

Mayfield & Five Ashes Annual Parish Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 7.30 pm in Mayfield Memorial Hall.

Parish Councillors Present:

Jerry Watkiss (Chairman)
Deveda Redman
Robert Fitzsimmons
Rosemary Neal

Chris Lilly
Patricia Balfour
Andrew Burnett
Jane Driscoll

Graham Playfoot
Monica Aitken
Ian Parker
Gill Weavers

Other Councillors Present:

Brian Redman(WDC)
Jonica Fox(WDC)

Bob Standley(WDC & ESCC)
Chris Dowling(ESCC)

Graham Wells(WDC)

There were 54 members of the public in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Warwick Child, Cllr Elaine Wheeler

MINUTES (Chairman Approved)

1. Welcome from Chairman Jerry Watkiss

1.1. The Chairman opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

- The Parish Council Annual report and written reports from other organisations are available at the meeting and can be viewed on the Parish Council website.
- The overflow Memorial car park is now open and ready to be used.
- The Mayfair will take place in the High Street on Saturday 9 May 2015 from 12-4pm. Fundraising will go towards the High Street Christmas lights.
- Residents are invited to bring a picnic for afternoon tea on Sunday 14 June 2015 to Court Meadow to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta.

2. Defibrillator demonstration by Woodhill Patients Group

2.1. The Chairman of Woodhill Patients Group gave a talk and showed a film on how to use the parish defibrillators.

2.2. The defibrillators are located at:

- At the entrance to Woodhill Surgery
- Beside the steps to the entrance to Mayfield Primary School
- On the outside wall of the Five Ashes Inn

2.3. Residents interested in a full defibrillator training course should contact Woodhill Patients Group.

2.4. A request was made to inform Woodhill Patients Group if it is noticed that the green light is not on any of the defibrillators which indicates they are not functional.

3. Information and update on the skate park upgrade project

3.1. A summary of the project's progress was provided and there was an appeal for donations towards the outstanding funding.

3.2. It was noted that the youths involved in the project were attempting to keep the skate park litter free.

4. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 May 2014

- 4.1. Copies of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 May were circulated, confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.
- 4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. To invite PCSO Julie Pearce- Martin to address the meeting

- 5.1. PCSO Pearce-Martin thanked residents for their warm welcome.
- 5.2. Parking has been the biggest problem in Mayfield over the last year but it is improving with fewer vehicles parked on double yellow lines and exceeding the two hour parking restriction in the High Street.
- 5.3. Speeding is a problem in Five Ashes and vehicles jumping the lights at the pelican crossing. Covert and high-vis speed checks have been carried out and enquiries have been made to obtain a camera to record vehicles jumping the red light. A new speedwatch group is being formed.
- 5.4. Residents were requested to:
 - Be vigilant and neighbourly
 - Fit alarms and/or cctv to outside buildings
 - Be aware of scams and to keep friends and family informed of scams
 - To note and report details of dog owners not clearing up after their dogs
 - To report the make and model of vehicles exceeding the speed limit to Operation Crackdown

6. To invite Wealden District Councillors to address the meeting

- 6.1. Due to 'purdah' period there was no report from Wealden District Council.
- 6.2. There are no current plans to change the boundaries of the conservation area.
- 6.3. Landfill is down to less than 1% in Wealden.

7. To invite East Sussex County Councillors to address the meeting

- 7.1. Due to 'purdah' period there was no report from East Sussex County Council.
- 7.2. The government decision is awaited on whether the additional airport runway will be located at Gatwick or Heathrow.
- 7.3. The government has agreed that fracking will not be permitted in an AONB.
- 7.4. More money has been invested in potholes over the last year but ESCC need to save an additional £60M so the budget are tight. Unclassified roads are problematic as they invariably do not have drains which encourages potholes to form.

8. To invite representatives of the Mayfield Trust to address the meeting

- 8.1. The meeting was informed of how and why the Mayfield Trust was formed.
- 8.2. Income produced from their assets is available to be distributed to residents who are found to be in need of financial assistance.
- 8.3. Residents are requested to inform Mayfield Trust of any members of the public that may be in need of their help.

9. To invite representatives of Community Cars to address the meeting

- 9.1. The meeting was informed of the service offered by Community cars for residents of Mayfield and Five Ashes who need transport to a medical appointment.
- 9.2. Time is volunteered and a mileage charge is made but there is a contingency fund if required.
- 9.3. Residents are requested to allow as much notice as possible to book a car before their appointment. Contact details are in the Mayfield and Five Ashes Newsletter.
- 9.4. A request for more volunteer drivers for one to two hours a week was made.

10. To invite representatives of Mayfield Newsletter to address the meeting

10.1. The Newsletter's written report was previously circulated.

10.2. Its remit is to not only to publish information from local organisations but to help local businesses too.

10.3. The meeting was informed on how the organisation operates and of the annual running costs.

11. To invite the public to raise any matters of interest

11.1. The following general matters were raised:

- The monthly hearing aid clinic times are available in the Newsletter
- The possibility of installing a streetlight in Holders Lane
- The reintroduction of a regular litter picker
- The possibility of installing an additional litter bin adjacent to the all weather court
- Replacement bark chips for Five Ashes play area have been ordered
- The possible requirement of an additional post in the overflow Memorial Hall car park to prevent vehicles accessing Court Meadow
- The Bonfire Society are looking for new members and families to join their group
- Residents are requested to assist the Parish Council by reporting assets in need of repair
- There is a volunteer maintenance team for footpaths and bridleways within the Parish.

11.2. Concerns and ideas regarding High Street:

- The High Street survey indicated that a Post Office and ATM were of high importance to residents.
- A leaflet campaign to raise awareness of services offered in the High Street was suggested
- The possibility of a farmers market/ craft market has been investigated
- Retailers were recommended to use social media to increase trade
- The possibility of introducing historical walks was suggested
- Weladen District Council's Streets Ahead can provide information and advice on promoting the High Street
- A further meeting will be facilitated to discuss ideas on how to incentivise residents to use the High Street with attendees at the meeting who provided their contact details

12. Close.

12.1. The meeting closed at 21:30