

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2016 7.30PM AT THE LODGE HILL CENTRE, LONDON ROAD, WATERSFIELD

Those Present: Cllr G Nelson Chairman 7:40
Cllr T Burr
Cllr O Dudman
Cllr B Maher
Cllr J Evans
Cllr A Lilley
Cllr J Bowler
Cllr K Viccari

D Cllr B Donnelly District Councillor

Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge Clerk

Cllr Burr chaired the meeting until Cllr Nelson arrived.

ACTION

15 / 62.00 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None present.

15 / 63.00 **TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hewer and D Cllr Clark & Cllr Nelson advised he would be late.

15 / 64.00 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES**

Minutes for meetings held; 24th November 2015 and planning meetings held on 30th November and 8th December 2015 were accepted and were signed by the Chairman, Cllr Nelson upon his arrival.

15 / 64.00 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations were received for this meeting.

15 / 65.00 **BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016/17**

Cllr Nelson arrived during this item at 7.40pm.

15 / 65.01 **Budget:** The Clerk read the letter received from Age Concern UK (Horsham District) thanking the council for the donation this year. Members made no changes to the budget.

15 / 65.02 **Precept:** The Clerk had distributed copies of the previously agreed precept increase. This is attached as Appendix A. Members agreed this 2.5% increase. The Chairman signed the Precept Request.

RESOLVED Councillors agreed the proposed budget and the 2.5% Precept increase.

15 / 66.00 **FINANCE**

15 / 66.01 Account Summary: The Clerk gave all Councillors a copy of up to date accounts for the Parish Council and Alban Head Playing Fields Committee. These are attached as Appendix B & C respectively. It was noted that the accounts were not showing the VAT element of the payment to Oakmeeds Community College, the Clerk would correct.

Cllr Nelson confirmed that he had discussed with both Alban Head employees regarding their pension enrolment, and advised that both Gordon Streeter and James Conran-Smith do not wish to take up any entitlement to a pension.

Cllr Evans asked for confirmation that the WSCC grant had been received, Clerk advised already included in the £8402 current balance, and had been detailed in the accounts at the last meeting.

15 / 66.02 **Payments:** Authorised and signed cheques by:
the Chairman, the Clerk and Cllr Maher for;

Office First	Stationary	£9.85
Horsham District Council	Election Fees	£98.00
Lodge Hill Trust Ltd	January Meeting Fee	£25.00
Oakmeeds Community College	Printing costs for Parish Letters	£40.80
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Oct to Dec	£197.40
Sherriff Amenities	White Line Powder	£ 46.69

the Chairman, and Cllrs Maher & Hewer for;

Mrs L D Sherlock-Fuidge	Sundry Expenses & Travel + Laptop	£394.26
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15 / 67.00 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

15 / 67.01 **Alban Head Chairman Report:** it is a quiet time of year, roof work has missed the dry weather and is due to start as soon as possible.

15 / 67.02 **Alban Head Committee Structure:** The review is still work in progress, receiving views from members.

15 / 68.00 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Cllr Veccari advised that there hasn't been much change on the website. She is going to chase Graham, asking if the front page can be made available and the area for the Parish Files online for transparency and unfortunately these should have been available since July.

**Cllr
Veccari**

Cllr Veccari confirmed the additional content required about Alban Head, St Giles Church, Village History. Members would provide as soon as possible.

Cllr Lilley asked if there was to be a counter. Members agreed to have a counter, but information only available for our use.

15 / 69.00 **RIVER LANE PATH**

Cllr Burr updated council regarding his discussions with the Barlavington Estate, no change, however Roger Pool, the PDAC Angler conceded that fishing wouldn't be available from Waltham Brooks for PDAC because of the Piscari Common rights.

Cllr Burr is awaiting further information from Barlavington Estate.

15 / 70.00 **CORRESPONDENCE**

15 / 70.01 Noting the correspondence from Age Concern UK (Horsham District) read earlier in the meeting. Cllr Burr asked for further confirmation of specific activities carried out in the Parish for the benefit of our residents, as opposed to just the district.

D Cllr Donnelly advised that HDC also make a donation of £46K to this charity as it is better placed to deliver specific assistance in the community too. In the same way HDC make other donations to charities for the benefit of the community, like £95K to CAB. Both these charities are able to deliver specific assistance to the community, where HDC could not afford this level of expertise and knowledge for this cost.

