Fletching Parish Church** on **Monday 1st October 2018 at 7pm.**

Item	Description	Responsible
90	Members Present: Cllr Peter Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Noel Collum, Cllr Chris Rothery, Cllr Sam Sainsbury, Cllr Sandy Bone, Cllr Wesley Constantinou, Cllr Dan Kerwood Also present: Lorna Thwaites (Clerk), Roy Galley (ESCC and WDC Councillor) and 3 members of the public.	
91	Apologies for absence Cllr Tristan Elbrick was absent.	
92	Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.	
93	Terms of the Public Session. The Clerk reported the meeting would be recorded.	
94	Questions from the Public A member of the public asked what powers are held by the Parish Council over noise and vibrations resulting from building works in the village. The Chairman stated that no powers are held by the Parish Council and any complaints should be directed to the Planning Enforcement Department of Wealden District Council.	
95	Report from County and District Councillors. Cllr Roy Galley provided a report including the following: <i>East Sussex County Council:</i> Budget Planning – the current emphasis is on defining the Core Offer when building the budget for 2019/20. People Scrutiny Committee – the committee plans to tackle sexual offences against children of which there are approx. 500 per year in Sussex. Looked After Children Services in East Sussex was recently awarded Outstanding by Ofsted Cllr Galley is chairing a review of how schools will look in 2 years' time with a report due in November. Key thing to note – small schools can no longer work alone and will need to work with other local schools to share resources. <i>Wealden District Council:</i> Waste collection has improved a little. Other contractors have been employed if required. A decision will be made in November over the new contract – 3 firm tenders have been received. The Wealden District Local Plan is out for representations	P. Roundell R. Galley
96	Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd September 2018. It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman subject to the Minute 85 (3.2) to read: <i>Cllr Rothery is meeting Sonia Harriyott and will ask if she has knowledge of this part of the Burial Ground.</i>	P. Roundell
97	Applications for the office of Parish Councillor and co-option of a candidate to fill the existing vacancy. No applications have been received It was AGREED to re-advertise the vacancy	Clerk

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98	<p>Unallocated councillor responsibilities and current cllr responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leches and Smiths nominative trustee for 4 years No trustee was appointed by the Council. The Clerk was asked to advertise the role of trustee in the next Parish Magazine, on the Parish Council noticeboard and website. - Planning responsibility The council RESOLVED to carry this forward until a further councillor has been appointed. Cover was offered by Cllr Roundell if required. - Review & update councillor responsibilities list – the council AGEED to carry this item forward until a further councillor had been appointed. 	Clerk
99	<p>Planning applications. WD/2018/1691/F SPLAYNES GREEN FARM, NORTH HALL LANE, FLETCHING TN22 3SA 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. Comments: An observation was made that the height of the building was not shown on the plans and may be of concern due to the height required to allow for accommodation in the roof.</p> <p>Notices of planning decisions received (for information only): WD/2018/1452/F STEEL PORTAL FRAME BUILDING TO PROVIDE LIVESTOCK HOUSING AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE. BLACK VEN FARM, DOWN STREET, NUTLEY TN22 3EH Approved</p>	
100	<p>Correspondence: <u>Grass Cutting 2019</u> – East Sussex County Council –it was RESOLVED to remain with 2 urban cuts per year, undertaken by the County Council. <u>Jazz in the Village</u> – the Clerk was asked to pass this correspondence to the Village Hall <u>Rag Solutions Int.Ltd</u> – a discussion was held over the merits of having textile banks for clothes recycling in the Parish. Concerns were raised over the space required for siting a bank and lorries used to empty the banks. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries. <u>Issues for SSALC meeting with Giles York, 16 Nov</u> – the councillors AGREED the following questions to be put forward for the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the Police doing to ensure safety in rural areas – concerns are held about lack of presence of police and concern over security in rural areas? - What actions are the Police taking over speeding issues within the Parish? <u>Parish Conference</u> – Wed 5th December, Hailsham Civic Community Hall – all councillors noted the date. The Clerk is to send the agenda out as soon as it is received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
101	<p>Proposals for the phone box at Splaynes Green and actions required. Cllr Sainsbury updated the council about the current state of the phone box. Cllr Kerwood offered to view the site and see what works might be needed to underpin the phone box. The Clerk has requested the contract from Community Heartbeat which needs to be reviewed by the Council prior to any work being undertaken on the phone box.</p>	Cllr Kerwood
102	<p>Report on repairs needed to the Pump House. Cllr Constantinou has visited the Pump House and provided the Council with an update its current state of repair.</p>	

