

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 7.30PM

SANDHAM HALL, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Those Present:	Cllr G Nelson	Chairman
	Cllr J Evans	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr C Dennis	
	Cllr A Davies	
	Cllr J Bowler	
	Cllr O Dudman	
	Cllr A Lane	
Cllr S Hewer		
	C Cllr C Kenyon	County Councillor
	Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge	Clerk

Before the meeting there was an opportunity for members of the public present to speak with council. No members of public present.

### 22 / 01.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from D Cllrs van de Klugt and Clarke.

### 22 / 07.01 TRANSPORT ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr Nelson invited C Cllr Kenyon to update members at the start of the meeting as she needed to leave.

C Cllr Kenyon responded to members questions, with regard the many traffic issues raised by the parishes along the A29, there are lots of contributing factors which parishes cannot have any control over: routes suggested by sat-navs etc, however, she has been looking into things where parishes can make changes: the problems that large HGV face negotiating Swan Corner, Cllr Dennis requested more information on what measures could be taken and what their cost were.

C Cllr Kenyon noted that Coldwaltham is different to the village of Bury, as there are many more homes which access directly onto the A29, which doesn't allow for a concerted effort between the parish councils. Bury PC are very concerned about the number of motorbikes and speed of vehicles.

Cllr Nelson was aware that it has been reported that residents in Fittleworth Parish are considering an action of civil disobedience in their fight against the speed of vehicles through the village. It is not possible to verify these reports.

C Cllr Kenyon left the meeting at this point and the Item would be revisited later in the meeting.

### 22 / 02.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Clerk had distributed Members' Register of Interest update forms prior to the meeting; all were received at the meeting.

No new declarations were received.

**22 / 03.00**      **TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES**

Minutes for the council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**22 / 04.00**      **PARISH YEAR**

**22 / 04.01**      **Current Policies:** The Council confirmed all current policies: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Publication Scheme, Members' Code of Conduct.

**22 / 04.02**      **Health and Safety Issues:** The Clerk reported to council regarding: Roads, Footpaths, Bus Shelters, Noticeboard, and the Alban Head Play Equipment. The report is attached as Appendix A.

**22 / 04.03**      **Council Roles:** The Council reviewed the current list, members agreed changes. The clerk to post the list on the website.

**22 / 04.04**      **Piscary Bailiffs:** The Council reviewed the Piscary bailiffs; Owen & Steve Dudman, Paul Hubbard & Colin Smithson. Members confirmed their re-appointment.

**22 / 05.00**      **2021/22 YEAR END ACCOUNTS**

**22 / 05.01**      **Year 2021/22 Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement:** The Clerk confirmed that she had completed Section 1 of the Local Councils Annual Return and was signed by the Clerk and the Chairman after the meeting. This will be available on the website and in the noticeboards.

**22 / 05.02**      **Year 2021/22 Internal Audit Report:** The Clerk confirmed that Rachel Hall had completed the internal audit, copies of the revised report had been distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. This is attached as Appendix B and posted on the website and in the noticeboards.

**22 / 05.03**      **Year 2021/22 Section 2 - Accounts Statements:** The Clerk confirmed that Section 2 of the Local Councils Annual Return was also complete, this was signed by the Clerk and the Chairman after the meeting. This will be available on the website and in the noticeboards.

The clerk will post the Notices of Public Inspection, and documents on the noticeboards at the end of May. Also, all the Accounts Documents will be posted on the website before the end of the month.

**22 / 06.00**      **FINANCE**

**22 / 06.01**      **Account Summary:** The Clerk distributed the accounts for Parish Council and Alban Head Playing Fields Committee to members prior to the meeting. These are attached as Appendix C & D respectively.

**22 / 06.02**      **Payments:** Authorised and cheques signed by signatories after the meeting for:

WSALC Limited	Annual Subscription	£ 333.65
Travis Perkins	Wood Preservative for Bus Shelters	£ 98.61
TM Mowers Ltd	Mower Services	£ 802.08
RS Hall & Co	Audits x 2	£ 360.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Apr to Jun	£ 63.80

**22 / 07.02**      **TRANSPORT ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE**

Cllr Evans and Cllr Dennis had written to C Cllr Kenyon, as noted earlier in the meeting, however, it seems that no officer is prepared to come out and meet with the parish, to view the issues on the ground.

Cllr Evans had been advised that the latest type of speed camera, an acoustic version, will soon be launched in this country, however, there are only going to be 4 acoustic cameras, which Sussex Police would have to bid for, so it is not guaranteed that this will happen, then we would need to hope that it will be used near us. Cllr Nelson suggested investigating the use of average speed cameras to monitor the speed though the local villages, this is very common on the continent and on our motorways.

WSCC & Sussex Police have launched an initiative contacting lorry companies, which Tom Richardson is the liaison for, who Cllr Evans has been in contact with them. Cllr Evans asked members for their support for a survey by residents, where they take a photo of lorries as they travel through the village, once this information is collated, the parish would write to the lorry company. If unable to get a company address, then a note of the registration is sufficient, the DVLA will assist. Members agreed to this idea. Cllr Evans would post a note on the village site to put this into action.

**22 / 08.00**      **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK**

**22 / 08.01**      The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications:

- SDNP/22/00540/HOUS, Colbrook House, Old London Road, Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/22/00910/HOUS, Yew Tree Cottage London Road Hardham, (Householder Application) Refused
- SDNP/22/00877/LIS, Yew Tree Cottage London Road Hardham, (Listed Building Consent), Withdrawn

**22 / 08.02**      Cllr Nelson asked for Councillors assistance with a leaflet drop, advertising the Jubilee Street Party

**22 / 08.03**      Sandham Hall is holding a coffee morning on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**22 / 08.04**      Cllr Dennis updated members with other planning comments made on behalf of the Parish: Coldwaltham Farm, The Old Forge and Thistledown. Also, an application for Micklemham asking SDNPA to check with the roof lights and the dark sky reserve.

She advised that she had attended the SDNPA planning committee meeting, when the Lodge Hill application was discussed, updating members that the SDNPA have approved the water neutrality proposal for the application.

**22 / 08.05**      Cllr Davies advised that a tree for the Jubilee had been ordered, now investigating the ownership of the area at the entrance to Arun Vale, which has been suggested as a site for the tree. Cllr Evans noted that he had been asked if a tree could be planted in Silverdale at the entrance to Maple Leaf. There is time as the best time to plant the trees would be in the autumn. But consideration would need to be given to watering next year.

**22 / 08.06**      Cllr Nelson expressed a big thank you to Cllr Dudman for his continued inspections and painting of the bus shelters.

The Clerk is still investigating accessing the Section 106 transport money for the refurbishment to the Silverdale Bus shelter

**22 / 08.07**      The resident had emailed her comments regarding the hedge at the Brookview playarea. Cllr Nelson is exploring options.

Cllr Dennis noted that the hedge along the A29 by the Priest House needs trimming the Clerk to write letter requesting that it is cut back.

**22 / 09.00**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

**Next meeting of Council** is on Wednesday 13th July 2022, at 7.30pm, in the Sandham Hall.

**Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.**

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

Distributed to those present, also D Cllrs Donnelly van de Klugt and Clarke.