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MEETING OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 15TH January 2018 AT 7.30PM
IN THE STEYNING CENTRE

Present: Cllrs Northam, Willett, Pearcey, Toomey, Hanson, Muggridge, S Sullivan, G Sullivan, Bowell, Syred, Goldsmith and Lloyd.

Clerk: John Fullbrook

Members of the Public: 10 {including Wardens - Paul Conroy, WSCC Cllr Barling}

Meeting commenced 7.30 pm

DRAFT MINUTES

ACTION

FULL/17/157
157.1

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Trundle, Picking and Cllr Muncey will be arriving late as is involved in other Council business.

FULL/17/158
158.1

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were declarations of interest from Cllr S Sullivan – being a member of the Steyning Community Orchard group and Cllr Goldsmith declared interest in Agenda Items 16, 17, and 18.

FULL/17/159
159.1

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Statement From Mr Cree - *I should firstly like to congratulate Councillors Muncey and Trundle for progressing the Steyning Neighbourhood Plan and I wish them every success. I very much hope that it will remain an open, honest and transparent process as required by the agreed Terms of Reference. In direct contrast the SWAB neighbourhood plan was a disaster from beginning to end and over £30,000 of public funds was wasted without the housing need and Draft Pre-Submission report papers ever being made available to the residents of Steyning. Yet none of those responsible, particularly Councillors Muggridge, Northam and Nick Mills, have been publicly called to account by the Steyning Parish Council to answer for this failure. In direct contrast Councillor Goldsmith, who has worked very hard in trying through correspondence to bring about good governance, is predictably accused of some minor discretions. I have worked in many despotic countries around the world including Iran, Iraq, Syria, North Korea and China among others. However when I see what is going on tonight I am very much reminded of China and its Show Trials. All we need is our two Neighbourhood Wardens to stand stern faced either side of Councillor Goldsmith and the scene will be complete. As in China the accused will have already been found Guilty but unlike China his trial will be undertaken in confidential session where justice will*



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not be possible. It is just yet another example of how the Gang of Four have abused parish council democracy. Fortunately the reign of those particular councillors is rapidly coming to an end.

159.1.2 *Response – Council declined to comment on Mr Cree’s statement*

159.2.1 **Q.** From Bob Brown –*Why can’t we hear Cllr Goldsmith answer the questions being put to him in open session?*

159.2.2 **A.** Cllr Northam answered – *We will be voting to agree or not whether the discussion is heard in open or confidential session at item 15 on the Agenda*

159.3.1 Statement from Cllr S Sullivan – *It is unusual to have so much information under the confidential section of the Agenda and I believe this is another attempt to intimidate and muzzle Cllr Goldsmith.*

FULL/17/160 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

160.1 Cllr Northam **Proposed**, Cllr Muggridge **seconded** the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th December 2017 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
Agreed - 8 For, 3 Abstentions

FULL/17/160 MINUTES ARISING AND ACTIONS

160.1 FULL/17/140.2 – Briefing note re the membership of the Jnt. Cemetery committee – ongoing

Cllr Howell Cllr
Willett

160.2 FULL/17/140.3 – Neighbourhood Wardens scheme incentives – Ongoing

CLERK

160.3 FULL/17/140.6 – Neighbourhood Wardens steering group representation – The First meeting of the newly reformed steering group is due to take place on the 1st February at the Steyning centre, with Cllrs Hanson and Pearcey due to attend with Cllrs Lloyd and Muggridge to be available at later meetings if needs be.

160.4 FULL/17/143.2.2 – Police station front desk enquiry – Cllr Barling confirmed that the station will keep a front desk operation, but there is to be some refurbishment first.

160.5 FULL/17/143.3.2 – Response from HDC regarding Steyning P.C queries on Car Park developments – Covered under item 163.5

160.6 FULL/17/146.2 – Receiving Amenities minutes of 28th November – under item 166.2

160.7 FULL/17/148.1 – West Sussex rights of way Management plan consultation – under item 167.1

160.8 FULL/17/149.1 – Section 106 monies, letter from Project Obligations officer to be recirculated – Clerk actioned

160.9 FULL/17/150.1 – Response to Mr Aubrey’s letter concerning the Police station – Clerk confirmed that his correspondence and concerns had been forwarded to Cllr Barling

160.10 FULL/17/150.2 – Invitation to new Chair of Governors of Steyning Grammar school to attend Council meeting – Clerk had invited the new Chair of Governors to this meeting but due to previous commitments she could not attend. The invitation is therefore extended to the next Full Council meeting.

