

Steypning Parish Council



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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2019 AT 6.30PM
IN THE STEYPNING CENTRE

Present: Cllrs Willett, Bowell, G Sullivan, S Sullivan, Goldsmith, Northam, Syred, Picking and Lloyd.

Clerk: John Fullbrook

Members of the Public: 2 {Also present WSCC Cllr Barling}

Meeting commenced 6.36 pm

DRAFT MINUTES

FULL/18/141 APOLOGIES

141.1

There were apologies received from Cllrs Pearcey, Muncey, Muggridge, Trundle, Hanson and Toomey. Cllr Syred was to join the meeting after approximately 10 minutes.

ACTIONS

FULL/18/142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

142.1

There were declarations of interest from Cllrs S Sullivan as lives adjacent the MPF and serves on the Steypning Community Orchard committee.

FULL/18/143 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

143.1.1

Q – Mr Cree - *I have two short questions relating to Item 4.1: To discuss and agree the Councils consolidated 2019/20 Budget. Under Item 168.1 of the full SPC meeting dated the 15th January 2018 councillors were to 'To confirm Budget and Precept request to HDC'. Councillor Rodney Goldsmith and Councillor Sarah Sullivan asked during that meeting how was it possible for councillors to confirm the 2018/2019 budget if they were not permitted to actually see the final budget figures and they therefore objected. My first question is 'By making their legitimate concerns known were Councillors Goldsmith and Sullivan acting as diligent and responsible councillors?' .At the full SPC meeting dated the 18th June 2018 I asked why there was no budget set aside for the Steypning neighbourhood plan when in fact, unknown to myself, residents and most councillors, a budget of £16,400 had at some time been allocated in Line 4073. Councillor Muncey, the then joint leader of the Steypning neighbourhood plan later stated that she had no recollection of any figure of £16,400 ever being discussed during budget formulation. My second question is 'Under Line 4073 was I acting as a diligent and responsible resident by bringing the Council to proper account in the public interest on the previously undeclared £16,400?*

A – *The Chair responded by saying that he would reply in writing*

Cllr Lloyd

Cllr Syred joined the meeting at this point



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FULL/18/144 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 144.1** Since October the Council has been discussing committee-based budgets, then looked at the proposed consolidated budget for 2019/20 in December at both F&GP and then Full Council. At January's F&GP committee councillors again looked at the Full Budget report where there were only four budget line amendments proposed and agreed. The 2019/20 budget was again discussed at an all councillor working party the following evening with these amendments again discussed and agreed. The Working party subsequently agreed to recommend to Full Council the Precept for the next financial year - 2019/20 be increased by 2.49% to £254,680. Cllr Bowell **proposed, seconded** by Cllr S Sullivan that Council approves the recommendation of the All Councillor working party, that the Precept request to HDC be £254,680 which represents a 2.49% increase. **Agreed** **CLERK**
- 144.2** Cllr Goldsmith updated from the Article 4 working party and said a letter had been sent around to Councillors which was to be sent out to residents within the conservation area but Council needed to approve the cost of printing and distribution. Cllr Goldsmith **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Northam that Council accepts the quote for £580 for printing and distribution of the Article 4 letter. **Agreed 8 For, 1 Abstention (MW)** **Cllr Goldsmith / Clerk**
- 144.4** Cllr Bowell updated on the approved grant applications from the last F&GP meeting January 15th. Committee had agreed to support the Steyning in Bloom project which proposed the installation of a 'Welcome to Steyning' sign on the Clays Hill road which called for Council to attempt to raise £3000 via Section 106 monies. There was also agreement to fund the minibus society (£450) to assist them with their service. There was also agreement to fund Steyning Country fair for £282 to help cover Steyning centre room hire costs, and finally there was agreement to help fund a plaque installation for George Cockman possibly to be located in the Swimming pool – Council's contribution was to be £150. **CLERK**
- FULL/18/145 QUARRY AND SOFT SANDS DEVELOPMENT**
- 145.1** Cllr Barling reported that he was going to continue with his objection to the West Sussex Joint minerals Local Plan and suggested if Council wanted to continue to object that it once again sets up a working party to do so. Comments regarding the Soft Sands Review are to be submitted to West Sussex by the 18 March 2019. The previous objections would seem to be just as valid now, but in addition to these there are 8 other sites under consideration as well as the one lying within Steyning Parish (Ham Farm). Cllr Lloyd **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Bowell that SPC put together an All Councillor working party and revisit the previous objections and Council may want to modify that objection in regard to the Soft Sand review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals local Plan. **Agreed** **CLERK**
- FULL/18/146 DATES FOR THE NEXT 14 MONTHS – 2019/20**
- 146.1** To discuss and agree the SPC meeting dates for the next 14 Month – The Clerk sent round the dates for the next 14 months. There was one amendment suggested involving a change over the 2019 Christmas period to remove one Premises Committee and add in its place an additional Amenities committee – as this was such a crucial time to ensure Amenities committee decisions were made. Cllr Lloyd **proposed, seconded** by Cllr G Sullivan that the Dates for the next 14 months be accepted as per supporting papers, to include one amendment, that being to change on the 7th January from Premises committee meeting to Amenities Committee meeting. **Agreed** **CLERK**

FULL/18/147 **CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**
147.1 No items discussed

FULL/18/148 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18TH February 2019**

Meeting closed at 7.08 pm

Signed **Date 18th February 2019**

Chairman