

SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, High Street,
Handcross

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Present: Cllrs John Welch, Andrew MacNaughton, Lesley Read, Julia Elliott, David Dunn

Others Present: 3 members of public

- 1 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Simon Goyder, Michael Earle
- 2 **Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda:** None
- 3 **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** 25th November 2017 Cllrs Dunn & Elliott
- 4 **Open Forum:** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting in accordance with Council's Standing Orders, to receive questions from members of the public in attendance –

Congratulate the Parish Council on an informative and very well run meeting in relation to the Public Meeting held on the 4th January in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and questions from the Action Group and other members of the Community. Very well run

- 5 **Matters from District & County Councillors:** to receive verbal reports from representatives of other authorities

- 5.1 Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC): Feedback from the District Plan Update. Cllr MacNaughton reported that the The Council undertook a public consultation on the Main Modifications that are proposed. The Main Modifications are changes, additions or deletions required to make the plan 'sound' and have been prepared in liaison with the Planning Inspector during the course of the Examination. These are set out in the [Schedule of Main Modifications \(978.61KB pdf\)](#). The consultation ran from **Monday 2nd October - Monday 13th November**. The consultation documents can be downloaded below:
[Schedule of Main Modifications to the District Plan \(978.61KB pdf\)](#)
[Main Modifications - Sustainability Appraisal Report \(September 2017\) \(1.25MB pdf\)](#)
[Main Modifications - Habitats Regulations Assessment \(September 2017\) \(5.84MB pdf\)](#)

Having considered representations received on the Main Modifications, the Inspector, Jonathan Bore, will be holding a hearing on the issues relating to the new site allocation on land north of Clayton Mills, Hassocks on Monday 5th February.

A 3 acres parcel of land in Pease Pottage, not far from the Pavilions, which was recently cleared is owned by Scania and being retained as a service MOT centre for the lorries.

Crest Nicholson;s work was halted by MSDC Planning because the discharge of conditions had not been finalised.

There is a District Plan Briefing/Update Meeting for Parishes on the 1st March Cllr John Welch is attending on behalf of SPC.

- 5.2 West Sussex County Council County Local Committee (WSCC/CLC) Cllr Welch reported an update from Cllr Acraman regarding a WSCC broadband promotion scheme with Open Reach, in that the south west corner of the old Slaugham Junction there is a box that isn't connected currently, but within the first quarter of 2018 it will be fibre optically connected to the Handcross Exchange for RH17 6AG/L/J/Q.

- 6 **Committee Reports:** to receive and note committee and advisory group updates

The Committee Chairmen will provide an update, Council to consider the RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 6.1 Finance & Policy:
To approve Budget and Precept 2018/19: - **briefing note and associated papers** distributed to members in advance of this meeting. The Committee are recommending an increase in precept of 4% £75K to £78k – It was noted that the actual contributions would reduce per dwelling as the villages grow. Members APPROVED. RESOLVED the Clerk was instructed to advise MSDC. The Committee approved the alterations to financial regulations with regards debit card payment of invoices.

- 6.2 Recreation:
Committee Meeting to be arranged to prepare the specification for the works required at the Sports Pavilion so that the project of works can be formalised with MSDC for the release of S106 funds towards the works. Cllr Goyder and Ken Boyle to coordinate, with the intention that the work will take place in the Summer.
- 6.3 Neighbourhood Planning: To update on progress
The consultation is now closed and the representations are being reviewed by the Planning Consultants. The Committee will get together to review the recommendations made. The Clerk is in contact with the Consultants and will advise members when a date is agreed. Cllr Welch to check the funding deadline.
- 6.4 Community Halls: Finches Field to update on progress: The revised planning application went before Cabinet last week without issue and was approved. Council were informed that a revised lease is required due to the relocation of the building and will need to be signed by Cllr Welch and Cllr MacNaughton and returned to MSDC Monday, Cllr MacNaughton to coordinate.

