

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday, 4th January 2017
St Andrews CofE School, Nuthurst
commencing at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs V Court (Chairman) Mr O Hydes (OBE)
Mrs F Boulter Mr T Nelson
Mrs J Chaytor
Mrs G Dixon
Mrs A Gaffney

Also in attendance were District Councillor T Bradnum and two members of the public.

0101/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor D England, Councillor J Mercer, Councillor J McClean and Councillor S Turner.

0201/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST none.

0301/17 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENT none.

0401/17 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – the minutes from the Full Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2016 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman at the close of the meeting.

0501/17 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEES none.

0601/17 TO ADOPT COMMITTEE AGREED MINUTES – the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 21st December 2016 were agreed as a true record of the meeting after the following amendment was made:

DC/16/1753 – Land opposite the Dun Horse
‘The land opposite the Dun Horse is included in the Parish’s Neighbourhood Plan’.

0701/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Full Parish Council Meeting 7th December 2016

0712/16 Matters Arising

DC/16/1753 is not on the agenda for the Development Control North Committee meeting in January 2017. There is correspondence between the applicant and HDC re social housing on the site.

1112/16 Planning Applications

Councillor O Hydes has spoken to Norman Khan, HDC, re the boundary error at the White Horse, Maplehurst and the amendments will be forwarded to the Clerk prior to going onto HDCs website.

ii) Planning Committee Meeting 21st December 2016 none.

0801/17 CORRESPONDENCE

i. Horsham District Council

ii. West Sussex County Council

iii. General Correspondence

(a) Letter dated 5th December 2016, from Sonia Managan, Horsham District Age UK, asking for consideration to be given to a donation of £100.00.

To be included on the budget agenda 2018/2019.

(b) Email dated 12th December 2016, from Mrs C Hydes, asking if the Parish Council could write to Natural England objecting to the issue of a licence for shooting in ‘Springfield’, off Winterpit Lane.

The Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should write to Natural England requesting for the licence to be revoked and for shooting to be forbidden on the site in the future.

- (c) Email dated 16th December 2016, from Society of Local Council Clerks, advising that the Government will not be applying referendum principles to parish precepts for 2017/2018.

iv. Sussex Police

Spray paints and posters are available to discourage residents who do not clear up the mess when their pet has fouled a public right of way.

The Chairman will action and request posters.

Horsham District Safety Partners Joint Action Group (JAG), the next agenda will include school parking and burglaries.

0901/16 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Councillor Toni Bradnum advised that the Christmas Fantasia at Camping World will be closing on 14th January 2017. There have been a number parking issues at the weekends and Hilliers are not happy with the parking arrangements. The Police have been called, but the parking is not a priority and the matter is a licencing issue.

There is no further update on the planning application for the Dun Horse. An application for the gates in Sedgwick Park will be submitted to HDC, legal matters are still ongoing.

An application has been submitted by Britaniacrest for a large plant, at the brickworks off the A264, close to the Great Daux Roundabout. The application includes an incinerator and chimney, the height of big ben.

The Clerk was asked to include the application on the next Planning Committee agenda.

1001/17 PUBLIC FORUM

Wallis Ingram advised that a footpath in Sedgwick Park had restrictions and the entrance was too narrow for a pushchair to access. Wallis Ingram also thanked the Parish Council for the arranging for the ditches to be cleared in Sedgwick Lane.

Upon receipt of the exact location of the restriction the Clerk will report to WSCC Public Rights of Way.

1101/17 PLANNING MATTERS

i. NEW APPLICATIONS

DC/16/2806 20/12/2016 RESOLVED	Proposed demolition of cricket pavilion and construction of a new pavilion with associated works and machinery store. Nuthurst Cricket Club, Golding Lane, Mannings Heath To raise no objection to this application.
DC/16/2828 16/12/2016 RESOLVED	Single storey side extension and internal alterations. Brookview Lodge, Polecat Lane, Copsale To raise no objection to this application.
DC/16/2858 19/12/2016 RESOLVED	Retention of stable building, post and rail fence, hardstanding and relocation of access. Lot 6, Ghyll House Farm, Broadwater Lane, Copsale To object to this application, the development is over intensification of the site. The abandoned vehicles on the site will be reported to the Enforcement Team.

ii. DECISIONS OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (NORTH)

PERMITTED - DC/16/1434 & DC/16/2479.

REFUSED - DC/16/2458

PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUIRED & REFUSED - DC/16/2527.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN - DC/16/2845.

iii. LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPEAL - Monks Gate Cottage, Brighton Road, Monks Gate

iv. PLANNING UPDATES

- a) **Forestry Commission re-stocking notice on the land north of Monks Gate.**

The Forestry Commission provided a totally inadequate reply, Councillor O Hydes volunteered to draft a letter to Jeremy Quin MP, including copies of all the correspondence previously sent to the Forestry Commission.

b) Neighbourhood Planning, Barriers to Delivery

The members supported the content of the letter Claire Vickers had written to the Minister of State for Housing & Planning, however, there were concerns about the statement that developers should be involved.