15 / 70.02 Cllr Evans advised that some work has been going on at Silverdale. The ecological survey has been completed. However, Stonewater has found some interesting archaeological things which need to have further investigation. Building works is expected to start on site by March.

15 / 70.03 Police – two accidents in the area which had been reported recently, however both were medical events. Cllr Evans has been using a link to the police reports regarding recent burglaries, he noted that it made interesting reading, for hints regarding safety and awareness risks. It is hoped that this link might be made available to residents so they can be better informed.

15 / 70.04 Cllrs Nelson and Lilley highlighted a campaign for better funding for schools in West Sussex, entitled “Worth Less in West Sussex” – recommend that residents were made aware of the discrepancies in funding nationally. Cllr Nelson advised that if the Weald were funded to the same level as a similar sized secondary school in Haringey in London, the Weald would be able to employ 100 more teachers. Cllrs Lilley will circulate letters about campaign

**Cllrs
Nelson &
Lilley**

15 / 71.00 **PLANNING**

15 / 71.01 The Clerk asked for a planning meeting to discuss Penn House, Old London Road. Members agreed to meet on 26th January.

15 / 71.02 The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications;

- SDNP/15/04857/FUL, Hardham Mill Business Park, London Road, Hardham, Permitted
- SDNP/15/00454/TCA, Church House, Old London Road, Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/15/05240/HOUS, 2 New Cottages London Road Hardham, Withdrawn
- SDNP/15/05642/HOUS, Stamp Cottage, London Road, Watersfield, Permitted
- SDNP/15/03171/FUL, Watersfield Chapel, London Road, Watersfield. Refused

Cllr Maher had received a complaint regarding solar panels attached to a roof in Brook View, the clerk to discuss with HDC Enforcement Officer to determine if planning consent is required.

Clerk

15 / 72.00 **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK**

Cllr Lilley had to leave during this item.

15 / 72.01 Clerk advised that the Piscari Rights Signs would cost £15 + VAT each, members agreed the purchase.

15 / 72.02 **Damaged Manhole in Pathway**: Cllr Dudman advised that Chris Hilton, SVMH chairman, had asked if SVMH Committee could arrange and pay for the repair. Cllr Nelson advised that this should not happen. The Clerk advised that WS Highways advised that it was not their responsibility. Then Contacting Southern Water, twice now, to advise of the situation regarding the damaged manhole cover, but still awaiting the issue to be resolved.

15 / 72.03 **Post Office:** Cllr Nelson asked, for an update from the Sandham Hall, regarding their planning for a replacement for Pauline Streeter MBE, should she decide to retire as Post Mistress. Cllr Nelson advised that the issue is not just a replacement person, but also the lease, training of a future person and other factors. The Parish Council currently fund the rent of the Post Office and is concerned that The Post Office, which is a core amenity for the village, does not disappear like in other local villages, none more so that the situation in Pulborough.

D Cllr Donnelly advised two or three people have expressed an interest in running a Post Office in Pulborough.

15 / 72.04 **Winter Plan:** Cllr Maher advised that he had received 36 responses to date with 12 requesting assistance and 24 offers of help, these include 4 with use of Land Rovers and 20 others with 4x4 able to help take people shopping etc. Cllr Nelson suggested that these details are distributed to the Clerk and himself to allow for coordination should weather mean that help is required.

15 / 72.05 D Cllr Donnelly updated council regarding:

- Following Central Government's Autumn Statement; Grant to Councils will continue to disappear.
- HDC Housing Plan has been approved
- New Housing Grants, and Business Rate Scheme should help to generate income
- 1.1% To 1.2% increase in council tax.
- Green Waste has been increased.
- Sunday parking charging due to start at £1.50.
- The proposed application for Pulborough Station development is expected to be resubmitted
- Burgess & Randall is due to be developed to include two flats above the rebuilt shop.
- Flats at Swan Corner are due to go ahead, planning had previously been granted

15 / 73.00 **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Cllr Evans collected items from council for inclusion in the Parish Link:

- Winter Help Scheme
- Alban Head
- Raglan
- Worth Less
- Police Crime awareness

15 / 74.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Next meeting of Council: is on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm, at Lodge Hill.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman:..... **Date:**.....

Distributed to those present, also Cllr Hewer, C Cllr Arculus and D Cllr Clarke.