

Minutes of meeting of the
Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Venue: Old Manor House
Date: Monday 21 September 2015
Time: 19:30

D21SEP15
2015/16 Meeting 2
Adopted

MINUTES

Chairman Cllr Deveda Redman

ATTENDANCE

Councillors Present and Voting

Deveda Redman
David Miles
Elaine Wheeler
Patricia Balfour

Lay Members Present

Brian Pike
Garnet Shackel

Also Present: There was one member of the public present and Janna Todd (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Weavers, Steve Harland and Brian O'Connor.

2. Declaration of interests on agenda items

2.1. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public questions and comments

3.1. The resident in attendance informed the committee of their concerns on the future of the old station in Mayfield, its sale and possible demolition.

3.2. The former railway station is mentioned in the 2012 edition of Pevsner's 'The Buildings of England' where it is described as "one of the least altered, standard designs used by the London, Brighton and South coast Railway company". It is also referred to in 'The Cuckoo Line' written by Alan Elliott.

3.3. Enquiries will be made to ascertain its date for tender.

Action JT

3.4. Further discussion continued under agenda item 6.

4. Minutes of the meeting 29 June 2015 previously adopted

4.1. The minutes were adopted at the Council meeting on 13 July 2015.

Matters arising from the minutes

4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Locations of possible work premises in Mayfield and Five Ashes

5.1. Following the recent approval of residential rather than commercial property at Love Lane, despite the Planning Committee's appeal, it was felt that there is a need to fight for the retention of business properties in the Parish.

5.2. The Mayfield Business Forum with 150 members has confirmed that business premises are required in Mayfield. For example, due to demand development of additional business property is occurring opposite Mere's Lane along the A267.

5.3. The level of demand for business premises will be investigated.

Action JT

6. Protecting our historical buildings

6.1. The Wealden Local Plan Issues, Options and Recommendations Consultation Document and the associated Conservation Areas recommends the Old Station to be considered for inclusion in the Conservation Area.

6.2. The 800 page document, which is due to go to consultation, has eight preferred options to extend the current conservation area boundary. Inclusion of this additional land will help ensure that the significance of the area and historic development of the settlement is properly understood.

6.3. The document is available on-line only. It was agreed that the contents will be divided between members of the committee to read, summarise and recommend an answers to any questions in their section.

Action JT

6.4. An extraordinary meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on 16 November 2015 to discuss and finalise its reply to the consultation.

6.5. The restrictions and benefits of a conservation area will be ascertained.

Action JT

7. Community Wardens (information previously circulated)

7.1. Further to the recently announced new Policing Model a meeting is scheduled on 06 October 2015 to discuss the feasibility of introducing a Community Warden Service in East Sussex.

7.2. It is feared that as it is a money saving project Mayfield and Five Ashes will lose its PCSO and have to contribute towards the cost of a Community Warden to perform similar functions.

7.3. Concerns raised were:

- Whether the wardens will have the same powers and duties as PCSO's
- If the warden for the parish is centred on a hub council, how the time, costs and equipment will be allocated
- Whether the Parish Council will have to insure the warden
- If the wardens require premises to work from
- Whether transport is required or if public transport will be used

Action JT

8. Exercise equipment at Court Meadow

8.1. Despite two articles written in the Mayfield and Five Ashes Newsletter to ascertain the level of support for this project there have been no replies from residents or interested parties to sponsor the equipment.

8.2. Positive replies from other Sussex and Surrey Parish Councils have been received who have successfully introduced adult exercising equipment. Several other Parish Councils have also expressed an interest in installing this equipment.

8.3. Expenditure towards the project cannot be justified if there is no local support therefore feedback will be requested on the village Facebook page and an attempt will be made to contact local exercise classes.

