

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the meeting of Fletching Parish Council held in ***Fletching Village Hall*** on **Monday 9th April 2018 at 7pm.**

Item	Description	Responsible
246	Members present: Cllr Roundell (Chairman), Cllr Dickens, Cllr Bone, Cllr Sainsbury, Cllr Rothery, Cllr Elbrick, Cllr McGowan, Also present: Liz Bennett (Clerk), Roy Galley (WDC and ESCC Councillor), 3 members of the public.	
247	Filming and recording of meetings. The Clerk referred members of the public to the Parish Council's filming and recording of meetings policy. Members of the public have a right to film or record the meeting but are asked to inform the Council to help protect the interests of other members of the public present.	
248	Apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Collum and Cllr Kerwood.	
249	Declarations of interest. No declarations were received.	
250	Questions from the public. The Council was asked if "residents parking" signs could be placed in Cherry Cottages. This was raised at a recent meeting with Highways. The Parish Council is not allowed to place notices on the public highway and it would not be enforceable. Highways suggested that residents could place polite notices within their own boundary. The Council was asked why Witches Lane is not one way. There is nowhere for cars to pull. This will be put on the agenda of the next meeting with Highways on 4 th June. The potholes along Bell Lane are quite bad and nothing seems to be happening about them. The potholes have all been logged with Highways. Cllr Sainsbury agreed to chase progress. Cllr Elbrick was challenged on the accuracy of his Register of Interest form. There was a heated discussion. The member of the public was told that this meeting is not the correct forum for such a discussion and he was asked to inform the Monitoring Officer at Wealden District Council if he wishes to make a complaint against a Councillor. Cllr Elbrick was also challenged regarding work that he was said to be carrying at 2 Naseby Cottages. The member of the public confirmed that he was recording the meeting but had not informed the Council of this.	Clerk S. Sainsbury

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	<p>The discussion became heated. The Chairman took the decision to close the meeting due to disruptive behaviour.</p> <p>The member of the public left the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman re-opened the meeting.</p>	
251	<p>Report from County and District Councillors.</p> <p>Mr Galley provided his report. He was asked to thank Wealden DC for the recent road cleaning in the village. He was also asked if the Wealden DC contractors who mow the grass on the verge by the Village Hall could remove their grass cuttings.</p>	
252	<p>Minutes of the meetings held on 5th March 2018 and amendment to minute 216 (5th February 2018).</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March and the amended minute 216 from 5th February as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
253	<p>Planning applications.</p> <p>To note the following delegated decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WD/2018/0116/F The Grange, Rear of The Peacock inn, Shortbridge, Piltdown. Change of use to residential. This application was recommended for refusal due to the increased traffic and detrimental environmental impact. - WD/2017/2872/F Drapers, High Street, Fletching. Demolish existing ancillary outbuildings and construct new outbuilding incorporating single garage, secure tool/garden equipment storage, garden amenity room with showering. There is no objection to this application. 	
254	<p>Planning decisions.</p> <p>The following decisions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WD/2017/2881/F Proposed agricultural general-purpose building, Ketches Farm, Ketches Lane, Sheffield Park. Approved. - WD/2017/2875/F Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. Kalmia, Sheffield Park, Uckfield. Approved. - WD/2017/2955/F Proposed single storey barn extension, replacement garage, new drieway and courtyard. Wilmshurst, Fletching. Approved. - WD/2018/0343/F Part single, part two storey rear extension and associated roof and internal alterations, as previously approved, but amended to show revised roof over single storey extension and removal of previously proposed chimney, render to part of rear elevation. Snatts Cottage, Ruston Bridge Road, Fletching. Approved. - Application No. WD/2017/2429/F. Demolition of existing building and erection of new detached dwelling with associated new access and parking and turning area. Land Adjacent To Lawrences, North Hall Lane, Fletching. Approved. - Application No. WD/2018/0297/LBR. Retrospective application for roof repairs and woodworm treatment. Old Farm, Barkham Lane, Piltdown. Approved. 	
255	<p>Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finances. The Clerk distributed the financial report showing the payments for approval, the receipts and bank reconciliation. It was resolved to approve the payments and the report was signed by the Chairman and is attached to these minutes. 	

