

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2023 7.30PM SANDHAM HALL, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Those Present: Cllr G Nelson Chairman
Cllr J Evans Vice-Chairman
Cllr C Dennis
Cllr A Davies
Cllr A Lane
Cllr O Dudman

D Cllr P Clarke
D Cllr D van de Klugt

Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge Clerk

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

22 / 38.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hewer, Coughtrey and C Cllr C Kenyon.

22 / 39.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No new declarations were received.

22 / 40.00 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the council meeting held on 8th November 2022 was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

22 / 41.00 FINANCE

22 / 41.01 **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.

22 / 41.02 **Payments:** Authorised and cheques or payment instructions signed by signatories after the meeting for:

IONOS	Biennial Domain Fee	£23.98
Sandham Memorial Village Hall	January Meeting Fee	£10.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Subscription Renewal	£112.00

22 / 43.00 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk distributed updated budget figures, and is attached as Appendix C

Cllr Nelson advised members that an adjustment to Clerk's salary for the current year need ed to be made to correct it and bring the salary back in line with SCJ 15 level. This increase has an accumulative increase om the 2023-24 budget, raising it to £17,454.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the budget of £17454.

The Clerk distributed updated precept calculations. Members agreed the 3% increase, discussed at the November meeting.

RESOLVED: Members agreed an 3% increase in the precept to £17,168.

The chairman signed the Precept request after the meeting.

22 / 44.00

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK

22 / 44.01

Cllr Nelson updated members regarding the Alban Head, The Manager has installed new football goals and nets however as the grounds are very wet currently there is nothing much happening. A successful work party was held to tidy the pavilion, which has seen the changing rooms receiving a a coat of paint.

The Annual Carol event at the Labouring Man was another success a fabulous evening with £1331 being raised for Horsham Matters. There are families within this parish who benefit from help from Horsham Matters.

The Tree Licence has been granted to plant the tree at th entrance to Arun Vale to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

22 / 44.02

The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications:

- SDNP/22/05284/TCA, Chaika London Road Watersfield, Permitted
- SDNP/22/01881/HOUS, Stane Street Cottage Sandy Lane Watersfield Permitted

The Clerk advised of one enforcement notice which had been received regarding an alleged extension at 26 Brookview. She would provide more information when received.

22 / 44.03

Cllr Dennis advised that she intended to make a further application regarding the for Brook Lane, regarding the difficulties face by pedestrians at the junction.

22 / 44.04

Cllr Evans questioned whether the speeding situation along the A29 would improve with just speed cameras and had investigated individual number plate recognition displays, which identify the individual speed of each vehicle. Cllr Nelson noted that the development at Lodge Hill should generate some money following the development of that site. D Cllr Clarke suggested speaking to Amberley who had recently been successful in receiving funds CIL money for these.

22 / 44.05

D Cllr Clarke updated members regarding HDC:

- HDC have postponed the Local Plan as further review is required.
- **Church Hill Closure** (Pulborough) likely to be a much longer time scale than had been expected.
 - Cllr Nelson noted that with in the parish the main concern is likely to be delivery of medicines from the chemist.
 - In addition, the Weald School are running minibuses for those students who live south of Church Hill as the usual transport is unable to get through.
 - Cllr Evans highlighted that this closure increases the question regarding classifying the A29 a major route, as there are no easy diversions.

22 / 44.06

Congratulations were expressed for Simon Berry, receiving an OBE in the New Year Honours.

22 / 44.07

D Cllr van de Klugt highlighted deadlines for the elections in May, to apply for a postal vote is 18th April and to apply for a proxy vote 24th April. It was also noted that those wishing to cote in person would need to bring a photo ID to the polling station.

- Climate change HDC are aiming to go carbon neutral by 2030.
- Community Climate Fund – Parish Councils can apply for grants to cover biodiversity schemes.

22 / 44.08

Rolling out new electric vehicles charging points in tandem with Electric Kerb, Cllr Dennis noted that the Sandham Hall had already made an application for charge points.

22 / 45.00

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Next Meeting of Council is on Tuesday 14th March 2023, at 7.30pm, in the Sandham Hall.

The Clerk advised that the date for the May meeting is changed to the 23rd May, as the Clerk would not be available on the 16th. Cllr Dennis noted an error for the July date s/b Tuesday 11th July.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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

Distributed to those present, also Cllrs Hewer, Bowler and Coughtrey, D Cllr Donnelly, and C Cllr Kenyon.

DRAFT MINUTES - Not confirmed until the next council meeting