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	<p>It doesn't appear to have had maintenance for many years and the frame looks rotten, although the building is structurally sound. Cllr Constantinou believes it has had a new roof at some point.</p> <p>He expressed a view that there were two options facing the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To leave the Pump House as it currently is and make minor repairs. 2 Replace with a completely new structure. <p>The second option would incur significant costs.</p> <p>The Council asked Cllr Constantinou to gain an initial idea of costings to re-build the Pump House whilst retaining the existing metalwork and character of the structure.</p> <p>The Councillors expressed thanks to Cllr Constantinou for repairing damage to the bus stop on Lodge Lane and A272.</p>	Cllr Constantinou
103	<p>Fletching Recreation Ground project.</p> <p>John Shaw of the Fletching Recreation Ground Management Committee (FRG) spoke at the meeting to provide an update on Fletching Recreation Ground.</p> <p>There are currently only 4 members on FRG. They are having a meeting in November to discuss how the Recreation Ground might be managed in the future.</p> <p>One item of equipment in the playground is currently in disrepair and taped off for safety reasons.</p> <p>John Shaw had spoken with Maresfield Parish Council and provided the Council with an update on how Maresfield manage their Recreation Ground.</p> <p>The Councillors AGREED to look at the Maresfield model with a view to how this might work in Fletching. Cllr Kerwood and Cllr Rothery to lead on this project.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Maresfield Parish Council for their Recreation Ground Constitution and Remit.</p>	Cllr Rothery and Cllr Kerwood Clerk
104	<p>State of repair of Fingerposts within the Parish of Fletching.</p> <p>Cllr Sainsbury reported that there are 7 fingerposts in the Parish, 5 of which are needing refurbishment with some showing signs of rot.</p> <p>The Council discussed the possibility of considering local sponsorship and adoption of Fingerposts to help with the cost of their refurbishment and ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>A request was made to also include the Flood Marker post in this project.</p>	Cllr Sainsbury
105	<p>To consider the purchase of a local photographic archive.</p> <p>The council held a discussion over the opportunity to purchase a private photographic collection. It was AGREED that Cllr Kerwood should discuss the price of this collection with the seller to enable the Council to reach a decision.</p> <p>Cllr Galley left the meeting</p>	Cllr Kerwood
106	<p>The purchase of Royal British Legion Centenary Wreaths.</p> <p>Cllr Rothery is working on a project researching 30 people from Fletching who died serving in WW1. 27 houses in Fletching have been identified as their former homes.</p> <p>Cllr Rothery put forward a proposal to remember their contribution by placing a wreath on the front doors of these homes (subject to homeowner approval) approx. 2 weeks prior to remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>Fletching Parish Council RESOLVED to support this project and to contribute £250 towards the purchase of the wreaths.</p>	Cllr Rothery
107	<p>Finance/Administration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The financial report showing the payments for approval, the receipts and bank reconciliation were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman. It is attached to these minutes. b. The HSBC bank mandate confirming Lorna Thwaites as the Proper Officer of Fletching Parish Council was signed. 	

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	<p>c. It was AGREED to renew AirS subscription at the start of their membership period in 2019.</p> <p>2. Burial Ground</p> <p>a. The request for a grave surround was REFUSED as it is against the regulations of Fletching Burial Ground.</p> <p>b. A request for interment on 16th October 2018 was APPROVED</p> <p>c. Although not on the agenda, the Clerk brought to the Council's attention a request for a memorial plaque. The Council asked for the correct forms to be submitted for approval.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct for Cllr Constantinou was signed and witnessed</p>	Clerk
108	<p>Reports from meetings and training attended.</p> <p>A brief report was received from the Clerk on training attended - Cemeteries Legal Compliance Training & Budget Planning and Precept Setting. Both courses were considered beneficial by the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Bone – attended the Ashdown Forest Conservators meeting.</p> <p>Attendance at training/events.</p> <p>Attendance at the following training courses was AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections and Co-options Briefing, 12 Feb 2019, Wellshurst Golf Club - Cllrs Briefing and Awareness Training 30th Oct, Wellshurst Golf Club – Cllr Constantinou. - Engaging and Empowering Communities, 2nd Nov, Wealden Council Offices – Cllr Bone and Cllr Sainsbury 	Clerk Cllr Constantinou Cllrs Bone and Sainsbury
109	<p>Information for noting or including on a future agenda.</p> <p>Budget Setting 2019/20</p> <p>Meeting Dates 2019</p> <p>Cllr email specific email addresses</p>	
110	<p>Close of meeting at</p> <p>20.50</p>	
111	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 5th November, 7pm in Fletching Village Hall</p>	