

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 7.30PM

SANDHAM HALL, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Those Present:	Cllr G Nelson	Chairman (late)
	Cllr J Evans	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr C Dennis	
	Cllr S Hewer	
	Cllr A Davies	
	Cllr J Bowler	
	Cllr A Lane	
	D Cllr P Clarke	District Councillor
	Mrs LD Sherlock-Fudge	Clerk

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

**21 / 18.00**      **TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Dudman, C Cllr Kenyon, D Cllr van der Klugt.

**21 / 19.00**      **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No new declarations were received. Cllr Nelson noted he trusteeship of Lodge Hill Trust and would withdraw from the meeting if necessary.

**21 / 20.00**      **TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES**

Minutes for the council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021, a spelling error was noted in item 21 / 16.09. This would be corrected, and the minutes were accepted and would be signed, once reprinted, by the Chairman.

**21 / 21.00**      **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Nelson noted concerns that items are being raised at meetings, expecting something to be put into effect. However, the parish has limited resources to call upon, the clerk's time is limited and mostly accounted for. He requested that if members wished to bring issues to meetings, then do so having formulated a plan and how to implement it. If necessary, discuss it with other members beforehand. So that a decision can be taken, this will mean having an item describing the issue and proposal, to be placed on the agenda. Cllr Nelson had circulated notes on this issue prior to the meeting.

**21 / 22.00**      **FINANCE**

**21 / 22.01**      **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 A & B respectively.

**21 / 22.02**      **Donation of £200 to St Giles Church:** Clerk advised that this payment is included in the payments as resolved at the previous meeting.

**21 / 22.03**      **Insurance Renewal:** The Clerk advised that the schedule had been updated to reflect the new play equipment at the Alban Head, but there was no increase in the premium. The renewal quote is £749.03, this is the last year of the current 3-year LTA.

21 / 22.04

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

Mrs LD Sherlock Fuidge	Remembrance Poppy Wreath	£40.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Jul to Sept	£5.20
Coldwaltham Churchyard	Local Gov Act 1972 s215 (6)	£300.00
Hardham Churchyard	Local Gov Act 1972 s215 (6)	£200.00
Mrs LD Sherlock Fuidge	Sundry Expenses & Travel	£104.71
Coldwaltham PCC	Grant for access works	£200.00
Mark Streater	Church Lane Hedge	£250.00
Arun Mowers	Tractor & Mower repairs	£311.22
Business Services at CAS Ltd	Insurance Premium	£749.03

Confirmation of payments made since the last meeting:

Barlavington Estates	Permissive Path	£10.00
Chubb Fire & Security	Fire & Extinguisher Service (AHPF)	£155.52
Block Landscapes	New Play Area Fencing	£559.19
Travis Perkins	Hire of Fencing & Bowser	£816.11
Burgess & Randall	Drive Belt	£31.15
Sovereign	Balance for Play Equipment	£8,918.31

21 / 23.00

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Nelson thanked Fi Charman for the effort she made to complete this project before the school holidays so the children to get the full benefit. The final donation from the Watersfield Car Boot sale raised the last £1000, leaving a balance of £212.

Cllr Nelson updated members; he had received a response from the Andrew Griffith MP regarding the Parliament Constituency boundaries consultation. We await the final findings, possibly in the new year.

Cllr Nelson asked for continued reflections on a parish newsletter – Cllr Nelson suggested that it should include details regarding the Parish Council, and would be wholly focused on Coldwaltham Parish, also highlight issues which the village feel strongly about to further bring it together. Members supported the idea in principle.

Cllr Nelson read a communication received from WSCC stating that in their view the River Arun slipway (as discussed in previous meetings) is nothing to do with Coldwaltham Parish Council, as it was not purchased nor gifted to the council.

After discussion it was agreed that the PC should not have any further engagement on this issue with the Environment Agency, and Cllr Nelson will contact the Agency to this effect.

