

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019 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 J Bowler
Cllr A Hewitt

D Cllr Clark District Councillor

Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge Clerk

ACTION

18 / 76.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present.

18 / 77.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hewer & Evans and D Cllr Donnelly.

Cllr Lilley has decided to step down from the Council, however, with the up-coming elections in May, the council doesn't need to co-opt a new member.

18 / 78.00 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.

Cllr Burr noted his membership of the South Downs National Park Authority.

18 / 79.00 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the meetings held; 11th December 2018, was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

18 / 80.00 FINANCE

18 / 80.01 **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 / 80.02 **Payments:** Authorised and signed cheques by the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Burr for;

Lodge Hill Trust Ltd	Meeting Fee	£ 25.00
Arun Mowers	Mower Service	£ 587.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	£ 106.00
May & Son Garden Care	Car Park Refurbishment Balance	£ tbc

The funding for the refurbishment of the Alban Head car park, is being funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. This was organised by the Alban Head Manager, Matt Dingle.

Confirmation of Payments made since last meeting: Authorisation of previously signed cheques by the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Burr for;

May & Son Garden Care	Car Park Refurbishment Deposit	£ 4500.00
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18 / 80.03 Donations: The chairman discussed this with Mrs Bowerman, and its been agreed that the PC will continue to maintain the hedges, but no longer need to fund the path rent.

18 / 81.00 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman has met with Simon Berry, the new chairman of the Sandham Hall Committee, he is keen to keep up links with the Parish Council. Mr Berry is also keen to look at securing the future of the post office, should Pauline decide to retire. He recognises how much of a asset the post office is to the community.

The chairman has also met with Ray Qusted regarding:

- Strategic Road Status of the A29: a viability study has been commissioned to look at the A29 through Pulborough and the areas the PPC have highlighted for concern. It was suggested that this issue is potentially connected to Brexit, should hauliers move away from ports near Dover, this might increase the traffic using the ports further along the channel.
- There is no update regarding the development at Swan Corner, where access to the rear of the property remains the issue.
- The Neighbourhood Plan for Pulborough has returned to R14 Stage.

Alban Head Report: The car park refurbishment project was completed last week, this had been funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. May & Sons have also repaired the fence, where it had rotted. The Alban Head Committee met last week and have agreed their budget. The increased revenue from the increased use at the field, has enabled the committee to commit to completing both the Shower Upgrade, which is due to start next week, but also to replace the kitchen area and make it more welcoming for those hiring the facilities. The Parish Council had secured Section 106 Funding last year for these two projects, but additional funds were needed to complete these projects.

18 / 82.00 LOCAL PARISH ELECTIONS – MAY 2019

The Clerk advised members of significant dates for the up-coming Parish Council Elections:

- Nomination packs can be requested from HDC from mid- March onwards, best to email elections@horsham.gov.uk
- Nomination papers MUST be delivered to HDC Council Offices in Horsham between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday from 26th March until 3rd April
- Polling day is Thursday 2nd May 2019.
- There will be a cost even for an uncontested election.
- After the election – the return as to election expenses must be received by 30th May.

18 / 83.00 CORRESPONDENCE

There is a new Neighbourhood alert scheme from the police, which is available to members of the public. alert@neighbourhoodalert.

Dark Sky's Reserve– Cllr Evans highlighted that following the approval of a planning application, for a rooflight being permitted, he noted that the Planning Officer at HDC, advised that given the levels of illumination in Coldwaltham, the inclusion of the rooflight was not considered a great issue. Members of the Council were concerned as streetlighting in the village has historically been kept to a minimum. Cllr Burr is following this up, as Coldwaltham is in the buffer zone for the Dark Sky's Reserve and has raised concerned that as the planning is administered by HDC are their officer looking closely enough at the policies of the National Park which should be implemented with regards to planning applications.

Concerns were again raised regarding the street lighting in the Shackleton Close. The close initially had five low level street lights, but there is now only one working, The chairman suggested that these problems should be brought to the attention of the Stonewater and also the police, as the lighting is persistently being interfered with.

18 / 84.00 PLANNING

The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications;

- SDNP/18/03355/FUL, Hardham Green House, London Road, Hardham, Permitted
- SDNP/18/05690/HOUS, 6 Mapleleaf Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/18/05854/CND, Japonica Cottage Old London Road Coldwaltham, Permitted
- SDNP/18/06020/HOUS, 1 Priory Cottages, London Road, Hardham, Withdrawn
- SDNP/18/05892/HOUS, High Hedges, 35 Brookview, Coldwaltham, Permitted

18 / 85.00 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK

18 / 85.01 D Cllr Clark updated members regarding HDC Items:

- HDC meet to discuss their budget tomorrow, £10.452M overall budget, Coldwaltham Precept will be confirmed at this meeting as well.
- HDC built 1125 new houses last year of which 219 were affordable. HDC also received £4 million towards affordable housing in lieu of the developer building them.
- The current allocation of 860 new homes per year is expected to be increased to 973 a year. This is because in the HDC area, it requires 14 times the local income to afford local property prices. Billingshurst and Southwater are likely to take the brunt of these increases.

18 / 85.02 Cllr Hewitt queried the local connection of the 8 new residents in Shackleton, which had been part of the application. The Chairman had previously been advised that there were seven families with had demonstrated a local connection, reminding members that the 'local' included the parishes of Coldwaltham and Amberley. Cllr Hewitt thought the number to be only five.

18 / 85.03 Cllr Burr noted that Horsham District Older People's Forum and Horsham Town Community Partnership were offering training for drivers of motability scooters. This would be useful in a rural situation.

Neighbourhood Help Scheme - nextdoor.co.uk – a link for local residents to keep updated with local information about issues like a burst water main or a local road being closed. Residents can apply to receive this information.

SDNPA Local Plan Update: Message from SDNPA, that there has been an indication from the Inspector that he wouldn't be seeking any further modifications to the Brookview site. We therefore have to assume that the scheme will be adopted as it is.

Cllr Nelson and Lane attended the hearings in December, many groups were represented, including the SWT, which might prove to be a good contact in the future.

It was noted by members of Council that a very large amount of farmyard manure has appeared at the top of the field, D Cllr Clarke queried the levels of nitrates this would allow to seep into the ground.

Cllr Burr noted that the development was planned to occupy only a quarter of the whole field, with another half of it to be managed to a higher level of biodiversity as nutrient-poor grassland. If manuring were now in progress, it would cast doubt on whether that requirement was going to be taken seriously in practice.

Members queried when would development happen? This is uncertain as this would depend on if a developer coming forward but could come forward quickly. The time frame for the Local Plan is up to 2031.

Cllr Burr confirmed that SDNPA have a 50% affordable percentage across the whole park, rather than per each specific site. The SDNPA have an allocation of 4750 new homes across the whole

area of the National Park. On a population basis, Coldwaltham's share of 4750, would be in the region of 25 new homes over this time frame, therefore the 28 proposed is not far off the parish's ration.

The Council will discuss any application when it is received.

18 / 85.00 **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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

- Local elections – Deadline for HDC receipt of nominations 3rd April. Delivered directly to HDC's offices.
- School news.
- Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd April 2019 at the School Hall.

18 / 86.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Next meeting of Council: is the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm, the Lodge Hill in the Limerick Studio.

Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd April in the School Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm.

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

Distributed to those present, also Cllrs Hewer, and Evans, D Cllr Donnelly and C Cllr Arculus.

DRAFT MINUTES - Not confirmed until the next council meeting