

Shermanbury Parish Council

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Minutes of Shermanbury Parish Council Meeting held **Monday 5th January at 7.00pm in the Peacock Rooms at the Royal Oak Pub in Wineham.**

Items marked * means supporting paper supplied

Minutes

1.15 Persons Present and Apologies for Absence

Present: Cllr J Downs, Cllr V Harrison, Cllr T Brown, Cllr P Lightburn, Cllr G White, Cllr C Whitton and Clerk D Langston.

Also present: Cllr L Barnard – West Sussex County Council and Cllr R Clarke, Horsham District Council. Mr A Lilles, Mrs C Clarke and Mrs A Lightburn.

Apologies received from: Cllr J Chowen Horsham District Council

2.15 Declaration of Members Interests – None declared

3.15 Approval of the previous PC meeting minutes held on 15th December 2014

Minutes approved and signed by the Chairman.

4.15 Report from WSCC Cllr L Barnard – Cllr Barnard advised Council of changes to the management of West Sussex County Council with the recruitment of a new CEO, Director of Adult Services and Director of Highways. Henfield Day Centre is currently seeking interested parties and/or grants to fund this venture. Frylands Lane will be closed to non essential traffic for Highways work for several days during January. Notification has been sent to Clerk.

Report from HDC Cllr Clarke –Cllr Clarke advised that he had spoken to Mr Atwood in the Planning Department regarding both a caravan and camper van at a property in Wineham Lane. The property will be visited by an enforcement officer.

5.15 Matters arising from previous Minutes not covered elsewhere – All topics covered under Agenda.

6.15 Wineham & Shermanbury Neighbourhood Plan (WASP) update –The next Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting is planned for Friday 9th January this will include Dale Mayhew. Cllr Brown advised that there seemed to be a main theme from all residents who wanted to bring both sides of the parish together. Mrs. Lightburn a member of the Steering Group was asked to address the meeting with an idea of 'Beating the Bounds' as a way of strengthening community cohesion. Council agreed this was a good idea and Mrs. Lightburn will liaise with Council and update at next meeting. **Action Mrs. Lightburn.**

7.15 Planning and Enforcement Matters –

Update on Ewhurst Manor was given by the Clerk following communication with Madeline Hartley Horsham District Council. Clerk will continue to monitor this item. **Action Clerk.**

8.15 Parish Matters

Cemetery, Frylands Lane – Cllr Downs confirmed he had now received correspondence from Mr Vane-Tempest regarding additional land. Cllr Downs will contact Mr Vane-Tempest for further discussion. **Action Cllr Downs**

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Cllr Whitton has contacted Mr Ansell regarding repairs to the cemetery gates an update will be given regarding this item and the requested improvements to the entrance at the next meeting. **Action Cllr Whitton.**

Footpaths – WSSC Ranger has advised that the clear up team are behind schedule and improvements/repairs will now not be carried out before the end of the month. Further discussion on bridleway improvements between Shermanbury and Wineham are still required. Clerk will liaise with Cllr White. **Action Clerk/Cllr White.**

Highways – WSSC have been advised of ongoing issues with trees on the A281. Speed continues to be an issue on both this road and Wineham Lane. Council will look into ways of traffic calming measures to include signage/speed monitors etc. **Action Council.**

9.15 Our future strategy regards unwelcome large scale development – Council discussed the Horsham District Plan Inspectors findings. It was felt that we must have the right strategy to deal with any unwelcome development. Items to be considered include how the Wineham/Twineham corridor should be developed over the next twenty years and must take into account the requirements of the District Plan. As the Parish lies between two District Councils it was felt this could make it vulnerable. As discussions should included Neighbouring Parish Councils this item will be raised at the next Inter Parish Meeting. Cllr Brown will also draft a letter to Horsham District Council and Neighbouring Parish Councils.

10.15 Update on Rampion Wind farm – Cllr Whitton updated the meeting regarding the Community Benefit Fund which will be discussed at the Local Liaison Group Meeting on 12th January 2015. The figure remains confidential but will encompass the Parishes of Twineham, Bolney, Shermanbury and Cowfold who are all affected by the development.

11.15 Finance and Administration

Balance Sheets were handed to all councilors showing updated accounts.

Budget 2015/2016 Cemetery Chapel needs extensive renovation therefore quotes will be obtained ready for discussion at the next meeting when Council will discuss this item and confirm the Budget. **Action Cllr Downs and Cllr Whitton**

Fun Day donations to be raised under Section 137 at next meeting.

Cheques for signature or raised since last meeting;

£66.88 Expenses D Langston

£168.06 Expenses Cllr Whitton NBP

12.15 Vacancies: Council agreed to co-opt Mrs. C Clarke with immediate effect.

13.15 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th January 2015 – 7pm in the Peacock Rooms, Royal Oak, Wineham