7 **Chairman's Report:** to review Chairman's updates

- 7.1 Slaugham Street Lighting – Repairs
There are 3 lights in the village, 2 cast iron columns and a carriage type lantern one on the corner of No.6 The Green which is a listed building, any changes will need to be agreed with the MSDC listing officer. Direct Technical investigated a fault with one of the lights, where it was determined that there are mains supply faults on two of the lights, these type of box columns are no longer supported by Power Networks. The quote for the replacement of the pillars is approx. £2.5k. Cllr Welch felt more information was required on the type of replacement and the question was asked due to costs, could the village live without the light/ attached to No.6? and just have the two lights in the Street. The Clerk was asked to obtain pictures of the replacement lights in the first instance for agreement, he will contact the MSDC Listing Officer for guidance in relation to No.6.
- 7.2 Nymans Bus Shelter – Repairs – the boarding was smashed on the south side of the shelter, Cllr Welch agreed to organise the materials and repairs required.

8. **Clerks Report**

- 8.1 UPDATE Lower Ashfold DM/17/1491- Members are asked to consider the briefing note previously distributed with regard to the construction of a garage and driveway walls at Lower Ashfold on the Common Land leased to Slaugham Parish Council. Cllr Welch, Cllr MacNaughton and Cllr Elliott and the Clerk met with the Land owner of Lower Ashfold Mr Gordon Andrews, who accepted the encroachment on the Common Land and agreed to legalise his position with the Secretary of State APPROVED RESOLVED
- 8.2 UPDATE Hoadlands Crest Nicholson request for access across the Recreation Ground during the development stages for construction traffic. Planning was applied for the haul road as per the lease requirements to seek permission as it was outside the red line boundary of the current planning consent for the Hoadlands site, this was approved by Council Planning Committee at the planning meeting held on the 11th January.
- 8.3 EON Energy – Street Lighting Energy Fees -The Clerk has been in discussions with EON due to the inflated increase in energy charging for the Street Lighting by almost 45% over the last three years. EON have since confirmed that they have billing against an incorrect UMS certificate and have arranged a refund of approx. £6k

9 **Correspondence/Information Items/Publications/Consultations:**

- MSDC New Development Street Naming Consultation:**
- 9.1 Hardriding Farm Brighton Road, Pease Pottage (DM/17/2534). An allocation of 157 new addresses on land. The development will create 7 new streets. The developer has put forward proposed street names:
- Hardriding
 - Grace Holland/Grace

Cllr MacNaughton advised members that there is additional history to the site as it was previously owned by Gordons Gin which may offer further names, he will come up with additional proposals and report back to Council.

- 9.2 Golf House, Horsham Road, Pease Pottage (DM/17/0747) Allocation 25 new dwellings on the site. The development will create one new street. The developer has put forward a proposed street name of 'Foresters Way. Cllr MacNaughton added there use to be a Dance Hall at the site Charleston's an additional suggestion Charleston's Way.

10 List of Accounts for Payment: To review list of accounts for payment
10.1 List of payments December 2017/January 2018: Members reviewed the invoices and associated documents regarding expenditure
Total Expenditure £23,311.11 VAT £3,390.54 Total Payments £19,920.57
Proposed Cllr David Dunn, Second Cllr Julia Elliott

11 Highways/Footpaths: to review highways projects/items
11.1 Parish Traffic Calming Project – To report on progress – The design team are due to complete their works early February a report should be available for the next convenient meeting.

12 Police / NHW Report / Resilience Group Reports
12.1 Crime Reports cc'd members

13 Any other matters that the Chairman wishes to raise for future discussion:

Parking on the grass between Nymans and Bus Shelter - Cllr Lesley Read to investigate the license process and what can be to prevent parking on the grass. Public Art money maybe be used.

Warninglid Lane, traffic issues – Cllr David Dunn is attending a meeting with Lower Beeding Parish Members and Richard Speller WSCC to look at the speeding concerns, possible speed restrictions, signage etc, Cllr Dunn to report back.

14 Date of next meeting/s –1st March 2018

Signed: _____ Date: _____