

Minutes of meeting of the
Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Venue: Old Manor House
Date: Monday 19 September 2016
Time: 19:30

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2016/17 Meeting 02
Adopted

MINUTES

Chairman Cllr Deveda Redman

ATTENDANCE

Councillors Present and Voting

Deveda Redman
Elaine Wheeler
Johnny Marsh
Patricia Balfour
David Miles

Lay Members Present

Garnet Shackel
Brian Pike
Steve Harland

Also Present: 19 members of the public and Janna Todd (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Gill Weavers and Brian O'Connor.

2. Declaration of interests on agenda items

2.1. There were no declarations of interests.

3. Public questions and comments

3.1. The meeting was adjourned to receive public questions and comments.

3.2. A resident from Vines Corner, Heathfield, informed the meeting of a possible new housing development proposal of 600 dwellings at Heathfield Park and that this would be preferable to Vines Corner.

3.3. 14 members of the public, representatives of Roselands Avenue, were present and informed the Committee that they objected to the development of Mayfield cricket ground.

3.4. The Committee was informed that one property in Roselands Avenue has been sold to a developer and there was concern that they might attempt to use the private road to access the cricket ground.

3.5. Residents of Roselands Avenue informed that there were on-going drainage issues from the cricket ground that have not been resolved.

3.6. Members of the public were advised that there is a public consultation period when a planning application is submitted to Wealden District Council (WDC) and to regularly inspect their weekly list of planning applications and to subscribe to 'My Alerts' to ensure they have the opportunity to comment.

4. Minutes of the meeting 20 June 2016 previously adopted

4.1. The meeting was reconvened at 19:50.

4.2. The minutes were adopted at the Parish Council meeting held on 11 July 2016.

Matters arising from the minutes

- 4.3. Cllr Wheeler is arranging an ecological survey of Jubilee Wood.
- 4.4. The wooden figures from the village sign need to be repaired before it can be erected. The contact details of a local resident that may be able to assist with the repairs have recently been forwarded to the clerk to investigate.
- 4.5. WDC have informed that any Section 106 money available from the Love Lane development can only be applied for once the fourth residence is occupied.

5. Proposed housing development in Heathfield

- 5.1. The consultation is open for the proposed housing development at Vines Corner.
- 5.2. Following discussions at Full council and Planning Executive meetings it was agreed to inform WDC of the following objections to the two developments to the north of the A265:
 - The landscape character of the AONB will be destroyed and should be protected
 - The views across the Rother valley and skyline to the north of Mayfield will be disrupted
 - It will impact a well used cycle route and bridleway
 - It will destroy an ancient drovers route that has historical and cultural value
 - It will affect the water supply to residents in Newick Lane that rely on ground water supply
- 5.3. East Sussex Highways are not concerned of the possible increase in traffic on the local roads as they are not at their full capacity.

6. Mayfield Cricket Club

- 6.1. There are screening opinions submitted to WDC to assess whether Environmental Impact Assessments are required if plans proceed to relocate the cricket ground to land off the old Tunbridge Wells Road and to develop the cricket ground for housing. These are not open to public consultation.
- 6.2. It was agreed to contact the Cricket Club to request that they hold a public meeting to inform residents of their plans and discuss any concerns. **Action JT**
- 6.3. The Parish Council has been informed that any land developed as a sports field is then classified as a Brownfield site. These are preferable for development over Greenfield sites.

7. Future requirements in Mayfield (information previously circulated)

- 7.1. The possibility of introducing a dropped kerb in the pavement in front of Mayfield War Memorial to improve disabled access and pushchair access was discussed. This is a Highways issue and it is unlikely that they would agree to funding. There could be additional complications as the High Street is in the Conservation Area.
- 7.2. Wealden Disability Involvement Group will be contacted to request an access survey and to determine whether funding is available towards the project. **Action JT**
- 7.3. A suggestion has been made to alter the width of the barriers at the bottom of Star Lane to improve disability access.
- 7.4. A short discussion took place concerning new premises for Woodhill Surgery. The CQC report on Woodhill Surgery states that they are actively searching for new premises and have had offers of land already.
- 7.5. There was a discussion on additional housing numbers required in Mayfield and it was agreed that there was insufficient affordable housing for young adults.
- 7.6. There was concern that the number of surveys completed on social housing required in Mayfield and Five Ashes would be low. Teenagers will probably not know where they will work in the future and whether they will require social housing in Wealden once they have completed their education.

7.7. The proposed allocated additional housing numbers of 180 for Mayfield and 40 for Five Ashes over 20 years could be met by the current rate of new conversions, windfalls and infilling.

8. Tourism

- 8.1. The Parish Council's stance is to encourage tourism.
- 8.2. Signs directing cyclists to Mayfield High Street could increase footfall in the village.
- 8.3. Mayfield and Five Ashes Society are no longer pursuing the erection of historical plaques on buildings due to expense. The cost of each plaque is around £200 and planning permission is required from WDC to install them.
- 8.4. There is a Dutch cycling tour through the village that visits the Pink Cabbage for lunches.
- 8.5. Tourism will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

9. A267 in Five Ashes

- 9.1. The Council has been informed that it will not be possible to install average speed cameras in Five Ashes and that the speed limit will not be reduced to 20mph outside the Primary School. This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 12 September 2016.
- 9.2. Concern has been raised that there will be an increase in traffic once the cottage hospice has been built.

10. 2016 Bonfire Festival

- 10.1. There have been no reported problems following the Bonfire Festival on Saturday.
- 10.2. Information has been received that the fair left bags of rubbish on Court Meadow.

11. Court Meadow

- 11.1. There are a few minor repairs required to the play area equipment.
- 11.2. Chestnut posts will be installed on some of the verges of the overflow car park to prevent vehicles parking on the grass and damaging the oak tree roots.
- 11.3. The external lighting for the memorial Hall has been installed.
- 11.4. Additional drainage has been installed adjacent to the Memorial Hall.
- 11.5. If the grant application with Veolia is successful the skate park upgrade will proceed. If it is unsuccessful the groundwork only will commence this financial year.

12. Items of information and next agenda items

- 12.1. Mayfield and Five Ashes Community Services has arranged a singing group and has arranged a training course on safeguarding vulnerable adults.
- 12.2. It is anticipated that Mayfield and Five Ashes will share the same district boundary following the boundary consultation.

The meeting closed at 20:55 hours.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee:

Venue: Old Manor House, High Street, Mayfield
Date: Monday 19 December 2016
Time: 19:30 Hours

.....*Chairman's Signature*

.....*Date*

Annex 1

Annually	Review community assets list	JT	Ongoing
Actions from meeting 30 September 2013			
8.1	Arrange ecological survey of Jubilee Wood	EW	In hand
Actions from meeting 20 June 2016			
8.3	Make enquiries concerning Section 106 money for Love Lane development	JT	Closed
8.4	Inform WDC of missing road sign for Love Lane and Victoria Road	JT	Closed
12.1	Forward photos of damaged village sign to Clerk	BO'C	Closed
Actions from meeting 19 September 2016			
6.2	Contact Cricket Club to arrange a public meeting	JT	Open
7.2	Request access survey from WDIG and investigate funding	JT	Open