

Piddinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in Piddinghoe Village Hall on Tuesday 14th June at 7.30pm

16: Present Councillors Paul Bevan (Chairman), John Scaife, Noel West and Bev Traylen.

Alison Stevens (Locum Clerk) and five members of the public were also present.

17: Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and said Maria Caulfield MP has sent in a written report which will be added to the end of these Minutes (appendix i)

18: Public Participation

Ms Ridge asked if the resident who wants to hold a private event on The Hoe on the 28th August will need access to the Village Hall toilets. This was discussed in more detail later on in the meeting.

19: Reports from the County and District Councillors

There were no reports from either the County or the District Councillor on this occasion.

The meeting was then re-opened.

20: Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Sarah Osborn and District Councillor William Meyer sent apologies for their absence.

21: Signing in and welcome to Bev Traylen, our new Parish Councillor

The Chair welcomed Ms Traylen to the meeting. Councillor Traylen had signed the Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests forms before the meeting.

22: Disclosures of Interests or any changes to the Register of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

23: To agree the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting both of which were held on the 25th May 2022.

The Minutes of both meetings were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

24: Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk announced the formal resignation of Councillor Debbie Mills. The Parish Council is now waiting for permission to fill the vacancy by co-option.

25: Accounts

Councillors resolved;

- i. To approve the payments in the payments list to the 14th June 2022
- ii. To approve the Accounts to the 1st June 2022

The Chair said the Parish Council website needs a review and offered to talk to the hosts.

26: Planning Applications

Councillors considered the following planning application but had no comments to make on it;

SDNP/22/02362/HOUS – Ladacre, The Street, Piddinghoe, East Sussex BN9 9AY - Alterations to and replacement of existing roofing to create gabled roof with slate roofing material, re- fenestration and timber cladding to exterior walls, removal of two single garages and replacement with a single double garage to the side and installation of external air-source heat pump with other associated alterations.

27: Queen's Green Canopy

The Parish Council understands there is an electric cable running under The Hoe which means planting more trees will not be straightforward, but there are some dead trees which could be replaced. Councillor West will seek expert advice on how best to proceed. It was also noted that some trees that were planted previously were stolen soon after.

28: Wildflower Project

Members of the Wildflower Project met Jan the Ranger who guided them through the practicalities of creating a wildflower meadow on the Hoe. The plan is to plant along the north-east edge of the Hoe, about 3m in, but with grass pathways bordering and in between so residents can walk amongst the meadow. They also want to plant the Triangle in wildflowers entirely and said the key issue was getting control of the mowing; they would want to cut it each September and February and felt sure they could manage this if the Parish Council were able to take back control.

Having looked at the costings, and on the basis of 10 volunteers working for half a day they think they could apply for £500 from beelines (for seeds and plant plugs), and provide match funding by way of £400 voluntary labour and so they would like to request a £100 grant from the Parish Council.

Piddinghoe Parish Council resolved to support the project at The Hoe but said that permission would be needed from the County Council before any planting of the triangle could take place. There were also concerns about a possible road safety issue. The Parish Council understands the Project's organisers will need to complete a Wildlife Verge Application Form. The Locum Clerk will send the link for it to the organisers.

The work on the Hoe is to take place on Saturday 24th September.

29: The Hoe

- i. Play Area Risk Assessment – All the work in the Risk Assessment has now been carried out. Councillor West, as the Councillor responsible for the play area, said he would like to meet the Inspector. The Locum Clerk will arrange an appointment.
- ii. Compost Heap – The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to the late Mr Jim Harvey for all the work he did at the Compost Heap. Councillor West agreed to draft an article for The Villager to find a volunteer to take over the task.
- iii. Private event on The Hoe – Councillors resolved to allow the request for the event, which is to be held on 28th August between 3pm and 7pm, as long as those attending use the toilet facilities at the resident's home (not the Village Hall), there are no cars and any rubbish is cleared up after.

30: C7 update:

- i. Feasibility Study - A site meeting has been arranged with the Project Manager later this month.
- ii. Safer C7 – Concerns were raised that by entering into a joint project constitution, parishes could be deemed, for AGAR accounting, recording and auditing purposes, to have entered into a 'joint arrangement'. As such, the auditing and accounting arrangements for the project would be complex and onerous, on a scale disproportionate to the scale of the project.

The Project Delivery Team has decided instead to become the constituted entity with a view to subsequently becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The constitution the Parish Council signed has not been activated and no bank account for the project has been opened.

Piddinghoe Parish Council therefore resolved to;

- a) Sign the notice to Parishes of Cessation of their Involvement in the Safer C7 Project Constituted Entity.
- b) Confirm its withdrawal from membership of the Safer C7 Project Constituted Entity.
- c) Become a member of an Advisory Group for the project.

31: The Villager – Piddinghoe Parish Council resolved to meet the layout and print costs for the Villager. The new printers will be Tansley in Seaford. The cost for the full job will be £125 for each magazine or less if there are fewer pages.

32: Pathways/Enforcement –

- i. The notices redirecting people from the original right of way at Chapel Barn have been removed.
- ii. There was nothing new to report on The Shoot so this item will be removed from future agendas.

It was also noted that the bench by the jetty in front of the school house needs repairing and the bench on the Hoe needs replacing. The Locum Clerk will ask the Parish Council's contractor to repair the former and get prices to replace the latter. The bench by the Sailing Club has also collapsed but is not understood to be owned by the Parish Council.

33: Reports

- i. Village Hall Report – Ms Ridge from the Hall said the recent Jubilee event made a profit on the day of £348.37. The final total is expected to be nearer £400.00.

Councillor Traylen confirmed the Trustees are also looking into applying to the Platinum Jubilee Halls Fund.

- ii. Parishes on the Lower Ouse (POLO) Meeting - This was covered under the Safer C7 (Minute 30ii).

34: Results of the Parish Assembly

- i. C7 – This was covered earlier on in the meeting.
- ii. Parking in the village – Councillors resolved to form a Working Group to discuss ideas and report back to the next meeting. The Group will be led by Councillors West and Traylen. Councillor Bevan will draft a policy for the use of The Hoe for events.
Speeding – Councillors resolved to;
 - a) Form a Speedwatch Team and appeal for volunteers in the next edition of The Villager.
 - b) Support the Locum's Clerk's request for some 'Slow children' signs from the County Council.
 - c) Write to Newhaven Sailing Club, Newhaven Deep Sea Anglers, Cycle Seahaven and Cycle Lewes to make them aware the demographic of the village has changed and ask them to reduce their speed accordingly.
 - d) Support the rerouting of the school bus through the Village because it currently stops on the other side of the C7 which is dangerous. The Parish Council accepted an offer from Ms Whitaker to draft a letter to ESCC.
 - e) Look into organising a Safety Course for residents.

35: Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillors asked the Locum Clerk to check with Barcombe Landscapes when in their mowing schedule the left bank of the track uphill from the Millennium Pole would be cut.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

