



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 7th August 2023

7pm, Parish Council Meeting Room, Wivelsfield Village Hall

Agenda Item	Description & Information	Resolved
Present:	Parish Councillors H Martin (Chair), I Haffenden, C Broad, S Morris and R Morris. Bob Franklin (Locum Clerk). Two members of the public and PCSO Chris Marchant.	
1	Apologies for Absence. Cllr. Cumberland and Cty. Cllr. Milligan.	
2	Declarations of Members' Interests. There were none.	
3	Public Forum. The meeting was suspended whilst the public forum took place. The Council were thanked for their support in a previous planning application. The Speed Indication Device (SID) was being delivered tomorrow and would be looked after by the Speedwatch team. Clerk to pay the invoice. Magpie Ridge. A member of the Public was not aware of any building on the land and believed that a building on a neighbouring property burnt down in the 1960's. PCSO Chris Marchant introduced himself and stated that he had provided a box of leaflets to inform people about scam telephone calls and he stated that fortunately Wivelsfield did not require frequent Police visits. Police manpower is directed to areas of most need, meaning that he is often called away to supplement policing in other areas, eg. Brighton Pride. The Chair thanked him for introducing himself.	
4	To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2023. Approved.	Minutes approved & signed.
5	a. Planning Matters. <u>LW/23/0344 – Land Adjacent to Magpie Ridge, South Road – Section 73A</u> retrospective application to regularize the land currently being used as part of a contracting business – Class B2/B8 (Case Officer: James Emery). Councillors stated that this was outside the development boundary. The building shown on the plan was not believed to have ever existed, the	Neutral

		<p>documentation was insufficient, and concern was expressed that it may be part of an inappropriate strategy. The Council voted to remain neutral with the caveats as above.</p> <p>b. LW/23/0386 – 8 Coppards Close – Removal of existing rear conservatory, hip to gable side roof extension and rear dormer. (Case Officer: James Emery).</p> <p>c. LW/23/0397 – Shadycombe, Slugwash Lane – Two single storey rear extension at front elevation, garage conversion at side elevation with alterations to fenestration at all elevations. (Case Officer: James Smith). Council voted 3 : 2 to remain neutral.</p> <p>d. TW/23/0063/TPO – 7 Hawthorn Close. – T1 – European Beech – Fell T2 – European beech – Fell T3 – European beech – Fell. (Case Officer: Nick Jones).</p> <p>It was noted that the trees were in poor condition and the Council voted to support approval and follow the Tree Officer's guidance.</p> <p>Notices of Planning Approval Received (for information only). LW/23/0196 – Land adjacent to Moors Cottage, Slugwash Lane – change of use and conversion of existing building to form 2 no. dwellings with associated landscaping, demolition of existing stables, outbuildings and structures.</p> <p>LW/23/0277 – 1 Park View, South Road – replacement and extension of existing ground floor side and rear extensions, 1st floor rear bay window.</p> <p>Notices of Withdrawn Applications. LW/23/0272 – Park Hill 100 Acre Lane – erection of agricultural plant/equipment shed.</p> <p>Notices of Refusals Received. LW/23/0194 – Ridge House, Ditchling Road – retrospective use of annexe as separate building. LW/23/0114 – Manor Nursery, Theobalds Road – erection of 2 no detached dwellings with double garages and associated landscaping.</p> <p>Other Planning Matters. The user group expressed concern over large developments and Eaton may still be on the cards. A statement had been received from the Cabinet Member for Planning and it was suggested that this would be put in the Wivelsfield News. Head of Planning stated that the new Local Plan is hoped to be available for consultation starting in November.</p>	<p>Support Approval</p> <p>Neutral</p> <p>Support Approval.</p>
6.		<p><u>Finance</u> <u>General Finance.</u> Council resolved to approve this month's payments.</p>	Resolved.

		<p>Council resolved to approve the Bank Reconciliations for Match – June 2023.</p> <p>Council resolved to approve the increase in internal audit fees.</p> <p>Council resolved to approve a three-year agreement to retain the fees for that term.</p>	<p>Resolved.</p> <p>Resolved.</p> <p>Resolved.</p>
7.	.	<p>Clerk's Report.</p> <p>A minor security breach had occurred and was now resolved.</p>	.
8.		<p>Reports from Parish Councillors.</p> <p>The Chair reported that she had attended a training session for planning.</p>	.
9.		<p>Reports from District & County Councillors, MP & PCSO.</p> <p>PCSO Marchant reported in public time.</p> <p>Cty. Cllr. Milligan submitted a report attached at Appendix B.</p>	
10.		<p>Items to be taken to the next Lewes District Association of Local Councils Meeting.</p> <p>The Chair reported that LDSLC attempted to hold an online meeting which failed, then announced a face-to-face meeting that she was unable to attend. The Clerk was asked to contact them about a date for the next meeting.</p>	
11.		<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Councillors were requested to read the D-Day Anniversary Guide for 2024 for consideration at the October meeting.</p>	
12.		<p>Items for Noting or Inclusion on the next Agenda.</p> <p>It was felt important to allocate time for discussion on the new local Plan and to decide how to manage the Council's response.</p> <p>It was agreed to cancel the September meeting.</p>	Resolved – Cancel September meeting.
13.		<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 2nd October 2023.</p>	
14.		<p>Staffing Matters.</p> <p>It was agreed to appoint the Locum Clerk for 2 months.</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Appendix A

Accounts for Payment for the Meeting of 7th August 2023

New Items Approved at the Meeting

Payee	Expenditure	Value	Total	Payment Type	Voucher Ref
		£	£		
General Expenditure					
Salaries	August 23		2351.22	Online	816
East Sussex Pension Fund	Pension contributions August 23		853.90	Online	817
Lewes District Council	Outdoor Gym & Play Area Inspection May 23		36.00	Online	818
Lewes District Council	Charters Gate Way Dog Bin Emptying May 23		93.60	Online	819
Lewes District Council	Litter bin emptying pavilion and car park – July 23		48.00	Online	820
Transparity Solutions Ltd	August 2023 Office 365 Subscription		49.08	Online	821
Sage UK Ltd	August 23 Sage 50 Accounts subscription		92.40	DD	822
South Brockwells Farm	Grant in kind for Village Day		600.00	Online	823
Playsafe Playgrounds Ltd.	Repairs to Playground		4048.80	Online	824
ESALC	Councillor Martin – attendance at Planning training session.		48.00	Online	825
ESALC	Copies of the Being a Good Employer guide.		34.16	Online	826
Barcombe Landscapes	Playground maintenance, War Memorial maintenance, Verge Cutting.		1961.15	Online	827
Total Expenditure			10,200.11		

Appendix B

Report from East Sussex County Councillor Matthew Milligan August 2023

During July I continued to regularly report potholes and other road defects and undertook various casework from local residents.

On 18 July 2023, East Sussex County Council agreed to make an addition of £5 million to the Capital Programme for 2023/24. This follows an agreement by the County Council to agree additional investment for highways in June 2023.

A number of bus improvements have been put in place from the 23rd July. The main service improved in our area is the 121 service where the frequency has been increased to hourly on weekdays, an improved Saturday service and a new Sunday service.

This has been funded from the £41 million pounds that central government have given to East Sussex County Council to improve local bus services across the county.

As always if you would like to contact me to report any concerns or anything else please do email me at cllr.matthew.milligan@eastsussex.gov.uk