

WOODMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held in the Playing Fields Pavilion, Blackstone on Tuesday 9th January 2018
at 7.30p.m.**

(Members of the Public were invited to attend)

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Present: WPC Cllrs. Broucke (Chair), D. Austin, P. Williams, J. Pragnell, A. Underwood, M. Grimes, C. Dixon and M. Batchelor
L. Bannister (Clerk)

Others Present: 3 x members of the public
HDC Cllr. Coldwell

2018-1. Apologies

Apologies were given from Cllr. Young. These were accepted.

2018-2. Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 12th December 2017

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Broucke subject to correcting the application number on 2017-194 to SDNP/17/03867.

2018-3. Action updates from previous Minutes

The Clerk reported that Mid Sussex DC do not have any authority to help with the camping licence for Pear Tree. Also, the camping company have written to say they have assessed the site as suitable for access, and will revoke the licence if the conditions on the site are deemed as not satisfactory at their inspections. They claimed to have contacted local residents about the licence. The Clerk will write to them to ask which authority they consulted, and say WPC is surprised that they contacted local residents as they brought this forward as a complaint. WPC will ask them to be copied in to their inspection report.

2018-4. Declarations of interest from Members in respect of any items in the Agenda

None.

2018-5. Open Forum (Members agree to adjourn the meeting for comments from members of the public)

No comments from members of the public.

2018-6. Planning (go to www.horsham.gov.uk for full details)

6.1. DC/17/2795 The Hollies, Brighton Road

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:-

‘Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application, but requests that the following conditions are included:-

- That the accommodation remains ancillary to the main residence
- That the tree marked on the plan is dealt with correctly before felling
- There is no additional floodlighting
- All drainage matters are dealt with'

6.2. WSCC/046/17/WK Firsland Park Industrial Estate

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:-

'Woodmancote Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the grounds that sub-dividing material is necessary due to the fire risk of materials on the site and the clean operation of the yard. Further, Woodmancote Parish Council requests to see a 5 year plan for this site.'

6.3. Any applications received since publication of the Agenda

Two Hoots has now gone to appeal.

2018-7. Planning updates

None.

2018-8. Date of meetings in 2018

Meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday of every month in the Pavilion at Blackstone Playing Fields. However, this is not available on 13th March so it was agreed to meet at Terrys Cross subject to availability.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk will invite the Police to do a presentation on fraud investigation, and an update from Rampion.

2018-9. Blackstone Playing Field

Cllrs. Williams and Broucke attended the Playing Fields Committee meeting. The new plans for the Pavilion were discussed, and the Playing Field Committee approved these. Sussex Cricket want to lay some astro turf, and it was suggested that they may need planning permission. The signage on the road is supposed to be looked at, but they think there is another year to run on the contract.

Cllr. Coldwell arrived

The Stoolball club think the track way for the sight screens are a trip hazard and that these affect the accessibility for disabled users. The Clerk will ask Sussex Cricket to remove these.

It was agreed that the Clerk will tell Sussex Cricket that WPC does not approve their plan, and will not consider any future development on the site until the lease is agreed.

2018-10. Future of the Parish Hall

Cllr. Broucke has visited the Parish Hall with Cllrs. Austin and Grimes and believes this can be refurbished.

Mr Hill reported that the previous management committee has been fully disbanded. The Church wants the community to have the hall but cannot lease it to WPC based on the current conveyance. The Charity Commission can amend the terms of the trust which would allow WPC to set up a charitable incorporated organisation and lease the hall through this. The terms would be that the church would have some use of the hall, but the charity would manage it. Trustees would need to be appointed, but under this organisation their responsibilities would be protected.

The cottage could potentially make a rental income of £1000 per month.

Cllr. Broucke proposed that WPC look into setting up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a view to leasing the Parish Hall. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams, and all members were in agreement. The Clerk will email Mr Hill to confirm this.

2018-11. Reports from other Authorities

Apologies were received from Cllr. Staines.

Cllr. Coldwell reported as follows:-

Bins will be changing to fortnightly collections soon. Bigger bins can be applied for.

The precept still has to be finalised. It looks like the Police budget will be increased substantially.

New refuse lorries will be coming into service in four weeks.

There is nothing new to report on the Blackstone development.

2018-12. Rights of Way Management Plan consultation

It was agreed not to comment on this.

2018-13. Agreement of Clerk's timesheet for 2017

This was agreed.

2018-14. Finance/Payment

14.1. Reconciled accounts & bank statement

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Prangnell.

14.2. Precept for 2017-18

The precept of £8675 was agreed. This equates to an increase of 6.73%, and a band d tax of £31.43.

14.3. Budget comparison to date

This was approved.

14.4. Payments:-

The following payment was agreed:-

- a. WSCC – Invoice for Clerk's salary for December – £304.17

A cheque was duly signed by Cllrs. Williams and Grimes.

2018-15. Correspondence/meetings

15.1. Planning training at HDC

Cllrs. Dixon and Austin attended this. They explained that CIL is different from S106 as the parish council has to have nominated some projects for expenditure. WPC should have nominated this at the start of the process. The Clerk will look into what was nominated.

15.2. Mayfield Market Towns Vision Document

A letter has been received suggesting some plans for a new housing development.

15.3. Freedom of Information request for fence on Wheatsheaf Road

The information sent through did not include the surveyor's report or the legal team's response. The Clerk will request this.

There is signage on the fences and Members were unsure whether or not this was dealt with in the planning conditions. The Clerk will look into this.

15.4. Remembrance Day statue

The British Legion are offering a WW1 statue called the silent soldier. The cost of this would be £250. Members are interested in this. The Clerk will look into this and add to the next Agenda.

2018-16. Other business

For the planning applications last year, there were 19 applications that WPC had no objections to, and 18 of these were permitted. There were 8 applications which WPC objected to, 5 of which were permitted.

There is flooding at Blackstone Lane across the road at the lag cattle building. The Clerk will request that Highways inspect the culvert under the road.

The Rampion sites on the B2116 are still a mess and people have complained. No more work is due to be done here until spring.

Cllr. Broucke reported that the pavements from Horn Lane to the Parish Hall have been swept and tidied. There is some vegetation to be cut back from outside Terrys Cross.

Cllr. Grimes will put together some words for the parish magazine about the Parish Hall.

Cllr. Coldwell left the meeting

There was a general discussion about the refurbishment of the Parish Hall and the need to get an independent survey done.

2018-17. Date of next meeting

This will be on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm