

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2018 7.30PM LODGE HILL, LONDON ROAD, WATERSFIELD

Those Present:	Cllr G Nelson	Chairman
	Cllr T Burr	Vice -Chairman
	Cllr O Dudman	
	Cllr A Hewitt	
	Cllr A Lane	
	Cllr J Evans	
	D Cllr Donnelly	District Councillor
	Mrs LD Sherlock-Fudge	Clerk

ACTION

18 / 51.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Public present.

18 / 52.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hewer, Bowler & Lilley, & D Cllr Clark.

18 / 53.00 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 Lane's Declaration of Acceptance was signed in the presence of the Clerk, and his Register of Members' Interest form is to follow.

In light of item 8, Cllr Burr noted his membership of the South Downs National Park Authority.

18 / 54.00 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting held; 16th October 2018, was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

18 / 55.00 FINANCE

18 / 55.01 **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 / 55.02 **Payments:** Authorised and signed cheques by the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Evans for;

Lodge Hill Trust Ltd	November Meeting Fee	£ 25.00
ABC Carpentry	Pavilion repairs	£ 527.94

18 / 55.03 **Donations:**

The payment for the Royal British Legion was cancelled as the clerk had had to purchase the wreath (to be claimed on her expenses next March) and so the donation was reduced accordingly authorised and signed by the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Evans for;

Royal British Legion	Section 137	£ 23.00
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The payment for the Diocese of Chichester had been returned, as the land had been sold to Mr & Mrs Bowerman, Cllr Nelson to write to Mr & Mrs Bowerman regarding this.

18 / 56.00 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 and is attached as Appendix C.

The Clerk explained increases to salaries and audit fee. SALC & SLCC Membership fees would continue to be funded, as the Parish receives the benefit of the information available to their members.

Members noted that an amount for councillor expenses to allow members to attend courses where a fee is charged should be included.

Cllr Nelson noted that this budget is for information and the final decision to be taken at December's meeting. Cllr Nelson suggested an increase to the Precept of 1.5%, however members considered 2% or 2.5% increase, to be agreed at the next meeting.

18 / 57.00 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman had represented the PC and the wider community at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th. Sadly, there was only a small turn out for the service.

Cllr Hewer and the Chair supported the school PTA by attending the Fireworks at St James School, which had been well supported even in the heavy rain.

Alban Head Update: The committee has received one quote for the showers, a local person, the quote is for £1900. So with the Shower & Kitchen projects both happening the committee is expecting to be shortfall of about £500 on the Funding provided by the Section 106 Money received. He noted that because of the size of the project and the nature of the building it has proven quite difficult to get quotes. He expressed his gratitude to Chris Glithero for his assistance keeping an eye on this project.

Parking in Arun Vale: he had received a number of complaints from residents in Arun Vale regarding cars being parked along the entrance to Arun Vale, not just at the beginning of the school, which residents have become accustomed to, but now all morning and sometimes all day. Cllr Evans will contact the school, to check if these are staff cars. Cllr Burr noted that WSCC Highways had painted the road marking where they considered it dangerous to park. Members commented that there is also Chuckleberries to consider, who are not directly linked to the school but only hire a classroom.

GDPR Update: A resident continues to write directly to a member of the council. Cllr Nelson has asked that this should not continue, and any correspondence directed to the Parish Council should be directed through the Clerk, for this to be distributed accordingly. Members are reminded to encourage residents to direct all matters through the clerk.

D Cllr Donnelly noted that HDC have appointed Sharon Evans as the new Monitoring Officer.

18 / 58.00 SDNPA LOCAL PLAN HEARINGS

Cllr Nelson thanked those who had made comments to the draft Position Statement, these have been incorporated in the Parish Council response, which continues to raise two issues namely the Residue Portion of the site and the Omission Sites.

Cllr Burr updated members, regarding the beginning of the hearing which started today. He noted that the hearings are in a fairly informal manner, whereby all those wishing to speak on a topic are invited to sit down together at the table, along with representatives from the SDNPA who are invited to comment regarding issues raised.

