

Minutes of the Meeting of

Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council Ordinary Meeting



Venue Five Ashes Village Hall
Date Monday 8 October 2012
Time 19.30

12C07
Adopted

Acting Chairman **Councillor Jerry Watkiss**

Attendance

Robert Fitzsimmons	(RF)	Present and Voting
Rosemary Neal	(RN)	Present and Voting
Patricia Balfour	(PB)	Present and Voting
Jayne Bramwell	(JB)	Present and Voting
Warwick Child	(WH)	Present and Voting
Jane Driscoll	(JD)	Present and Voting
Ian Parker	(IP)	Present and Voting
Graham Playfoot	(GP)	Present and Voting
Jerry Watkiss	(JW)	Present and Voting
Elaine Wheeler	(EW)	Present and Voting
Chris Lilly	(CL)	Present and Voting
Monica Aitken	(MA)	Present and Voting
Andrew Burnett	(AB)	Apologies for Absence
Deveda Redman	(DR)	Apologies for Absence
Lloyd McLean	(LM)	Absent - Reason Unknown

Present and voting 12

Apologies for Absence 2

Also in attendance:

Bob Tidy (RT), ESCC; Jonica Fox (JF), WDC; and Janna Todd (Parish Clerk).

Apologies for Absence:

Brian Redman, WDC; Chris Dowling, ESCC; Graham Wells, (WDC) and Matt Boyle (Sussex Police).

There were five members of the public present.

Minutes

1. Declarations of interests by members on agenda items

1.1. There were no declarations of interests by members on Agenda items

2. Chairman's Announcements

2.1. The chairman gave the Mayfield Police Report on behalf of PCSO Boyle:

- 12/09 – Serial 0389 theft of handbag from car outside Primary School. Window smashed to gain entry.
- 16/09 – Serial 0573 theft of unattended handbags at Mayfield Carnival.

- 18/09 – Serial 0753 shed broken in to on Fletching Street and strimmer stolen.
 - 21/09 – Serial 0647 theft of solar battery pack from Rotherfield Lane.
 - 22/09 – Serial 0686 theft of motorbike from Coggins Mill Lane.
 - 30/09 – Serial 0945 car keyed while parked on Tunbridge Wells Road.
 - 1 parking ticket issued for parking on double yellow lines.
 - Telephone scam claiming to be Microsoft. A virus is put on the computer and then you are charged for the repair.
- 2.2. PCSO will hold a street meeting on 11 October 2012 outside numbers 51-62 Southmead Close, Mayfield at 18:00.
- 2.3. Sussex police have two posters to welcome trick or treaters or to dissuade them. JT will inform residents in the yellow pages. **Action: JT**
- 2.4. WH had received information on electric blanket testing. JT advised that this information would also be made available in the yellow pages. **Action: JT**

3. Public Question Time.

- 3.1. Brian Hewitt (BH) from Five Ashes asked why the grass in Five Ashes is cut by different contractors, and after the status of repairing the noticeboards.
- 3.2. RF advised that we are looking at maintenance contracts to increase efficiency and reduce costs and that the contract for the noticeboards had been placed and work was imminent.
- 3.3. Duncan Smith from Five Ashes asked about future traffic management in Five Ashes.
- 3.4. RF informed there will be a meeting with East Sussex Road Safety Team in November to look at further possibilities to reduce speeding and that Five Ashes will be used as a pilot scheme for other villages.

4. Bonfire Festival De-brief.

- 4.1. Mr Shaw of Shaws Fair and Ian Bruce of the Bonfire Society attended for this item and a discussion followed.
- 4.2. IP reported that he had attended the de-brief on 26 September 2012 with Sussex Police, representatives of the Bonfire Society, St John Ambulance and Mr Shaw who runs the fair.
- 4.3. It was agreed that the event had passed with relatively few incidents and that the security provided by Shaws was adequate.
- 4.4. JB suggested and it was agreed that the Parish Council would issue Shaws with an annual 'licence' stipulating the terms and conditions for the fair to run the following year and that the rides could stay open until 23:00. The fireworks will be brought forward by 15 minutes to stagger departure times and help reduce crowding

5. Minutes of the meeting of the full council held on Monday 10 September 1012.

- 5.1. The minutes were passed and adopted by UNANIMOUS VOTE and signed by the chairman.
- 5.2. Matters arising from minutes:
- 5.2.1. WH reported on the current status of the war memorials. He will obtain quote to replace the top of the Five Ashes War Memorial with York stone . **Action: WH**
- 5.2.2. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the residents of Five Ashes to determine how to proceed with alterations and to request donations for the renovations. **Action: JT**
- 5.3. RT confirmed that there was no ETA for the painting of double yellow lines on West Street but that they would be done the next time the painters are in the village.

6. East Sussex County Council Report.

- 6.1. RT reported on the TrAC (Training and Apprenticeships in Construction) scheme where the council employ apprentices who are then available for small businesses to train.
- 6.2. RT advised that 'The Keep', a new archive centre in Falmer should open in September 2013. The Maltings in Lewes will close in June 2013 when the archives are moved.
- 6.3. RF informed that there will be a Fletching Street Traffic Calming meeting in the Memorial Hall on 30 October 2012 from 15:00 – 19:00 where the plans will be on display.

