



Minutes of the meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

Venue Mayfield Memorial Hall
Date Monday 11 September 2017
Time 19:30

C11SEP17
2017/18 Meeting 04
Adopted

Minutes

Chairman Cllr Deveda Redman

Councillors Present and Voting

Deveda Redman	Jerry Watkiss	Rosemary Neal	Robert Fitzsimmons
David Miles	Herb Hills	Elaine Wheeler	Julie Upton
Monica Aitken	Patricia Balfour	Gill Weavers	Eleanor McDonnell-Slater

Also in attendance:

Cllr B Redman (WDC), Cllr R Standley (ESCC/ WDC), Cllr J Fox (WDC) and Janna Todd, (Parish Clerk).

Public Questions

- There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Chris Lilly, Cllr Ian Parker, Cllr G Wells (WDC) and Cllr R Simmons (ESCC).

2. Declarations of Interests

- 2.1. There were no declarations of interests.

3. Chairman's Announcements

- 3.1. Thank you to Cllr Weavers and Cllr Miles who have volunteered to be the Parish Council's points of contact for the Bonfire Festival this weekend.
- 3.2. We still have not received any application to fill the Councillor vacancy although one resident has approached the Council to inform that they intend to apply.
- 3.3. There is still a lot of unsorted paperwork in the basement. Committee Chairmen must organise a time to go in to the office to sort through the files before it gets too cold so unwanted paperwork can be sent off to be shredded.
- 3.4. The forms distributed today for information required by Santander to open a new account for community donations should be returned to the Clerk.
- 3.5. Nick Skelton (ESCC) announced today that there will be a consultation on East Sussex libraries and that they propose to close Mayfield Library.

4. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 10 July 2017 (previously circulated)

- 4.1. It was **resolved** unanimously to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017 as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes

- 4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Reports from East Sussex County Council (ESCC)

- 5.1. Cllr Standley provided information on ESCC's financial performance during the first quarter. There has been an overspend of around £16m in total with a £3.3m overspend on Children's Services and Adult Social Care which is concerning as those costs are continually rising.
- 5.2. East Sussex County Council's cabinet will be asked to approve a consultation on the library service's which will include closing seven libraries including Mayfield creating £653,000 of savings. It is estimated that the closures will not affect 94% of residents, as they will still be able to access alternative library services by car within 20 minutes. Footfall to libraries has decreased by 40% over the last decade.
- 5.3. An eLibrary service is available where books can be downloaded for kindles etc. It is not thought that this has been very well promoted.
- 5.4. Libraries could still remain open if communities or organisations can fund them wholly as a community facility.
- 5.5. Cllr Fitzsimmons commented that the actual implementation of the 40mph speed restriction at Argos Hill including the installation of all the new signage is taking a long time. One of the roundels has been erected behind a tree so is not adequately visible.
- 5.6. Cllr Standley will make enquiries into why no notice was provided for the resurfacing of Coggins Mill Lane and Fletching Street and why Tidebrook Road has not been resurfaced which is in a much worse condition

6. Reports from Wealden District Council (previously circulated)

- 6.1. Cllr B Redman informed that WDC's Community Grants Programme is now open with Small Grants available for up to £3000 and Capital Grants up to £10,000 for community organisations, groups and societies.
- 6.2. Wealden's My Alerts is working well and is well used.
- 6.3. The next stage of the new Wealden Local Plan is still delayed due to the collection of additional evidence.
- 6.4. 15% of any CIL money available for the proposed development at Mayfield Children's Home will be payable to the Parish Council and the WDC rules for provision of affordable housing should still apply. (Affordable housing is classified as 80% of the going market value). The consultation will be called in to the Planning Committee North and the Parish Council will be able to comment on the amount of affordable housing proposed.
- 6.5. Cllr Fox has received confirmation from Nus Ghani MP that she has written to the Minister concerning the proposed telephone mast in Mayfield for clarification on whether the height of the entire structure including antennae should be under 20m tall for permitted development rights only rather than full planning permission.
- 6.6. Confirmation was received that WDC's planning process concerning telephone masts should be an agenda item for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before Christmas. A review of the procedure however would be a lengthy process as it is difficult to change a process that is derived from government policy.
- 6.7. The Wealden and East Sussex Councillors left the meeting after this agenda item.

7. Finance Report (previously circulated)

- 7.1. The Finance Report to 31 July 2017 was approved unanimously.

