



The Meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

Venue Mayfield Primary School

Date Monday 13 July 2015

Time 19:30

C13JUL15
2015/16 Meeting 03
Adopted

Minutes

Chairman Cllr Jerry Watkiss

Councillors Present and Voting

Jerry Watkiss
Robert Fitzsimmons
Deveda Redman
Chris Lilly

Ian Parker
Johnny Marsh
Julie Upton
Jon Nash

Hubert Hills
Monica Aitken
Rosemary Neal

Also in attendance:

Cllr Redman(WDC), Cllr Wells(WDC), Cllr Standley(ESCC/WDC), Cllr Dowling(ESCC), PCSO Pearce-Martin (Sussex Police), I Bruce (Mayfield Bonfire Society) and J Todd (Parish Clerk).

Public Questions

- Mayfield Bonfire Society informed the Parish Council of requirements stipulated by Wealden District Council's Safety Advisory Group to enable this year's Bonfire Festival to proceed.
- The Safety Advisory Group is insisting that Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council and Mayfield Bonfire Society should be confirmed as responsible for the whole event management of the torch-lit procession and of Shaw's Fair. They class the celebrations as a single event rather than two separate events taking place during the same weekend.
- Mayfield Bonfire Society accepts the responsibility of the torch-lit procession.
- The Parish Council leases Court Meadow to Shaw's Fair and an agreement that Shaw's Fair is responsible for security and the risk management of the fair is signed.
- Concerns have been raised that inebriated teenagers are vulnerable and are at risk of assault after the fair has closed and celebrations have finished. At this particular time Shaw's Fair, Mayfield Bonfire Society and the Parish Council are not responsible for the duty of care to members of the public once they have left Court Meadow.
- Cllr Standley will make enquiries into what authority the Safety Advisory Group has and whether the arrangements could proceed on the same basis as last year to enable the road closure to be authorised. Changes to the event management could then be looked into in more detail in preparation for the 2016 Bonfire Festival.

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Wheeler, Cllr Miles, Cllr Weavers, Cllr Balfour,

2. Declarations of Interests

- 2.1. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Chairman's Announcements

3.1. PCSO Pearce-Martin was called away to an emergency during Public Question Time.

3.2. PCSO Report:

- An hour-long speed check in East Street found that none of the 10 cars that passed were exceeding the 30mph speed limit.
- A speed check in Mayfield High Street found three cars speeding at 25-28mph.
- High Viz patrols and moving cars away from double yellow lines continues. The car parks are not being utilised to their full potential as they are often empty
- Speeding traffic through Five Ashes at 6:30 in the morning has been reported to Traffic Police.
- A valuable watch found in Mayfield High Street has been handed in to Crowborough Police Station.
- The next Police surgery will be held in the Parish Council office at 9:30am on Wednesday 22 July.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held 08 June 2015 (previously circulated)

4.1. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 08 June 2015 as a true record.

4.2. The Chamber of Commerce will be contacted to establish whether the list of shops and services available in Mayfield has been completed.

5. Reports from East Sussex County Council (ESCC)

5.1. ESCC recognises they are one part of a wider system and will pull as many services and resources together with West Sussex County Council and Surrey County Council to maximise benefits. Working with the wider public sector and Local Enterprise Partnership will secure best value for money and maximise services for residents.

5.2. There is a challenge to maintain services as the next budget will be cut by £80 - £90 million.

5.3. A signed partnership agreement with Surrey County Council is anticipated to save £3 to £4 million/ year with shared facilities and manpower.

5.4. Five Ashes continues to suffer with speeding traffic. Traffic control has been refused as there have been no serious accidents within the last five years. Cllr Dowling will continue to work with the Parish Council looking at what can be done to slow the traffic down.

6. Reports from Wealden District Council (WDC)

6.1. The report from Cllr Wells was previously circulated.

6.2. The Court of Appeal has ruled that the 7km protection zone surrounding Ashdown Forest should be removed. Any planning applications submitted which might have an effect on traffic within Ashdown Forest will require some mitigation.

6.3. The Local Plan review is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.

6.4. The Chancellor has announced that Social Housing Tenants will have their rent reduced by 1% a year for the next four years.

6.5. It is anticipated that the Prime minister's extension of the Right to Buy policy will result in a reduction of available social housing to the north of Wealden.

6.6. Council Tax Support Grant will continue to reduce at the current rate annually until it is no longer available.

7. Finance Report (previously circulated)

7.1. The Finance Report with expenditure for May 2015 was previously circulated to councillors.

7.2. Expenditure for May 2015 was higher than average but all payments were anticipated and within budget.

8. Minutes for adoption (previously circulated)

8.1. The Parish Council **resolved** to adopt the following committee minutes:

- Planning Executive 22 June 2015
- Finance and General Purposes 22 June 2015
- Rights of Ways and Trees 24 June 2015
- Community Development 29 June 2015

Matters arising from the minutes

8.2. Community Development:

- The Mayfield and Five Ashes Newsletter have not actually agreed to increase printing to enable the Mayfield and Five Ashes Society to deliver 100 copies to households each month over the next year.