Recently two documents on the Brookview scheme had been added to the Examination Library, one from the SDNPA claiming that the residual area would be left in a better ecological state than it is now, and one from the Sussex Wildlife Trust which declined to endorse this claim. The wording of the Position Statement needs to focus on the issue of how the residual area will be managed in the future and avoid any advocacy of particular omission sites.

Members agreed to the agree the final wording by Friday, so the Clerk could send before the deadline. Cllr Lane agreed to accompany Cllr Nelson to the hearings.

18 / 59.00 CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of Letters Between Pulborough PC & Department for Transport

Pulborough PC has invited the Coldwaltham PC to liaise on the issues raised by the changes proposed for the A29 through our villages. Cllr Evans suggested that the someone in the Central Government has looked at a map seen the bypass round Billingshurst and further north, but not seen the issues further south: Hardham Railway Bridge, Swan Corner, & Pidgeon's Gate.

He noted that both Coldwaltham & Bury have their main services; school, or church on one side of the A29 and their residential area on the other.

Cllr Burr noted that the proposal did not mean that HGVs would be redirected to use the route, , and should it go ahead then there might be more chance of the funding being made available to improve these pinch points like Hardham Railway Bridge, noting that there is a different way to look at this issue.

It was agreed that the PC would support Cllr Nelson to liaise with Pulborough PC regarding this issue. Cllr Nelson noted that the Village Plan had identified that the level and speed of the traffic through the village as a key issue for residents and recommended that the PC should take up this opportunity to work with our neighbours.

18 / 60.00 PLANNING

The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications;

- SDNP/18/04196/HOUS, Stane Street House, Sandy Lane, Watersfield, Permitted
- SDNP/18/02733/FUL, Bury Gate House Bury Gate, Permitted
- SDNP/18/03754/FUL, Ridge Bungalow, Bury Gate, Bury, Permitted
- SDNP/17/04359/HOUS, 20 Silverdale, Coldwaltham, Permitted

Cllr Burr was disappointed with the Ridge Bungalow decision, but not surprised.

18 / 61.00 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK

18 / 61.01 Cllr Hewitt commented that there had been issues with the bollard street lights in Shackleton Close, where a local resident had covered one up as he complained that the light was shining in their rooms, Stonewater have been advised.

18 / 61.02 Cllr Hewitt also noted that some nights it is difficult to see the entrance to Silverdale on the main road.

18 / 61.03 D Cllr Donnelly updated members regarding HDC Items:

- Budget expected to be increased by 3.3%
- HDC wanting to return to building affordable homes on to improve the number available.
- Broadbridge Heath Leisure centre is now opened
- Pulborough Station development on the north-west side of the station has been approved, which incorporates: a development of 28 homes, 110 parking spaces and direct access to the north (up) platform.

18 / 61.04 Cllr Burr updated members regarding the Arundel A27 Bypass; SDNPA had made an application for judicial review, however there is to be another consultation on the route, so the SDPNA have withdrawn their application. D Cllr Donnelly was concerned that the resulting delay could potentially lead to the £250 million budget for the scheme being reallocated elsewhere.

18 / 61.05 Cllr Burr also updated members regarding Dark Sky's Reserve, SDNP are having some difficulty in getting the designation of the Dark Sky's Reserve, following issues raised by landowners of the site, although the site is very accessible and has a very good view of the nights sky.

He noted that there have been various reasons over the years to engage with the landowners; Permissive Path access to the Brooks, tree management in Watersfield Woodland. Should there be more community engagement with the Barlavington Estate?

18 / 62.00 **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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

- GDPR – How to contact the Parish Council
- Footpath
- Parking at Arun Vale
- Local Plan Hearings
- PC considering similar increase in Precept
- Pulborough Station Planning Application approval

18 / 63.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

18 / 63.01 **Next meeting of Council:** is the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.30pm, the Lodge Hill in the Limerick Studio.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm.

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

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