



The Meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

Venue Mayfield Memorial Hall
Date Monday 08 February 2016
Time 19:30

C08FEB16
2015/16 Meeting 08
Adopted

Minutes

Chairman Cllr Jerry Watkiss

Councillors Present and Voting

Jerry Watkiss
Chris Lilly
Herb Hills
Elaine Wheeler
Patricia Balfour

Robert Fitzsimmons
Johnny Marsh
Monica Aitken
Julie Upton

Deveda Redman
Jon Nash
Rosemary Neal
Ian Parker

Also in attendance:

Cllr B Redman(WDC), Cllr J Fox(WDC), Cllr R Streatfeild (Chiddingstone PC/ HWCAAG).
There was one member of the public present and J Todd (Parish Clerk).

Public Questions

- A representative of residents in Lake Street reported their concern of the erosion of local verges and the danger of mud on the road from agricultural vehicles.
- Advice provided was that the erosion of the verges in Lake Street has previously been reported to East Sussex Highways and will be discussed at the SLR meeting on Wednesday 10 February 2016. Residents should also report the problems to East Sussex Highways online to draw additional attention to the problem.
- An enquiry will be made in to the procedure for introducing weight restrictions. **Action JT**

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Weavers, Cllr Miles, Cllr Dowling (ESCC) Cllr Wells (WDC), Cllr Standley (ESCC/ WDC) and PCSO Pearce-Martin (Sussex Police).

2. Declarations of Interests

- 2.1. Cllr D Redman declared a personal and pecuniary interest in minute 6.2 of the Planning Executive meeting held on 29 January 2016.

3. Chairman's Announcements

3.1. PCSO Pearce-Martin's report:

- Parking continues to be monitored. Two abandoned cars have been reported. Abandoned cars should be reported to Operation Crackdown (but please also inform the PCSO).
- There has been a dog theft by two males driving a scruffy hatchback who stopped at a farm and asked for water for their overheating car. Residents should be vigilant and very careful of casual visitors. Always get a vehicle registration number.

- There have been petty thefts from the High Street with milk, newspapers, fruit and vegetables taken around 6am from outside shops. This could be isolated opportunistic theft but please be vigilant and report anything suspicious
- £100 has been secured for Mayfield Pre-school; please let the PCSO know if there are any good causes that need help using the Police Property Act Fund.
- The next PCSO surgery is Wednesday 24 February 2016 at 11am in the Parish council office.

3.2. Cllr Watkiss confirmed that he would be standing down as Chairman from May 2016.

4. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 14 December 2015 (previously circulated)

4.1. It was **resolved** unanimously to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2015 as a true record.

4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group (information previously circulated)

5.1. This item was postponed until the arrival of Cllr Streatfeild at 20:45 hours.

5.2. Cllr Streatfeild summarised the HWCAAG's aviation policy and discussed the impact on Mayfield if a second runway was built at Gatwick Airport.

5.3. The meeting was informed that the flight path merge point over Mayfield is still in discussion.

5.4. Advice was that three out of 69 flight companies have agreed to modify their Airbus A320 fuselages to prevent the loud whine when the aircraft come in to land.

5.5. If a second runway is built at Gatwick there will be double the number of flights over Mayfield.

5.6. It was **resolved** unanimously to join the HWCAAG as an Associate Member. **Action JT**

6. Reports from East Sussex County Council (ESCC)

6.1. The report from ESCC was previously circulated.

6.2. A proposal has been received to reduce the speed limit at Argos Hill to 40mph in the narrow curved section of the A267 and for the length of Bicycle Arms Lane.

6.3. There have been a number of meetings regarding the flight paths of aircraft arriving into Gatwick and lobbying from many quarters. Gatwick will respond to the Gatwick Airport Arrivals Review by the end of March 2016 and publish a progress report by the end of January 2017.

7. Reports from Wealden District Council (WDC)

7.1. Cllr Fox has attended a meeting concerning noise from aircraft at Gatwick.

7.2. The locations of new housing development sites in Wealden are still unknown.

7.3. Assistance is being given to the Five Ashes Speedwatch team to try to publicise Speedwatch as something positive to educate drivers.

7.4. Cllr B Redman discussed the Code of Conduct and reminded councillors to give people the opportunity to respond first before posting a comment online and on twitter.

7.5. Cllr Fox left the meeting after this agenda item.

8. Finance Report (previously circulated)

8.1. The Finance Report with expenditure for December 2015 was previously circulated to Councillors.

- Expenditure was average for the month.
- Fundraising in excess of £2000 was received towards the Christmas lights.

15. Updates from Committees (for information only)

15.1. Finance and General Purposes

- A five year financial plan will be discussed at the next F & GP meeting discussing before bringing to Full Council.

15.2. Rights of Ways and Trees

- There has been minimal maintenance work due to the adverse weather.

15.3. Planning Committee

- Nothing further to report

15.4. Community Safety and Traffic

- There are several Internet scams circulating and advice is to not divulge any financial details to any organisation that requests details online.

15.5. Community Development

- Nothing further to report

16. Updates from representatives (for information only)

16.1. WDALC has been informed that ESFRS is trying to encourage youngsters to concentrate on their driving to prevent accidents. ESFRS will be invited to give a talk on road safety in Wealden at the Annual Parish meeting. **Action JT**

16.2. The Mayfair will take place on Saturday 14 May 2016.

16.3. Cllr Marsh informed that there is a new dementia support group starting on Thursday this week.

16.4. Interviews for a part-time coordinator for the Community Initiative Group will take place in March 2016.

17. Other items of information and next agenda items

17.1. There were no other items of information.

The meeting ended at 21:18

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

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Time: 19:30 hours

.....*Chairman's Signature*

.....*Date*

Actions in Progress:

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	
Actions from meeting C13MAY13			
18.5	Fox proof bin – Delivery confirmed w/c 08/02/16	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting C14APR14			
14.3	Three quotes for fencing of Jubilee Woods (After installation of substation)	JT	On hold
Actions from C08JUN15			
10.2	Examine implications of running Mayfair and discuss with insurance provider	JT	Closed
Actions from meeting C12OCT15			
PQT	Obtain estimations for the installation of additional litter bin at Court Meadow	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting C09NOV15			
12.2	Organise clean up advertising	JT	On hold
Actions from meeting C14DEC15			
3.6	Write letter of thanks to PCSO Martin	JT	Closed
9.4	Complete precept form & send to WDC	JT	Closed
10.4	Send copy of letter to Police Commissioner to SSALC	JT	Closed
12.1	Send booking forms to Memorial Hall bookings secretary	JT	Closed
Actions from meeting C08FEB16			
PQT	Enquire in to procedure for introducing weight restrictions	JT	Open
5.6	Join HWCAAG as associate member	JT	Open
12.1	Investigate possible use of former Natwest building	JT	Open
13.1	Request additional information for Bonfire Society's celebration	JT	Open
16.1	Invite ESFRS to attend Annual Parish Meeting	JT	Open