9. Election of Councillors to the following committee and organisations

- Hubert Hills Representative for Mayfield Memorial Hall
- John Nash Member of the Community Safety and Traffic Committee
Representative for Five Ashes Primary School
Representative for Five Ashes Village Hall
Representative for Five Ashes Pre-School Committee

9.1. Cllr Hills and Cllr Nash were elected by unanimous vote.

10. The Dr John Hall Memorial Fund

10.1. Father Nigel Prior was appointed as trustee to the Dr John Hall Memorial Fund.

10.2. Receipt of the accounts to December for 2014 was acknowledged. **Action JT**

11. High Street Christmas Lights – discussion led by Cllr Parker

11.1. The Parish Council will pay for the Christmas lights and installation charge using capital from fundraising.

11.2. Around £3k including the £1k from the Parish Council has been raised so far towards the purchase and installation of the lights.

11.3. There is a meeting on 22 July 2015 to agree the final figure required to purchase the Christmas lights. An appeal for public donations will then be made on Facebook and in the Mayfield and Five Ashes Newsletter.

11.4. To fundraise there will be a family disco with a DJ, Karaoke a hog roast and a children's entertainer on 26 September 2015.

12. Notice board for the Mayfield Band

12.1. There was no objection to the Mayfield Band erecting a notice board on the verge beside the Band Hut steps providing it is not too close to the edge of the car park.

12.2. The Mayfield Band will be asked to confirm the dimensions of the notice board to ensure its size is not excessive. **Action JT**

13. Litter Bins

- 13.1. It was agreed to investigate the possibility and costs of relocating the litterbin outside the Old Post Office to the bus stop on the opposite side of the High Street. **Action JT**
- 13.2. A complaint was made that the awning on the Old Post Office building is too low when fully extended causing a hazard to pedestrians. **Action JT**

14. Updates from Committees (for information only)

14.1. Finance and General Purposes

- Parish Council grants will be advertised in the August edition of the Newsletter and again in the September edition.

14.2. Rights of Ways and Trees

- The volunteer maintenance team has an excursion organised for footpath clearance.

14.3. Planning Committee

- Amendments to the development plans at Love Lane were submitted at today's meeting and an additional property in Old Lane which the committee objected to.

14.4. Community Safety and Traffic

- The SLR minutes from 17 June 2015 were previously circulated.
- The possibility of extending the 50mph speed limit at Argos Hill to Trulls Hatch will be considered to coincide with the possible reduction to 40mph in the narrow curved section of the A267 and Bicycle Arms Lane.
- An article was written in the Newsletter to draw attention to vehicles mounting the High Street pavements when parking and causing the brickwork to collapse.
- Filthy and unreadable road signs were addressed at the meeting.
- At the recent Local Action Team meeting in Crowborough 90% of the Parish Councils present raised speeding issues however it appears that the police do not have any concerted plans to address the continuing problem.

14.5. Community Development

- A meeting is being organised by Age Concern in the Scout and Guide Hall at 10am on 3 October 2015 to discuss coordinating local organisations that deal with the aged and vulnerable. All Parish Councillors are invited to attend.

15. Updates from representatives (for information only)

- 15.1. The minutes of the Wealden District Association of Local Councils were circulated at the meeting.
- 15.2. The Parish Planning Panel confirmed that two officers have visited Mayfield as part of the Conservation Area consultation. Station House may in the future be within the Conservation Area.
- 15.3. The Community Infrastructure Levy will replace Section 106 monies by the end of 2015.
- 15.4. WDC Planning will be offering training for new and existing councillors.

16. Other items of information and next agenda items

- 16.1. The Headmaster of Five Ashes School is retiring and it is possible that his replacement will have shared headship with another school although the governors are resisting this.
- 16.2. An extraordinary meeting to discuss the Bonfire Festival event management may need to be convened.
- 16.3. The verges in Lake Street have not been cut and will be reported. **Action JT**

The meeting ended at 21:20

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

Venue: Mayfield Primary School
 Date: Monday 14 September 2015
 Time: 19:30 hours

.....Chairman's Signature

.....Date

Actions in Progress:

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION		STATUS
Actions from meeting C13MAY13			
18.5	Fox proof bin-WDC advice to wait until litter contract negotiations agreed	JT	On hold
Actions from meeting C14APR14			
14.3	Three quotes for fencing of Jubilee Woods (After installation of substation)	JT	On hold
Actions from meeting C09FEB15			
11.5	Produce a list of services available in Mayfield (Reminder sent 15/8/15)	AB	Open
Actions from meeting C13APR15			
11.3	Facilitation of Magna Carta celebrations	JT	Closed
Actions from C08JUN15			
10.2	Examine implications of running Mayfair and discuss with insurance provider	JT	Open
Actions from meeting C13JUL15			
10.2	Advise Dr John Hall Memorial Fund of Trustee appointment	JT	Closed
12.2	Inform Mayfield Band of notice board decision	JT	Closed
13.1	Investigate relocating litter bin to bus stop in High Street	JT	Closed
13.2	Inform shop owner of awning complaint	JT	Closed
16.2	Report overgrown verges in Lake Street to ESCC Highways	JT	Closed