



Minutes of the meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

Venue Five Ashes Village Hall
Date Monday 08 October 2018
Time 19:30

C08OCT18
2018/19 Meeting 05
Adopted

Minutes

Chairman Cllr Deveda Redman

Councillors Present and Voting

Deveda Redman	Jerry Watkiss	Tommy Buck	Robert Fitzsimmons
Chris Lilly	Ian Parker	Rosemary Neal	Eleanor McDonnell-Slater
Monica Aitken	Julie Upton	Duncan Smith (See agenda item 4)	

Also in attendance:

Cllr Brian Redman (WDC), Cllr Rupert Simmons (ESCC) and Cllr Graham Wells (WDC).
There were six members of the public present and Janna Todd (Parish Clerk).

Public Questions

- The Parish Council was requested to consider whether the Chairman has a prejudicial interest with regards to the Wealden Local Plan Draft Proposed Submission and the relocation of Mayfield Cricket Club. Cllr Brian Redman informed that there is no content in the draft Local Plan on where the Cricket Club could relocate to and therefore there is no conflict of interest. The only information concerning the Cricket Club in the draft plan refers to its current site, the allocation of 50 new dwellings and that it would need to relocate somewhere within the village. The Parish Council will consider this request and respond to the member of the public who raised the concern.
- Residents of Argos Hill were present to inform the Parish Council of their annoyance that crash fencing is erected very close to the windmill on opening days spoiling the public's enjoyment when visiting. The fencing was supplied by Wealden District Council in good faith after an unfortunate incident of trespassing on adjacent land by a young child. The Parish Council was requested to support any attempt at resolving the situation which has already involved legal representation. The meeting was informed that the solution would be for the Friends of Argos Hill Windmill to meet with the resident with regards to the fencing to resolve the problem. Whether the Parish Council can assist will be ascertained.
- A question was asked on whether the Parish Council had responded to the Wealden Local Plan Draft Proposed Submission consultation concerning the extension of the development boundary and allocated housing on the site of the Cricket Club. The meeting was informed that a response has been submitted which will be posted on the consultation website.
- The Parish Council was requested to consider allocating all Community Infrastructure Levy received in the future to the development of a new community hall and to raise the precept in 2019/20 by 25% to 50% to start building up a fund to cover the cost of a new hall. The meeting was informed that until the feasibility study and costings report is considered a decision such as this cannot be made. A large increase in precept would require a village referendum.

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr David Miles, Cllr Gill Weavers, Cllr Herb Hills, and Cllr Bob Standley (ESCC /WDC). Cllr Balfour was not present at the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interests

- 2.1. There were no declarations of interests.
- 2.2. Councillors were reminded to update their Registers of Interests as soon as any changes in circumstances occur.

3. Co-option of councillor for Five Ashes Ward (information forwarded previously)

- 3.1. There was one applicant to consider for co-option as Councillor to represent Five Ashes Ward.
- 3.2. Background information and a CV for the applicant were previously circulated to Members. Mr Duncan Smith was present and introduced himself to Members and summarised why he would like to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council.
- 3.3. Mr Duncan Smith was co-opted to represent Five Ashes Ward, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Cllr Smith joined the meeting.

4. Chairman's Announcements

- 4.1. The 08 April 2019 Council meeting will be held in Mayfield Memorial Hall and the 13 May 2019 Council meeting will now be held in Five Ashes.
- 4.2. Due to next year's local elections the Annual Parish Assembly will be held before the end of the Council year.

5. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 10 September 2018 (previously circulated)

- 5.1. It was **resolved** unanimously to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018 as a true record.
- 5.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Reports from East Sussex County Council (ESCC)

- 6.1. Cllr Simmons informed that an enquiry into the poor mobile phone signal in Mayfield has been raised with the broadband provider and a response is awaited.
- 6.2. The A267 at Mayfield roundabout will be resurfaced from 09 – 19 November 2018 and will be closed to traffic from 8pm – 6am.
- 6.3. ESCC has to make £46m savings over the next three years and is fighting to maintain core services. The Prime Minister has announced that adult social care needs to be addressed however the white paper will be too late to provide any additional funding to the County Council next financial year.
- 6.4. There was no information on further cuts in services that might impact on the Parish Council.
- 6.5. Cllr Parker joined the meeting at 20:40 hours.
- 6.6. A query was raised on the installation of kerb stones in Mark Cross when the County Council is cash strapped. Information was received that it is to prevent recurring subsidence and erosion of the road surface.
- 6.7. Cllr Simmons will make enquiries on the resurfacing of the A267 near Great Trodgers Farm.
- 6.8. The road in Heathfield High Street will be rebuilt and resurfaced over a period of four weeks in November. Businesses will be open as usual and a meeting has been organised between the traders and Highways representatives to discuss any concerns.
- 6.9. Traffic calming on Newick Lane has been assessed but does not comply with national guidelines.
- 6.10. Cllr Simmons left the meeting at 20:30 hours.

