



The Meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

Venue Mayfield Primary School
Date Monday 09 March 2015
Time 19:30

C09MAR15
2014/15 Meeting 9
Adopted

Minutes

Chairman Cllr Jerry Watkiss

Councillors Present and Voting

Jerry Watkiss
Robert Fitzsimmons
Jane Driscoll
Deveda Redman
Patricia Balfour

Elaine Wheeler
Graham Playfoot
Chris Lilly
Ian Parker
Warwick Child

Monica Aitken
Andrew Burnett
Gill Weavers
Rosemary Neal

Also in attendance:

Cllr Brian Redman (WDC), Cllr Bob Standley (ESCC & WDC) and Janna Todd (Parish Clerk).

Public Questions

PCSO Julie Pearce Martin provided the Police Report:

- Parking in Mayfield High Street continues to be a problem with residents assuming that the parking restrictions do not apply to themselves. Tickets continue to be issued to vehicles parked on double yellow lines and warning cards issued to vehicles exceeding the two hour parking restriction.
- There was a recent serious road traffic collision on Wellbrook Hill involving a car and fuel tanker due to ice on the A267.
- A suspicious male was reported in Coggins Mill Lane. Residents are reminded to report suspicious activity by telephoning 101 and to phone 999 if they are feeling anxious or vulnerable.
- There was a theft from a shed in Coggins Mill Lane.
- The PCSO can provide 'No Cold Caller' stickers and shed alarms which are easy to install.
- The next PCSO Surgery will be held in the Parish Council office on 18 March 2015 from 9:30 -10:00.
- There are regular visits to the primary schools at dropping off and picking up times. Mrs Martin, Lollipop Lady for Mayfield, was commended on her proficiency with helping children cross the road at such a dangerous junction.
- A request for a camera at the road crossing in Five Ashes due to vehicles jumping the traffic lights was turned down by Sussex Safer Roads due to the fact that there have been no reported collisions. The PCSO will appeal this decision as it is primarily school crossing.

- An attempt will be made to acquire funding from the Joint Action Group towards high visibility vests for Five Ashes Primary School children and their guardians.

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Wells (WDC) and Cllr Chris Dowling (ESCC).

2. Declarations of Interests

2.1. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Chairman's Announcements

3.1. May 2015 Parish Council Elections

- Nomination packs for the May elections are available in the Parish Council office.
- An appointment with Wealden District Council has been booked to hand in any completed nomination forms and to have them informally checked. To make use of this service they must be dropped off at the Parish Council office before 1pm on Friday 20 March 2015.
- Prospective councillors may hand deliver their own nomination forms to Wealden District Council in Hailsham or post them by recorded delivery to be received on or before 4pm on 9 April 2015.
- To ascertain the electoral numbers to complete the nomination forms telephone the Elections Team on 01892 602407.
- A suggestion was made that if there is a contested election all prospective councillors may wish to write a short précis about themselves that will be made available to residents on the Parish council website.

3.2. Memorial Hall overflow car park

- It is hoped that construction work will commence on 30 March 2015 or at the latest 7 April 2015 subject to permission from the utility companies.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held 09 February 2015 (previously circulated)

4.1. It was **resolved** by unanimous vote to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 09 February 2015 as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Report from East Sussex County Council

5.1. An attempt is being made to coordinate the timetables of the bus 224 and 226 services. Rotherfield Parish Council has agreed to contribute towards these services to come in line with Wadhurst and Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Councils.

5.2. East Sussex County Council is promoting their "You're Hired" campaign to increase the number of apprenticeships in the county. They are seeking 500 businesses across the county to find out more about taking on an apprentice.

5.3. The report on the Cuckoo Trail between Mayfield and Rotherfield has been completed. It estimates a cost of £180k - £200k to improve the structure of the bridges to the required safety standards. Enquiries are being made in to the possibility of diverting the trail around one of the bridges.

5.4. Cllr Standley will ascertain why the road works on Wellbrook Hill appear to have been abandoned by Southern Gas Networks.

6. Report from Wealden District Council

- 6.1. The 2015/16 budget has been approved and Council Tax has been frozen for a further year.
- 6.2. The corporate plan for the next four years has been approved and is available for viewing online.
- 6.3. The District and County local government boundaries are being reviewed to determine how many councillors are required and to regulate the number of electors represented by each councillor.