Councillor O Hydes volunteered to draft a letter to Cllr Claire Vickers highlighting the Parish Councils concerns about developer involvement.

c) Undetermined Planning Applications

There are five undetermined planning applications in the parish. A developer can appeal to have an application determined by the Planning Inspectorate when the local planning authority has failed to determine an application by the due date. This happened in the case of planning application DC/13/2393 (four detached houses south of Woodlands Chase, Sedgwick Lane) where outline planning permission was granted by the Planning Inspectorate.

PA no.	Where	Determination Date
DC/14/2755	Swallowfield Nursery, Mannings Heath	6 March 2015
DC/16/1885	Keatings/Hollyhocks, Nuthurst	21 October 2016
DC/16/1753	Opposite Dun Horse, Mannings Heath	3 November 2016
DC/16/2062	Millers Mead, Nuthurst	13 December 2016
DC/16/2382	Dun Horse Pub, Mannings Heath	20 December 2016

Councillor O Hydes volunteered to draft a letter to Dr Chris Lyons highlighting the Parish Councils concerns about the undetermined planning applications.

Councillor A Gaffney advised that a second entrance was being constructed on land adjacent to Swallowfield, the Parish Council will monitor.

1201/17 LOCAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER BODIES REPORTS none.

1301/17 FINANCE

i. To approve the following items of expenditure: -

	Net £	VAT £	Totals £
<u>Accounts paid by Direct Debit</u>			
EDF Energy Street Lighting Energy	153.68	7.68	161.36
<u>Accounts paid at this meeting</u>			
Mrs S Hall Expenses			
Internet Access	17.99		17.99
Travel	27.00		27.00
Postage	6.60		6.60
Mrs V Court			
Internet/Stationary/Fuel	10.00		10.00
Sarah Hall Salary November 2016	789.28		789.28
Bartlett Tree Experts	1,500.00	300.00	1,800.00
SSE Lighting (Pound Lane)	150.51	30.10	180.61
<u>Paid between meetings</u>			
The White Horse Inn	135.10		135.10
Total	£2,790.16	337.78	£3127.94

RESOLVED to approve the above accounts for payment.

- i. To approve and sign the bank reconciliations for November 2016. **Approved.**
- ii. To approve and sign the quarterly figures for period ending 30th September 2016. **Approved.**
- iii. To approve the transfer of £3,000.00 from the deposit into the current account **Approved.**
- iv. To discuss the purchase of the 10th Edition of Local Council Administration. **Approved.**
- v. To discuss the renewal of the Clerks annual subscription to SLCC. **Approved.**

The annual renewal of Neighbourhood Plan website, costing £25.00, will be included on February's agenda.

1401/17 MANNINGS HEATH VILLAGE GREEN none.

1501/17 MATURE TREES IN THE PARISH

There are concerns that the mature trees in a garden in Maplehurst could be felled when the property is sold, the Chairman will try and contact the owner to discuss the matter.

1601/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The Clerk was asked to report the following highway issues:

- Dropped manhole cover, next to the bus stop, A281 (opposite the Dun Horse).
- Chase WSCC for an update on the repair of Hampshire Hill, Nuthurst Road.

1701/17 VILLAGE GATEWAYS

The Clerk will ask WSCC the criteria for erecting Village Gateways, request details of any licences which are required and forward the map of the proposed locations.

The pricing for natural and imitation wood needs to be looked into and the Nuthurst Community Group should be contacted to see if they can assist with a working party.

1801/17 BROADBAND IN THE PARISH

The Nuthurst Community Group have published an article in the Link magazine and the Clerk will include the details on the Parish Councils website and notice boards.

1901/17 ADOPTING THE PHONE KIOSK IN MAPLEHURST

The Nuthurst Society have suggested a joint project, before the matter can go any further the proposed uses and assistance with maintenance need to be discussed with the Nuthurst Society.

RESOLVED to ask HDC Planning for an extension and invite members of the Nuthurst Society to the next Parish Council meeting.

2001/17 COMMUNITY WARDENS

Trevor Leggo, Chief Executive of SSAL will be making a presentation on Community Wardens at the Full Parish Council meeting on 1st February 2017, Councillors from Lower Beeding and Cowfold Parish Councils have also been invited to attend.

Five of the thirty-three parishes in the District have Community Wardens, including Ashington, Pulborough, Steyning and Bramber. The cost of a Community Warden is approximately £22,000.00 per annum, there is possible grant funding available from Sussex Police for the first two years. Neighbourhood Watch is very prevalent in the Parish.

The Chairman will also speak to Greg Charmen, HDC, for further information.

2101/17 ST ANDREWS SCHOOL

The Chairman has requested for School Parking to be included on the next JAG (Joint Action Group) agenda.

2201/17 COUNCILLOR TRAINING/SEMINARS

The Chairman and Councillor J Chaytor will be attending the West Sussex ALC Spring Conference on 30th March 2017, Lodge Hill Centre, Watersfield.

2301/17 OPERATION WATERSHED

Landbuild commenced the drainage works Tuesday 3rd January 2017, the work will be completed by 7th January 2017, unfortunately the southern section of Sedgwick Lane has had to be closed again.

2401/17 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Councillor A Gaffney reported a for sale in the verge on the A281 (next to the bus stop) and the hazard being caused by vehicles parking next to the noticeboard, Nuthurst Road, Monks Gate.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm