

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2018 7.30PM

THE OAK ROOM, LODGE HILL, LONDON ROAD, WATERSFIELD

Those Present: Cllr G Nelson Chairman
Cllr T Burr Vice -Chairman
Cllr O Dudman
Cllr A Lane
Cllr S Hewer
Cllr J Bowler

C Cllr Arculus County Councillor (Late)
D Cllr Clark District Councillor

Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge Clerk

ACTION

18 / 64.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present.

18 / 65.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Lilley, Hewitt, Evans and D Cllr Donnelly

18 / 66.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No new declarations were received at this point for this meeting.

18 / 67.00 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the meetings held; 13th November 2018, and planning meetings on 26th November and 6th December, was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

18 / 68.00 FINANCE

18 / 68.01 **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 A & B respectively.

18 / 68.02 **Payments:** Authorised and signed cheques by the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Burr for;

Travis Perkins Trading Company Ltd	Line Paint (AHFP)	£ 33.60
HM Customs & Revenue	PAYE Oct-Dec	£ 312.60
Lodge Hill Trust Ltd	December Meeting Fee	£ 25.00

18 / 68.03 **Donations:**
The payment for the Path Rent is still to be resolved.

18 / 69.00 TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2019/20

The Clerk gave all Councillors a copy of up to date Proposed budget for 2019-20 for the Parish Council, noting a figure had been included for an uncontested election next year.

Members agreed to a 2% increase for the Precept. Also agreeing the budget of £15361.50.

18 / 70.00 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Alban Head Update: very quiet at this time of year. The Showers project is still ongoing with a key plumber identified to complete the work.

Cllr Hewer advised that a coat of stain had been put on the new wooden boards on the Pavilion. It was also noted that the Watersfield Football Club had been leaving the Goal Nets up after matches, this is being queried with the football club.

Carpark Project is due to start at the beginning of January.

Other Items: The Chairman has received several letters from various people, regarding overgrown hedges in the parish.

Parking in Arun Vale: update – a member of staff has been identified.

GDPR Update: A resident continues to write directly to a member of the council, although has been asked to address correspondence via the Parish Clerk. The PC cannot respond to emails or letters sent in this way.

18 / 71.00 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of Letters Between Pulborough PC & Department for Transport

D Cllr Clark confirmed that Pulborough PC had met with WSCC Highways department, in November; Designation of roads in the UK are between Strategic Roads and Major Roads; funding for Strategic Roads comes direct from central government to the County so it can be spent on these roads in particular, funding for Major Roads is the responsibility of the local county, so has to compete with all other maintenance. It was noted that the amount available to the Strategic Network is £25.3 Billion whereas only £3.5 billion to Major Roads.

Cllr Nelson has asked for the Chair of PPC to contact him as he has still received no response to his original messages.

Rother Valley Farmers Group (new) - Winter Farm Walk Invite

Members who had expressed an interest, the date set is Thursday 8th January, farm to be confirmed – hope it isn't too flooded.

Meeting with Erica Baxter from Sussex Police

The Clerk advised that she and Cllr Evans had met with PSCO Erica Baxter, earlier in December. PSCO Baxter, agreed that Sussex Police had not handled the removal of local police officers well, neither having a communication link ready nor liaising with local communities

The local police officer had encompassed many functions, both being a recognisable local presence, but also by knowing their area well, were able to link issues together. This was particularly useful in rural communities like ours.

Sussex Police have set up a scheme, called "In the Know" which residents can sign up to receive weekly information bulletins. PSCO Baxter asked if the council would encourage residents to lend a hand and be the local eyes and ears again. This scheme is also linked to Countrywatch, (previously called Farm Watch) to help combat rural crime, from fly-tipping to machinery thefts etc.

18 / 72.00 **PLANNING**

The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications;

- SDNP/18/04864/TCA, St Boniface Cottage Old London Road Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/18/04652/HOUS, Southfields, 23 Arun Vale, Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/18/04362/FUL, The Old Post House, Old London Road, Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/18/02525/FUL, Woodpeckers Kings Lane Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/18/05854/CND, Japonica Cottage Old London Road Coldwaltham, Withdrawn

Cllr Burr noted that the application granted to the school for the new sign at the entrance of Church Lane, was permitted in the summer; however, it hasn't yet been put up, members wonder about the holdup. Cllr Nelson will contact the school.

18 / 73.00 **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK**

18 / 73.01 D Cllr Clark updated members regarding HDC Items:

- HDC likely to increase precept by 3.5%, Although HDC continues to be strapped for cash their precept remains the lowest in the area
- Whereas Pulborough 5% justifying this increase, having the Neighbourhood Wardens.
- Homeless continues to be a problem, HDC looking at how to use money received from developers offsetting not providing affordable housing, to help fund new homes – setting up a housing company to provide homes for local residents.
- Recent survey has shown that residents working locally (not commuting to London) need 12 to 13 year's salary, before having enough for a deposit.

18 / 73.02 Cllr Hewer reported that the Stile on the Footpath 2426 opposite Winters Farm, - had collapsed. The Clerk would contact the PROW Rangers. The Clerk, also noted that the rangers visit parishes on 15-month rota, not sure when in 2019 the next visit is due.

18 / 73.03 Cllrs Nelson and Lane due to attend the SDNPA Examination hearing tomorrow in Brighton and has his script ready. Cllr Burr had circulated an interesting paper from SWT regarding the site in Coldwaltham.

18 / 74.00 **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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

- In the Know
- Car Park Lottery Funding (Alban Head)
- Precept increase 2%
- GDPR Reminder
- In a generic manner – include something regarding those who might be in need should there be any harsh weather.
- Contact the clerk with problems with footpath stiles etc.

18 / 75.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

18 / 75.01 **Next meeting of Council:** is the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.30pm, the Lodge Hill in the Oak Room.

18 / 75.02 The Clerk distributed next year meeting dates to members.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

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

Distributed to those present, also Cllrs Hewer, Bowler and Lilley, D Cllr Clark and C Cllr Arculus.

DRAFT MINUTES - Not confirmed until the next council meeting