7. Reports from Wealden District Council (WDC)

- 7.1. Cllr Graham Wells' report was previously circulated which summarised key points in the Parish Bulletin.

- 7.2. WDC has been working with Sussex Police to tackle fly tipping. Spot checks have been carried out on large vehicles containing fly tipping material to ensure they hold the relevant permits.
- 7.3. Kier's contract for waste and recycling ends in June 2019 and they are being penalised for each missed collection. Residents are requested to quickly report any missed collection.
- 7.4. The Community Grants Programme for small organisations is open until 30 November 2019.
- 7.5. Concern was raised that fly tipping will increase now that the household recycling site at Wadhurst has closed and charges for items such as hardcore and asbestos have been introduced at remaining sites.
- 7.6. The District Councillors left the meeting after this agenda item.

8. Finance Report (previously circulated)

- 8.1. The Finance Report to 31 August 2018 was reviewed.
- 8.2. The Finance Report and expenditure was approved unanimously.

9. Minutes for adoption (previously circulated)

- 9.1. There were three minor typing amendments in the Community Development minutes.
- 9.2. The Parish Council **resolved** to adopt the following committee minutes and they were signed by the Chairman:
 - Planning Executive 10 September 2018
01 October 2018
 - Community Development Advisory 17 September 2018
 - Rights of Ways and Trees Advisory 19 September 2018
 - Finance and General Purposes Executive 24 September 2018

Matters arising from the minutes

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

10. Preliminary consideration of the 2019/2020 Budget (information previously circulated)

- 10.1. There were no significant changes to next year's budget. Allocated funding has been increased to coincide with inflation.
- 10.2. £10k has been allocated towards a new community hall that may well be increased at some point in the future.
- 10.3. The budget will be ratified at the December 2019 meeting at the latest, therefore councillors were requested to inform of any necessary alterations as soon as possible.
- 10.4. The Chairman reminded Councillors that they are all equally responsible for the budget so must take the time to closely examine its detail.

11. Mayfield play area upgrade (information previously circulated)

- 11.1. The request for quotation has been issued on the Government's Contracts Finder website.
- 11.2. There has been an onsite meeting with a group of contractors to discuss the requirements and to answer any queries.
- 11.3. Due diligence will be carried out to ensure the winning contractor is reliable.
- 11.4. It is hoped to ratify the preferred contract at the December 2019 meeting.

12. Updates from Committees

- 12.1. Finance and General Purposes
 - Nothing further to report.
- 12.2. Rights of Ways and Trees

- The Committee is rewriting the Mayfield Circular Walk.

12.3. Planning Committee

- Nothing further to report.

12.4. Community Safety and Traffic

- The Silent Soldier Silhouettes have been installed.
- A link to join Sussex Countywatch will be circulated to Councillors.

Action JT

12.5. Community Development

- Notes on Affordable Warmth Strategy were previously circulated.

13. Updates from representatives (for information only)

13.1. WDALC minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2018 were previously circulated

14. Other items of information and next agenda items

14.1. Cllr Aitken and the team who won the Parish in Bloom competition were thanked by the Parish Council. There is a meeting this week to look at which category they might like to enter in 2019. The judges have offered to come and talk to interested parties.

14.2. Cllr Smith thanked Members for supporting his co-option.

14.3. The bench at Mayfield War Memorial has some rotten timbers.

Action JT

14.4. The ground surrounding the Mayfield War Memorial will be investigated for subsidence. Cllr Parker will make enquiries into the land ownership of this site.

Action IP

14.5. Late night shopping is on 30 November 2019 and there will be a road closure so a stage can be erected for the children to sing from.

14.6. Suggestions on a local unsung hero to turn on the Christmas lights should be forwarded to Cllr Parker or the Newsletter.

14.7. There is a Royal British Legion concert with the Royal Marines Concert Band on 19 October 2019.

The meeting ended at 21:05

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

Venue: Mayfield Memorial Hall
Date: Monday 12 November 2018
Time: 19:30 hours

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

.....**Date**

Actions in Progress:

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	
Actions from meeting C10SEP18			
10.3	Enquire about strength of war memorial railings	JT	In hand
10.4	Apply for listed building planning consent for war memorial railings	JT	In hand
10.5	Commission supply of sprays of poppies	JT	Closed
10.6	Add Silent Soldier to insurance schedule and asset register	JT	Open
11.1	Add clause for GDPR and Data Protection to RFQ document	JT	Closed
11.3	Forward RFQ to contractors who have already consulted with PC	JT	Closed
12.1	Inform MAYFACS of PC approval of extension plans	JT	Closed
13.3	Request that Cllr Simmons investigates whether mobile signal has moved	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting C08OCT18			
12.4	Circulate link to join Sussex Countryside Watch	JT	Closed
14.3	Investigate bench at Mayfield War Memorial	JT	Open
14.4	Determine ownership of land at war memorial and investigate any subsidence	IP	Closed