Action JT

8.4. If there is insufficient feedback the project will be put on hold until it can be presented to residents attending the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

9. Mayfield High Street

9.1. It is hoped that the number of residents and visitors to the High Street will increase as a result of the following plans and objectives:

- To improve the attractiveness of the High Street by introducing additional hanging baskets and tubs of flowers
- Introduce two additional weed sprays now that East Sussex Highways have confirmed that it will only attend once a year in August to spray the weeds.
- Spruce up the War Memorial garden
- Refurbish the Mayfield village Sign
- Work with Wealden District Council to have wheelie bins removed from the High Street after refuse collection.
- A working party is being formed to look at tourist initiatives
- Natwest is introducing a mobile banking service on Mondays from 1:15 – 2:45pm in the Court Meadow car park commencing 23 November 2015.

9.2. The Mayfield and Five Ashes Society are looking at the possibility of introducing plaques outlining the history of certain buildings.

10. Court Meadow

- 10.1. Shaw's Fair have confirmed that the damage to the land at the entrance to Court Meadow beside the lower gate will be repaired, however it cannot be rolled until the weather improves and it dries out.
- 10.2. The PCSO has confirmed that the only reported trouble at the fair was one mobile phone being pick pocketed and one that was lost.

11. Items of information and next agenda items

- 11.1. The Wealden Local Plan Issues, Options and Recommendations Consultation Document specifies that Mayfield will be allocated 185 new dwellings over the next 20 years and Five Ashes an additional 40 dwellings. Any new properties with planning approval provided after 01 April 2015 will be included in this quota.
- 11.2. The committee discussed the areas identified for possible development in the new Local Plan.
- 11.3. A meeting to discuss the possibility of starting a dementia-friendly drop-in will be arranged with Dementia Support East Sussex. **Action JT**
- 11.4. There is a meeting on dementia care and support for carers in the Scout and Guide Hall on Saturday 03 October 2015 at 10am.
- 11.5. Sussex Police has advised to inform East Sussex Highways if the vegetation on Mayfield roundabout is causing a driving hazard. **Action JT**
- 11.6. The signpost for the roundabout at Stone Cross needs to be replaced as the wording has faded. **Action JT**
- 11.7. There will be a major reorganisation of the Community Health Trust (which includes the provision of district nurses, physiotherapy, speech therapy, minor accidents units etc) with the contract being taken over by The Sussex County Trust as of 01 November 2015.

The meeting closed at 20:55 hours.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Community Development Committee:

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.....**Chairman's Signature**

.....**Date**

Annex 1

Actions from meeting 18 March 2013			
4.2	Accumulate data for community assets list	JT	Ongoing
Actions from meeting 30 September 2013			
8.1	Arrange ecological survey of Jubilee Wood	EW	On hold
Actions from 29 September 2014			
6.4	Contact ESCC for requirements necessary for a signpost at Fir Toll Close	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting 15 December 2014			
4.4	Ascertain necessity of Catholic Church on Community Asset List	JT	In hand
6.2	Liaise with Colkins Mill Church for Resilience Planning	DR	Open
Actions from meeting 23 March 2015			
4.4	Forward current list of local organisations to website administrator	JT	Closed
7.1	Arrange meeting with AiRS and councillors	JT	Open
7.2	Identify organisations assisting the vulnerable (awaiting meeting 3/10/15)	JT	On hold
Actions from meeting 29 June 2015			
6.4	Ascertain interest in sponsoring equipment from Mayfield Business Forum	JT	In hand
6.5	Article in Yellow Pages to gauge support for exercise equipment	JT	Closed
6.6	Investigate insurance implications and maintenance costs for equipment	JT	On hold
9.3	Determine whether there is a library sign in Mayfield	JT	Open
10.3	Quotations to paint the telephone boxes	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting D21SEP15			
3.3	Ascertain date for tender of station (30 September 2015)	JT	Closed
5.3	Contact estate agents to ascertain demand of business premises	JT	Open
6.3	Forward link of consultation document to committee members	JT	Open
6.5	Ascertain the benefits and restrictions of a Conservation Area	JT	Open
7.3	Forward concerns of Community Wardens to Cllr Fitzsimmons for meeting	JT	Open
8.3	Feedback on adult exercise equipment on Facebook and fitness classes	JT	Open
11.3	Arrange meeting with Dementia Support East Sussex	JT	Open
11.5	Inform ES Highways that roundabout is a hazard	JT	Closed
11.6	Report roundabout sign to ES Highways	JT	Closed