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	- Burial ground applications. There were none.	
256	Grant request from Fletching PCC. The Clerk was asked to request that the PCC provide 3 quotes for the work they carry out.	
257	Phone boxes: - Ownership of the phone box at Tanyards Lane/ A275. This phone box is just inside the parish boundary but has been adopted by Danehill Parish Council. The Clerk has asked Danehill if they have any plans for the phone box. They are considering this and will keep us updated. - Phone box at Splaynes Green. Cllr Dickens will check whether Splaynes Green resident's association are prepared to carry out the work if the Parish Council provide the materials. This will be added to the next agenda.	B. Dickens
258	Emergency planning issues arising from cold spell including provision of salt bin at Splaynes Green. A note was put in the last parish magazine to ask if residents could let the Parish Council know of any issues that arose during the last cold spell that the Parish Council might be able to help with. There has been no response to this request. It was agreed that a new salt bin will be purchased for Splaynes Green at a cost of up to £60 plus delivery. The Clerk will arrange this and obtain permission from Highways regarding its location.	Clerk
259	Repairs needed to Pump House. Cllr Dickens is waiting for a quote for the work and so this item will be carried over to the next agenda.	B. Dickens
260	Fletching PC newsletter. It was agreed that the Parish Council will draft a newsletter which will be full colour A4 double sided, with a view to producing it every 6 months. The newsletter will focus on Parish Council activities. Cllr Sainsbury and the Clerk will lead on this, but all Councillors were asked to contribute their ideas and articles. Distribution options will be investigated.	S. Sainsbury Clerk
261	Parish Council risk assessment. The Clerk proposed some minor changes to the Parish Council risk assessment which were approved. The Clerk was also asked to incorporate some minor amendments from Cllr McGowan. The final version will be circulated by the Clerk.	Clerk
262	Councillor responsibilities. It was agreed that Cllr Rothery and Cllr Kerwood will continue to represent the Parish Council on the Fletching Recreation Ground committee. Cllr Dickens reported that he is on the Fletching Village Hall committee as a representative of the Bonfire Society and not as a representative of the Parish Council. Cllr Bone agreed to represent the Parish Council on this committee. The Clerk will write to the Fletching Village Hall committee to clarify the position. Other small amendments were made to the list of the Councillor Responsibilities. The Clerk will circulate the final version. It was also noted that if the Parish Council has approved a quotation and work	Clerk

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	to be carried out then Councillors cannot act individually to change the specification.	
263	<p>Fletching Recreation Ground project. The Village Hall committee has emailed to say that they would not be in support of moving the existing village hall.</p> <p>It was agreed that it is important not to pre-judge the views of other groups within the parish and that there is still value in holding a “visioning” meeting to understand the views of the community. Whether to proceed with the project and the direction that it could take should be based on firm discussion and evidence, which could also be used during discussions with the Charity Commission or to support grant applications. It was agreed to proceed to the next stage by beginning to plan the Visioning meeting. This will have broad representation from across the community and will help to shape the options that can be put to residents for consideration.</p> <p>It was agreed that a pre-meeting will be held with AiRS to plan the visioning meeting and that the expectations and outcomes from the meeting should be made very clear to AiRS.</p>	
264	<p>Reports from meetings and training attended. None received.</p> <p>To agree attendance at training/events. - Wealden Code of Conduct training. Most Councillors attended the original sessions and so no one will be attending this event. - Cllr Bone will be attending the Wealden District Council training event on Persuading and Influencing on 17th April 2018 at a cost of £20. - Cllr Bone will attend the Good Neighbour Scheme meeting at Newick Community Centre on 24th April.</p>	S. Bone
265	<p>Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held on 8th May 2018 at 7pm in Fletching Parish Church. Ashdown Conservators will be presenting on their work.</p>	
266	<p>Information for noting or including on a future agenda. The Clerk was asked to add the following items to the next agenda: - Proposal to hold the public session before the PC meeting starts, in line with many other parishes.</p>	Clerk
267	Close of meeting	
268	<p>Date of next meetings. - 8th May, 7pm, Annual Parish Meeting in Fletching Parish Church. - 14th May, 7pm, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in Fletching Village Hall.</p>	