

Shermanbury Parish Council

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Minutes of Shermanbury Parish Council Annual Meeting held Monday 30th January 2017 at 7.00pm in the Peacock Rooms at the Royal Oak Pub in Wineham.

Minutes

5.17 Persons Present and Apologies for Absence

Present: Cllr C Whitton, Cllr C. Ansell, Cllr P. Lightburn, Cllr G. White and Clerk D. Langston.

West Sussex County Councillor L. Barnard.

Apologies received from: Horsham District Cllr R. Clarke and Horsham District Councillor J. Chowen. Shermanbury Parish Councillor T Brown and Councillor C Foster.

6.17 Declaration of Members Interests. None declared.

7.17 Approval of the previous PC meeting minutes held on 28th November 2016 and 12th January 2017. Minutes were agreed by Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

8.17 Matters arising from previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda:

76.16 To receive an update on Rampion Windfarm. Councillor Whitton confirmed repairs had been carried out to the grass verges and ruts along Wineham Lane. Permission has been granted for four additional weekend work sessions although dates remain unconfirmed. Council expressed concerns over the amount of mud being distributed along the highway. Councillor Whitton will raise these concerns with the Rampion LLG and confirm the use of an onsite wheel washing facility. **Action: Cllr Whitton**

9.17 To receive and consider any County Council reports and communications not covered elsewhere on this Agenda. Councillor Barnard highlighted an issue with Air Quality in Cowfold. County are working with Highways Agencies to consider various schemes to resolve the problem. Schemes considered include road widening projects, traffic lights and the possible rerouting of HGV vehicles via the A264. Due to the financial constraints of some of these schemes it would be necessary for costs to be met by the Parish Precept which is a matter of ongoing discussion by Cowfold Parish Council.

County Councillors recently visited the Queen Alexander hospital in Worthing. This facility is devoted to the care of ex serviceman and their families.

Central Government has allowed County to implement a 2% increase to cover Adult Care in the District. County have refused to accept this rise and have advised accordingly.

Confirmation was received that County Council elections will take place during May 2017.

10.17 To consider correspondence from HDC regarding 'The Visitor Economy priorities for your area'. Clerk will confirm Council are happy to meet with the successful consultants to discuss possible areas of priority within the parish. **Action: Clerk**

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11.17 To receive an update on Workstream items;

11.1.17 Highways Matters – Council have submitted a grant application for works to improve access to bus stops in the vicinity of the Fortgate entrance.

11.2.17 Telegraph Pole Brighton Road. Clerk will contact UK Power Networks regarding progress with the telegraph pole located on the Brighton Road. **Action: Clerk**

11.3.17 Operation Watershed – Council have submitted an application to allow for the purchase of tools and equipment to assist with the clearance of ditches and a general tidy up of the road verges along the A281.

11.4.17 Footpaths – Cllr White and Cllr Ansell will liaise on the top five issues previously identified. Further items will also be investigated on an ongoing basis. **Action: Cllr White/Cllr Ansell.**

11.5.17 Community Volunteers – Following the mail drop there have been eight responses from possible volunteers. Cllr Whitton will meet with Darren Rolfe on Monday 6th February to discuss progression of the projects.

11.6.17 Community Cohesion – to include correspondence from Rev. P Doick. Council agreed to support the request for a regular article in the HSW Parish Magazine. Cllr Lightburn will liaise with Cllr Foster on this item. Clerk will send over the deadline and distribution dates. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Lightburn/Cllr Foster.**

Fun Day - Council agreed in principle to host a 2017 fun Day event. A further meeting will be held during February to discuss this item. **Action: Full Council**

11.7.17 Cemetery Works – HDC have confirmed the release of S106 monies towards the proposed cemetery works. Clerk will contact the contractor to discuss this item. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Whitton.**

12.17 To receive a report regarding planning matters. Please note any plans received in the interim period will also be discussed at the meeting:

DC/16/2953 Greentrees Farm, Brighton Road, Shermanbury, Horsham. Demolition of 4x stable blocks & 2x storage barns, erection of a new American barn stable and hay barn, extension of existing access culvert, and re-positioning and extension of sand school. Council resolved it had no objections to the application.