7. Wealden District Council Report.

- 7.1. JF reported that the Parish Council Conference will take place on 24 October 2012 at Wealden's new Civic and Community Hall.
- 7.2. JF confirmed that Wealden is in the process of agreeing a waste partnership with Rother, Eastbourne and Hastings to manage future costs.
- 7.3. JF has requested that the Direct Service Providers for Wealden clean up the Memorial Hall car park before they are disbanded.
- 7.4. JF informed that the Building Control has inspected building work at Rushers Cross and that it conforms with the permissions given.

8. Finance Report.

- 8.1. CL informed that there was no Finance Report as the data entry on to the new software was taking longer than anticipated.
- 8.2. There will be information available next month with a simpler reporting procedure.

9. Minutes for adoption.

- 9.1. The following minutes were discussed:
 - 12S03 Community Safety and Traffic Advisory
 - 12F05 Finance and General Purposes Executive
 - 12P09 Planning Executive
 - 12R02 Rights Of Way and Trees Advisory
- 9.2. The minutes were adopted by UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10. Committee Reports

- 10.1. **Finance and General Purposes:** Nothing to report.
- 10.2. **Rights of Way and Trees:** JW to step down from maintenance team.
- 10.3. **Planning Committee:** Nothing to report.
- 10.4. **Community Safety and Traffic:** RF is waiting to hear from PCSO Matt Boyle on our options to move the white van on from the Memorial Hall car park.
- 10.5. **Community Development:** JD informed of the following -
 - There were five youths with four more expected at the drop in centre last Tuesday.
 - They are trying to find feedback from WDC, AIRS and SALC to enable them to continue with the questionnaire.
 - The allotment holders are being invited to the next meeting to discuss and resolve issues surrounding water, empty plots, leases etc. CL also will attend.

11. Reports from other representatives.

- 11.1. **Village Green Committee:** JD advised the following:

- They are not recommending that the status of Court Meadow should change.
 - The protection of King George Playing Fields be included in our mission statement.
 - Identify the Field as a designated 'Local Green Space' for special protection.
 - They would look in to protecting Court Meadow under the new Localism Act.
- 11.2. **Chamber of Commerce:** IP informed that the Christmas lights had been purchased and they were now looking at late night shopping.
- 11.3. **Argos Hill Windmill:** JD informed that the steel support is nearly complete and the next job is to erect protective sheeting.

12. Properties on Fletching Street.

- 12.1. Cornfield Cottage.
- 12.1.1. JB suggested that whilst we sympathise with the distress of the flooding we will cooperate with any engineering works Mrs Henderson feels prudent to commission.
- 12.1.2. It was agreed that we are unable to assist financially with any further draining projects.
- 12.1.3. It was agreed that a month by month checklist be prepared of jobs that need doing and that clearing the drains on Court Meadow take place annually in November. **Action JT**
- 12.2. The Carpenters Arms.
- 12.2.1. JB informed that we are waiting for the WDC surveyors detailed report of the bank behind the building. He has confirmed verbally that it is not unsafe.
- 12.3. Rock Cottage:
- 12.3.1. JW informed that all the maps point to us owning the top of the cliff and not the cliff face behind the cottage. This is how our solicitor is responding to the developer.

13. Fracking Debate

- 13.1. PB informed that Transition Mayfield have grave environmental concerns over fracking and it was agreed to invite a speaker to the Full Parish Council meeting in November.

14. Clerk's Report.

- 14.1. JT informed councillors of documentation received and available to read.
- 14.2. Public complaints received were discussed and solutions decided.
- 14.3. JT informed of future training courses booked.

15. Other items of information and next agenda items.

- 15.1. WH reminded that the maroons for Remembrance Sunday needed ordering. **Action JT**
- 15.2. JB informed that all grit bins had to be licensed by the County Council.
- 15.3. JB advised that the next list of jobs for May Gurney was due at the end of the year. Councillors are to inform JB of items to place on list.
- 15.4. EW raised concerns over litter picking and grit distribution.
- 15.5. It was agreed to talk to Eddie Ducann and David Thompson about grit bin keys and procurement of grit supplies. **Action JT**

The meeting closed at 21.35

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

Venue: Mayfield Primary School Hall
Date: 12 November 2012
Time: 19:30 hours

Annex 1

MINUTE		DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Actions from Meeting 10C09			
• 10C09/14.5		Mayfield village sign near Piccadilly Lane damaged	In hand
Actions from Meeting 11C03			
• 11C03/14.7		Damaged bollard on Five Ashes Village Green to be replaced. New estimate awaited.	In hand
Actions from Meeting 11C04			
• 11C04/7.6		To work with Chamber of Commerce to produce a village leaflet.	Open
Actions from Meeting 11C05			
• 11C05/7.5		Leppards Butchers – state of decoration to be followed up with Mr Smithers. In hand.	Open
Actions from Meeting 12C04			
C12/033	12C04/12.5	WH to arrange for War Memorial to be corrected.	Open
Actions from meeting 12C05			
12D54	12C05/71.4	House building and infrastructure issues to be raised with WDC Corporate Planning with regard to opportunity under the Localism Act.	Open
12D55	12C05/18.3	Clerk to consult Coppards over flooding at Cornfield Cottage and seek remedial solution to problem.	Closed
Actions from meeting 12C07			
5.2		JT to write to residents of Five Ashes re: war memorial.	Open
15.1		JT to order maroons for armistice day	In hand
15.5		JT to contact Eddie Ducann re grit bins / keys /salt.	In hand
12.1.3		Monthly job list to be prepared eg Court Meadow drainage clearance	Open