

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2024 7.30PM

SANDHAM HALL, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Those Present:

Cllr G Nelson
Cllr J Evans
Cllr A Davies
Cllr O Dudman
Cllr A Lane
Cllr C Dennis
Cllr K Coughtrey
Cllr I Dreger

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

D Cllr P Clarke
D Cllr L Ellis-Brown
D Cllr J Campbell

District Councillor
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23 / 40.00

TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from C Cllr Kenyon and Parish Clerk

23 / 41.00

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

No new declarations were received.

23 / 42.00

TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2023 and the planning meetings held on 28th November and 5th December 2023 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The chair has invited the Editor of The Link to our annual parish meeting.

23 / 43.00

FINANCE

23 / 43.01

Account Summary: The Clerk had previously sent out 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.

23 / 43.02

Payments: payments were authorised for the cheques and signed by signatories for:

Sandham Memorial Village Hall	Jan Meeting	£30.00
Society for Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	£112.00
Bury Parish Council	Community Link Contribution	£250.00.

It was noted to remove the payment to the Village Hall for Post Office rent, for the time being.

23 / 44.00

BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk had previously advised that there were no changes to the proposed budget figures.

Cllr Nelson asked members to confirm the Precept increase of 5%. Members agreed. The precept request was signed by the chair after the meeting.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the precept increase of 5% to £18,026.

23 / 45.00

POST OFFICE CLOSURE UPDATE

Cllr Nelson and Evans updated members regarding the Post Office (PO) closure:

A great many letters have been sent and a petition. Responses from the PO have been poor and not acknowledging or responding to the specific points raised by the PC or other local residents. A freedom of Information request had been sent back redacted. We will continue with our campaign. A meeting with the MP has been requested.

D Cllr Paul Clarke: the MP will be at Pulborough Village Hall this Friday, 19th Jan at 6.00pm

22 / 46.00 **TRANSPORT ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE UPDATE**

Cllr Evans updated the PC on transport issues. Although we were unsuccessful with our application to SDNP for transport funding there may be some positives from this process we can learn for future applications. The list of funds and destinations is on the SDNP website

22 / 47.00 **PLANNING UPDATE**

Cllr Dennis and the chair updated Council regarding recent applications decisions. They both attended an SDNP event at Lodge Hill on planning in December 2023.

- SDNP/23/03681/HOUS, Beacon House London Road Watersfield, Permitted
- SDNP/22/03837/FUL Land North of Waltham Park Road – Camp site – Appeal: no information or update
- SDNP/21/03962/FUL Old Mechanics – Appeal: we have sent comments in on this appeal.
- SDNP/23/05178/HOUS 33 Brookview – extension: PC will comment on parking space.
- SDNP/24/00090/HOUS Mulberry, Brook Lane: No comment.

23 / 48.00 **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK**

23 / 48.01 D Cllr Clarke and D Cllr Ellis Brown updated members regarding HDC items:

- The Local Plan is now out for consultation.
- Local elections are changing, regarding who can vote
- There are a number of local environment grants available: details on the HDC website

23 / 48.02 Cllr Dreger informed the council that cycling routes were planned for Petersfield to Midhurst using the old railway line: which might be a model for the development of the Pulborough to Midhurst old line.

23 / 48.03 Cllr Lane asked about the footpath and pavement restoration needed along the A29: no update at this point.

23 / 48.04 Cllr Evans reported the event at The Labouring Man in December had raised £1100, 170kilos of food and 10 large bags of toys for Horsham Matters

23 / 48.05 There was some discussion of Church Hill in Pulborough: the issue is now in the Crown Court.

23 / 48.06 Cllr Nelson reported to the council the very sad news that former member of the PC **Mrs Pauline Streeter** had died last week. Mrs Streeter was a very special member of our community, who not only was known to all through her role as our local post-mistress but worked tirelessly to support many local residents in a wide number of ways, such as the village help scheme. She will be greatly missed.

23 / 49.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Next meeting of Council is on Tuesday 12th March 2024, at 7.30pm, in the Sandham Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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

Distributed to those present.