13.17 To receive decisions regarding previous planning applications:

DC/16/2701 Granary Cottage Frylands Frylands Lane Wineham. The Lawful Use of Granary Cottage as an independent residential dwelling (Use Class C3) (Certificate of Lawful Development - Existing). Application Permitted.

DC/16/2769 Morley Manor, Brighton Road, Shermanbury. The proposal is for a new paddock access track from the existing entrance splay up towards the property. Pending Determination.

DC/16/2877 Morley Manor, Brighton Road, Shermanbury. To resurface the existing entrance splay with block paving from where the driveway abuts the highway and to move the gateway to a distance of 15m back from the highway for safety and security of vehicles pulling off the highway. Pending Determination.

DC/16/2915 Blacklands Farm Camping, Blacklands Farm, Wheatsheaf Road, Henfield. Extension of existing Camp Site to provide 50 additional pitches to be used from 1st March - 30th September each year and regularisation of track and washing up sinks. Pending Determination.

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DC/16/2912 Blacklands Farm, Wheatsheaf Road, Henfield. Commercial Fishing of the lake and four ponds on site as shown on drawing numbers 2016/105/PL6 and 2016/105/PL8 (Lawful Development Certificate - Existing). Pending Determination.

DC/16/2945 for outline consent for the erection of up to 120 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) with vehicular access point from Shermanbury Road, RH13 8EU. All matters to be reserved, except for means of access. Land North of Shermanbury Road, Partridge Green, Horsham, West Sussex.

DC/16/2321 Wychwood House, Brighton Road, Shermanbury. Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension and replacement front porch. Application Permitted.

DC/16/2070 Lot 1, Wychwood Farm, Brighton Road, Shermanbury. Retrospective application for creation of retaining walls and repairs to existing barn, erection of two sheds and creation of hardstanding. Awaiting Decision.

DC/16/2598 Springlands Barn, Frylands Lane, Wineham. Removal of condition number four to previously approved Application Reference Number: DC/15/2510 (Retrospective approval for conversion of barn to single residential dwelling and the addition of a retaining wall and steps, alterations to driveway, and log store to rear of stables). Application Refused.

DC/16/2600 Springlands Barn, Frylands Lane, Wineham. Removal of condition number five to previously approved Application Reference Number: DC/15/2510 (Retrospective approval for conversion of barn to single residential dwelling and the addition of a retaining wall and steps, alterations to driveway, and log store to rear of stables). Application Refused. Appeal lodged.

DC/16/2599 Springlands Barn, Frylands Lane, Wineham. Removal of condition number four to previously approved Application Reference Number: DC/15/2511 (Retrospective approval for conversion of barn to single residential dwelling and the addition of a retaining wall and steps, alterations to driveway, and log store to rear of stables). Application Refused. Appeal lodged.

DC/16/2601 Springlands Barn, Frylands Lane, Wineham. Removal of condition number five to previously approved Application Reference Number: DC/15/2511 (Retrospective approval for conversion of barn to single residential dwelling and the addition of a retaining wall and steps, alterations to driveway, and log store to rear of stables). Application Refused. Appeal lodged.

14.17 Finance and Administration.

14.1.17 Balance Sheet

14.2.17 To confirm the Budget for 2017/2018 and to set the Precept. Council resolved the Precept would rise to £19,635.00 (Nineteen thousand six hundred and thirty five pounds).

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14.3.17 Cheques for signature;

£723.62 WSCC Invoice 8001195985

£160.00 DW Gardens Invoice DWG/17/12/241

£ 43.92 WSCC Invoice 8001198058

£723.62 WSCC Invoice 8001202633

£ 80.00 The Royal Oak

15.17 Any other business (*Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*)

Cllr Ansell highlighted the work carried out by 'The Men in Sheds' organization. A meeting is planned in Henfield which Cllr Ansell would like to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Lightburn would like Council to consider various ways of supporting vulnerable people within the parish. Consideration will be given to this item during future meetings.