



## NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023,  
at Mannings Heath Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Bryant (Chair), Cllr C Kenny (Vice Chair), Cllr V Court, Cllr K McGovern, Cllr M Oswell-Penton, Cllr S Catterall, District Councillor Dennis Livingstone.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Wilcock (Locum Clerk) and 14 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr W Bayley, Cllr Sara Maynard, County Councillor Nigel Jupp.

**269-23/24 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **noted** apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllr W Bayley.

**270-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**271-23/24 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**272 – 23/24 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

It was **resolved** to co-opt David Cotton on to the Council. Co-option papers were passed for completion.

**273 – 23/24 COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Open Spaces on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Planning meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was **proposed** to hold the meetings so that the shorter meeting is first, this was agreed.

**274 – 23/24 CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting with PC Neil Durkin – feedback from Police meeting. No problems with Mannings Heath to report. CAGNE Gatwick 2<sup>nd</sup> runway proposal – agenda for next meeting. Chair to produce update for Link Magazine it was proposed for Clerk write a minutes summary.

**275-23/24 PUBLIC SESSION**

One member of the public made an objection to one aspect of the new playground and commented on the handling of the playground issue by the Chairman of the Council. Noted the website needs the minutes from July and August uploading. Local Plan update was requested and the District Councillor agreed to do so.

**276-23/24 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

District Cllr Dennis Livingstone provided an update for councillors and residents: NP and LP the Regulation 19 documents should be published in early January 2024 which is currently being put through for approval. How it impacts the area the DC cannot say. Council plan is basically what the HDC will do from 23 – 27 and the Fresh Vision for Horsham District which

Dennis support. It sits by the annual plan. Supporting people and the communities with the aim for people to flourish and have fun. Net zero Council by 2030 HDC held in high regard for rewilding, farming and recycling. Thriving economy, keep high streets thriving, with restaurants, cinemas and keeping it an entertainment area, museum, always listening, learning and improving, local democracy has to be more than a vote every 4 years.

Environment – Steve Hill WSCC Fiona Williams Carbon Busters and Owen Hydes, inadvertent mowing of grass areas which were to be left wild, pollinator scheme to allow verges and areas more pollinated to improve verges and greens with wild flowers.

Local Business – Beer and Cider at Kissinggate Brewery in Lower Beeding many from Parish supporting the Local Businesses.

Question – net zero look at gross zero is more accurate but you cause more pollution getting to net zero. Is it possible to get HDC to get a gross figure to show if it is going to be beneficial? The District Councillor will come back to the comments made after the meeting.

Neil Durkin Police – survey about the Police – village Facebook has a link available about rural crime and reporting it which is then fed back to the Police.

Cobwood Solar Farm – is being carried to Planning for further discussion.

County Councillor Nigel Jupp: gave apologies in advance of the meeting.

**277 – 23/24**

#### **WALC**

1. The Council noted the WALC Annual Report.
2. It was **resolved** to nominate Cllr V Court as the representative for Nuthurst Parish Council at the WSALC meetings.

**278 – 23/24**

#### **MEETING WITH WSCC HIGHWAYS**

Noted the report sent to WSCC Highways, meeting with the WSCC Project Manager is arranged on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 2pm. Councillors to report back at the next meeting.

**279 – 23/24**

#### **STREETLIGHTS**

Streetlights are in need of repair. Chairman is meeting Streetlights Ltd to get the lamp repaired in Pound Lane and the streetlight on the corner of Nuthurst Street and Maplehurst. Millers Meade Streetlight was reported as out and in need of maintenance.

**280 – 23/24**

#### **TRAINING**

It was agreed to book on the Training Course in  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Cllr Oswell-Penton, Cllr Court, Cllr Catterall.  
21<sup>st</sup> November – Cllr McGovern, Cllr Kenny, Cllr Cotton.  
Chairmans Training occurs in February 2024.

**281 – 23/24**

#### **PLAYGROUND**

It was agreed to hold a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 subject to a suitable venue being found.

It was **agreed** to include the following paperwork with the Agenda:

1. Wicksteed – proposal of roof removal, drawing of removal, safety. Amended piece of equipment which is safe.
2. RoSPA – approval of Wicksteed changes/independent opinion.

3. Hiscox – changes to the insurance.
4. A report to consider if the roof removal is going to make the issue better.

Noted that the roof was considered too high, size, design of the playground and it is the aesthetics of the roof rather than any planning being breached. **Action** Locum Clerk to contact suppliers to produce reports for consideration at the extra Parish Council meeting.

**282 – 23/24 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

It was **proposed** and **agreed** that the Council will lay a wreath. It was agreed that the cost will not exceed £30.00.

**283 – 23/24 STANDING ORDERS**

The Standing Orders were **adopted** and will be updated on the website.

**284 - 23/24 FINANCES**

- a) **To note the Reconciliation for April to September 2023** – The report was noted and signed.
- b) **To note the receipts and payment from April to September 2023** – The report was noted and signed.
- c) **To approve the schedule of payments for October 2023** – The report was approved.
- d) **To note the Budget Report YTD** – the report was noted. Action Cllr S Catterall, Cllr V Court, Locum Clerk and Cllr D Cotton to issue a Budget for approval at the next meeting.
- e) The completed AGAR certificate was **accepted**, the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed on the noticeboards and is uploaded onto the website.

***The Locum Clerk notes that cheque payments will be made until the Council has multiple signatories on the bank account. The Locum Clerk does not have access to the online banking system.***

**285 -23/24 CIL REPORT**

The CIL report was noted.

**286 – 23/24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The date of the Extra Parish Council meeting to discuss the playground will held after the November meeting subject to a suitable venue being found.

*Meeting closed at 2043hrs.*