8. Minutes for adoption (previously circulated)

- 8.1. The Parish Council **resolved** to adopt the following committee minutes and they were signed by the Chairman:
 - Planning Executive: 17 July 2017
07 August 2017
30 August 2017

Matters arising from the minutes

8.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes:

9. Telephone mast

- 9.1. Information was provided that during July 2017 the Parish Council:
- Wrote to the landowner to request they withdraw their permission for a mast on their land
 - Requested a copy of the pond survey which has not yet been received
 - Wrote to the CEO's of Vodaphone, Telephonica and CITL to complain about their consultation procedure and to request that they consider alternative locations for the mast
- 9.2. A reply was received from the CEO of CITL that:
- They do not deploy base stations that look like pine trees
 - The consultation procedure by Harlequin, in their opinion, was correctly followed
 - They could paint the mast green
- 9.3. The timeline for the construction of the mast is unknown.

10. Future use of Court Meadow

- 10.1. A request was received from the Bonfire Society for permission to install three structures, fencing and a gate in the woodland at Court Meadow. A suggestion has previously been made that new surgery premises for Woodhill Practice could be provided at Court Meadow.
- 10.2. MAYFACS is looking in to the possibility of a community shed for retired isolated men to meet and share skills to combat loneliness. The Council has not been approached formally however, the woodland area behind the fire station would be an ideal location.
- 10.3. A discussion followed and it was agreed that how Court Meadow is managed in the future and the Trust Agreement needs to be looked at in detail before any decisions can be made.
- 10.4. After review in 2006/7 the Parish Council agreed the land should be protected from any development.
- 10.5. Woodhill Practice has been invited to attend the next F & GP meeting on 25 September to discuss their requirements and what assistance they require from the Parish Council to assist them with finding new premises as their current lease expires in 2020. Any other Councillors interested in attending the meeting may attend.

11. Community website

- 11.1. Cllr Watkiss informed that the new Community Website was up and running. It pulls all the websites for MAYFACS, the Newsletter and village organisations together.
- 11.2. There is a diary section with forms available to add events that can be sent to a number of authorised administrators who share this responsibility.
- 11.3. There was very positive feedback from the meeting and Roger Stone and Cllr Watkiss were thanked for what they have achieved and for all their hard work.

12. Election of Councillors to Committees

- 12.1. Cllr McDonnell-Slater was elected unanimously on to the Community Development Committee.
- 12.2. Cllr Miles was elected unanimously on to the Rights of Ways and Trees Committee.

13. Updates from Committees (for information only)

- 13.1. Finance and General Purposes
- Nothing to report.
- 13.2. Rights of Ways and Trees
- Nothing to report.
- 13.3. Planning Committee

- East Sussex Highways do not appear to be consulted automatically on planning applications that would affect traffic safety. An enquiry will be made to Wealden District Council on how this problem is addressed and it will be added to the next SLR agenda with ESCC
Action JT

13.4. Community Safety and Traffic

- Cllr Fitzsimmons circulated a leaflet designed by Rotherfield Parish Council to place on the windscreens of vehicles parking antisocially advising that it is an offence that can attract a fine of £50. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

13.5. Community Development

- Nothing to report.

14. Updates from representatives (for information only)

14.1. There were no reports from representatives.

15. Other items of information and next agenda items

15.1. Cllr Balfour informed that she would be willing to assist with other volunteers to keep Mayfield Library open. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

15.2. It was noted that the floral displays have been very attractive and well maintained.

15.3. A request was made for funding to replace the Five Ashes Christmas lights. Cllr Fitzsimmons will attend the meeting to discuss Christmas lighting on 20 September 2017.

The meeting ended at 20:50

The next meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council will be:

Venue: Five Ashes Village Hall

Date: Monday 09 October 2017

Time: 19:30 hours

.....Chairman's Signature

.....Date

Actions in Progress:

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	
Actions from meeting C14APR14			
14.3	Three quotes for fencing of Jubilee Woods (after ecological report received)	JT	On hold
Actions from meeting 08 May 2017			
PQT	Reissue letters and notices on wheelie bins at High Street bus stop	JT	Closed
7.3	Determine appropriate change of meeting time for ROW & Trees Committee	JT	Closed
Actions from meeting 12 June 2017			
15.3	Resolve problem of compass points on village sign and quotations	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting 10 July 2017			
3.3	Reply to Rural Services Networks bulletin consultation	JT	Closed
9.2	Write to landowner to request withdrawing site for mast	JT	Closed
9.3	Request a copy of SE Water's pond survey (Not available due to copyright)	JT	Closed
13.2	Replacement plaque and wording on village sign	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting C11SEP17			
13.3	Enquire to WDC on planning procedure and traffic safety	JT	Open