21 / 24.00

### **TRANSPORT ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE**

Cllrs Dennis & Evans updated members; no further information had been received from the Police contact.

Cllr Dennis had also written to WSCC Highways, who advised that there had only been one collision in the last 5 years. The Highways officer had suggested completing a Community Highways Scheme application, which would need the support of our County Councillor. Councillors supported this.

This week there have been further instances of the difficulties faced by the public crossing Brook Lane.

Cllr Evans had contacted Fittleworth Parish Council, who have received support from SDNP and wondered if this would be an option. Cllr Clarke suggested contacting SDNP Tim Slaney (Planning) to ask about provision be included for addition facilities for pedestrians as part of any Section 106 agreement for the Lodge Hill Planning application.

21 / 25.00

### **PLANNING**

The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications:

- SDNP/21/02446/FUL, Sandham Hall, London Road, Coldwaltham, permitted
- SDNP/21/02683/CND, St James School, Church Lane, Coldwaltham, permitted
- SDNP/21/03818/TCA, Applegarth London Road Watersfield, permitted

Cllr Dennis advised that two applications for Broadfield & Applegarth received, for which she and Cllr Lane had no objections about.

The Clerk read confirmation that the Lodge Hill application had been approved by the SDNPA Planning Committee. Cllr Nelson noted that this is only the outline planning so there would be future applications to discuss. It was noted that the rooks on the Lodge Hill site are becoming a nuisance for the local residents in Brookview.

**21 / 26.00**      **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK**

**21 / 26.01**      **Model Code of Conduct:** The Clerk advised that a new Model Code of Conduct has been forwarded by HDC. The District Council had approved this in April and suggested that parish councils also adopt the new model. The Clerk would compare this with our current version and so it can be reviewed at a future meeting.

**21 / 26.02**      Cllr Evans noted that Fittleworth Parish also have a Speed Watch group, their website has listed many potential sites within the village for the camera to be positioned, so likely to be moved about. FPC had also gained support from SDNP for various traffic calming measures in their village. However, he noted that as the A29 is designated a trunk road, we would be very unlikely to ever get any traffic calming scheme, which actually obstructs the flow of traffic.

Cllr Lane asked about how to get involved with the Speedwatch Campaign? To contact him as training is provided, main prerequisite being able to identify about 80% of car makes, etc. He advised that the speed radar needs updating to help the identification of smaller number plates.

**21 / 26.03**      Cllr Dennis updated members regarding the Sandham Hall; with the new access being approved, they were now investigating contracts for the project.

**21 / 26.04**      Storrington & Sullington PC have been advised that HDC had increase their demand for homes from Storrington to a level exceeding those indicated in S&SPC's own neighbourhood plan figures. D Cllr Clarke noted that the government had considerably increased HDC quota, and this needed to be spread to the surrounding villages. He also noted that each Parish's NHP had been implemented at different times, which meant they needed updating at different times. This has left many open for developers to exploit. He reminded councillors that if the parish executed a NHP the parish would receive an additional 15% of CIL.

NPPF changed the rules for Local Plans on 20<sup>th</sup> of July, HDC have had to change their Local Plan, on the advice of their Counsel. The new Local Plan is now due to be brought to Committee in November. HDC do not have a 5-year land supply. Which has resulted in several applications being granted on appeal, notably in Henfield, Southwater and North Horsham. HDC is now required to show where provision for the larger quota of homes will be found for a greater period, now 30years.

Finally, HDC is not expecting to be in a deficit position, having been successful in applying for grants from central government. This has been helped by an increase in trade in the town.

**21 / 27.00**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

**Next meeting of Council** is on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm, in the Sandham Hall to include budget discussions.

Members agreed to continue to meet every other month, the clerk will try to keep the venue for meetings to the Sandham Hall but might need to be flexible about which day of the week they are held on.

**Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm.**

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

Distributed to those present, also Cllrs Dudman and Hewitt, C Cllr Kenyon and D Cllrs Donnelly and van der Klugt.