7. Finance Report (previously circulated)

- 7.1. The Finance Report and expenditure for January 2014 was reviewed.
- 7.2. Expenditure for January 2015 was just below average at £6,519.28.
- 7.3. Cllr Standley and Cllr Redman left the meeting at 20:12.

8. Minutes for adoption (previously circulated)

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

- P16FEB15 Planning Executive
- G18FEB15 Governance and Risk Committee
- F23FEB15 Finance and General Purposes Executive

Matters arising from the minutes

8.2. P16FEB15

- .WDC has approved the change of use to residential for Martletts in Mayfield High Street despite objections from the Planning Committee.

8.3. F23FEB15/9.2

- Replacing the mercury streetlights with sodium lights will be a priority. This can be achieved by reusing the sodium lights which have been upgraded to LED's.

9. Financial Regulations (Financial Regulations v1.2 previously circulated)

9.1. It was **resolved** by unanimous vote to adopt the Financial Regulations v1.2 previously approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

10. Parish Council projects from 2015-2020 (information previously circulated)

10.1. The list of suggested projects for 2015 – 2020 was approved and will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

11. Updates from Committees

11.1. Finance and General Purposes

- Nothing further to report

11.2. Rights of Ways and Trees

- The report on the Cuckoo trail will be discussed at the next meeting.

11.3. Planning Committee

- Nothing further to report

11.4. Community Safety and Traffic

- Nothing further to report

11.5. Community Development

- Nothing further to report

12. Updates from representatives

12.1. Argos Hill Windmill

- The renovation of the body of the windmill is complete. Materials with which to build the stocks are being considered.
- Volunteers will be attaching the weatherboarding.
- Project to be completed by the beginning of 2016.

12.2. Chamber of Commerce

- Planning for the 2015 Christmas lights is proceeding.
- There are a pleasing number of volunteers organising the Mayfair which will take place on 9 May 2015.
- Cllr Burnett will circulate the results of the High Street Shopping Survey to the High Street retailers.

12.3. Wealden District Association of Local Councils

- The majority of information presented at the executive meeting can be found in Wealden District Council's February 2015 Parish Bulletin.

12.4. Wealden Parish Planning meeting

- Nothing to report.

12.5. Transition Mayfield

- It is hoped that there will be a talk on the Green Energy project at the Annual Parish meeting.

13. Other items of information and next agenda items

13.1. Wealden District Council has the responsibility of roadside litter clearance. Confirmation has been received that litter along Mayfield by-pass should be cleared imminently.

13.2. Christmas Lights for the High Street will be discussed at the Parish Council's next meeting.

13.3. There will be a talk by Woodhill Patients Group on the elderly on Monday 23 March 2015 at Mayfield Primary School.

13.4. The cost of defibrillator and CPR training courses for residents are being investigated.

14. Resolution C09MAR15: That in view of the confidential nature of the business in item 15 the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1.

Proposed: Cllr Weavers

Seconded: Cllr Burnett

14.1. It was **resolved** by unanimous vote to exclude the public and press from the meeting during item 15

14.2. Members of the public and press were requested to leave the meeting.

15. Parish Council office facilities

15.1. It was agreed that further investigations will be undertaken.

The meeting ended at 21:00

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

Venue: Five Ashes Village Hall

Date: Monday 13 April 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 C09JUN14			
12.1-3	Arrange new grass cutting requirements	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting 09JAN15			
10.4	Advise retailers that a meeting can be arranged to discuss ATM benefits	JT	Closed
11.5	Produce a list of services available in Mayfield	AB	Open
11.6	Make enquiries in to the nature of the shop at St Leonards Girls School	JT	In hand
11.7	Histograms and analysis of survey results on website/newsletter	JT	Closed
11.8	Facilliate meeting with residents able to assist with Community Shop	JT	Open
12.5	Discuss training/village awareness of defibrillators with Woodhill Patients Grp	DR	Closed
12.6	Ascertain possibility of CPR/defibrillator training at Annual Parish Meeting	JT	Closed