- 160.11** FULL/17/155.1 – Letter from Councillor Northam to Councillor Goldsmith – Chair actioned.
- 160.12** FULL/17/155.2 – Clerk to circulate advice to Councillors – Clerk actioned
- FULL/17/161** **NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS' REPORT**
- 161.1** Paul Conroy read out the Neighbourhood wardens report for the last month which covered issues and a brief summary of some of the work undertaken by the Wardens over the same period (Available on the web site)
- 161.2** Nitrous Oxide canisters found – still no leads in this case
- 161.3** Antisocial behaviour often happens after Wardens go off duty unfortunately
- FULL/17/162** **JOINT PARISH YOUTH COMMITTEE**
- 162.1** No meeting has taken place since last meeting – nothing to report
- FULL/17/163** **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
- 163.1** **Cllr Lloyd update from HDC** – Reminder that new recycling and collections regime starts on the 5th February. Information is on SPC & HDC websites.
- 163.2** **Cllr Willett reports from HDC** – New Chief executive officer appointment – to be formally approved tomorrow. Mr Glen Chip from Epping will start in April. Also a new Monitoring Officer will be starting in April
- 163.3.1** **Cllr Barling reported from WSCC.** In terms of WSCC funding, there is due to be a meeting on the 7th March, at the Steyning Centre – with all members welcome. It will be to discuss Crowd funding, with there being £8K still to be earmarked for any deserving projects.
- 163.3.2** Council tax being discussed at WSCC with proposals to include an increase of 4 or 5% to avoid a funding gap in 4 years' time of approx. £60 Million. This will mean saving money for the 'Better Care Fund', as well as avoiding having to reduce Bus services. Decision to be made on the 15th February.
- 163.3.3** Pedestrian Crossing painting still to be done – Cllr Barling chasing
- 163.4** **Cllr Toomey reported from HALC** – Applications for CIL monies need to be in before 31st January - £8K available.
- 163.5** **Cllr Muncey** – Not available to report on Steyning Car Park developments
- 163.6** **Cllr Willett** – nothing to report on Cemetery committee. Next meeting is due to be held 29th January
- 163.7** **PPG Update** – Cllr Bowell reported that the next meeting was due on 18th January at the Health Centre at 7pm. Cllrs Hanson and Trundle will be attending.

FULL/17/164 164.1	QUARRY UPDATE Schedule of modifications - Cllr Barling suggested that when the Soft sands policy is consulted on that this Council ought to be very much involved in that process	CLERK
FULL/17/165 165.1	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Neither Cllr Trundle nor Cllr Muncey were available to discuss a motion as they were still involved in the N.P. interviewing process in another room in the Steyning Centre	
FULL/17/166 166.1	COMMITTEE MINUTES, REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Planning Committee –Cllr Hanson reported on Lloyds Bank proposed development – 2 applications to be looked at by Planning Committee rather than just one Officer, due to complexity of the Council’s objection. Also Untidy Land order raised by Deputy Clerk as an enforcement order on the Chalk pit lay-by. Cllr Hanson proposed, seconded by Cllr Muggridge, to receive the minutes and approve the recommendations of the meeting held on the 19 th December 2017. Agreed	
166.2	Amenities Committee – To receive the minutes and approve the recommendations of the meeting held on the 28 th November 2017, Cllr Howell proposed, seconded by Cllr Lloyd. Agreed	
166.3	Premises Committee – To receive the minutes and approve the recommendations of the meeting held on the 2 nd January 2018. Cllr Syred proposed, seconded by Cllr Hanson. Agreed	
166.4	Finance and General Purposes committee – To receive the minutes and approve the recommendations of the meeting held on the 9 th January 2018. Cllr Howell proposed, seconded by Cllr Syred. Agreed	
FULL/17/167 167.1	WEST SUSSEX RIGHTS OF WAY MANAGEMENT PLAN WSCC Highways and transport seeking public consultation on draft West Sussex Rights of Way Management plan. This is a document predominantly concerning the maintenance programme of Public Rights of Way. Cllr Lloyd proposed, seconded Cllr Pearcey that a working party be set up to read through the documents and to respond on behalf of the Council with delegated authority to do so, before the closing date which is the 31 st January and circulate to councillors accordingly. Agreed	
167.2	There was a show of hands to agree who were to be involved in the working party – which included Cllrs Lloyd, Howell, Syred, and Toomey.	Cllr Lloyd
FULL/17/168 168.1	BUDGET FOR YEAR 2018/19 To confirm Budget and Precept request to HDC as discussed at the All Councillor Working Group meeting held on 11 th January. Major considerations included a significant increase in minimum wage rate and provision of Pensions for all Staff. It will mean a 1.62% increase in Precept compared to the previous year which relates to an increase of £1.12 per Band D property. Cllr Howell proposed, seconded by Cllr Pearcey that the Council agree to this Precept request of £248,489.00. Agreed 11 For, 1 Against	CLERK
FULL/17/169 169.1	CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS None	

FULL/17/170 **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**
170.1 To resolve, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, in accordance with Standing Orders 3e to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the confidential matters to be discussed under item 16,17, and 18 would be prejudicial in the public interest Cllr Northam **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Syred that the meeting go into confidential session and be adjourned for a short period. **7 For {SN,SP,PB,DH,MS,TL,MW}, 4 Against {GS,SS,NM,RG} , 1 Abstention {MT}. Agreed**

170.2 Cllr S Sullivan **proposed, seconded** by Cllr G Sullivan to formally abandon the items under discussion in this confidential session as SPC had not given the what, when and how evidence required for proper consideration relating to the motions. **3 For {SS,GS,RG} , 9 Against {MS,SN,SP,NM,MW,PB,TL,MT,DH}**

FULL/17/171 **CONFIDENTIALITY OF EMAIL CORRESPONDANCE**
171.1 There was some uncertainty from the Cllr as to the specific emails this item referred to. Cllr Northam **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Bowell that item 16.1 is deferred to the next meeting. **7 for 2 Against, 3 Abstentions. Agreed**

Cllr Muncey joined the meeting

FULL/17/172 **HARRASSMENT OF A MEMBER OF STAFF**
172.1 Cllr Northam **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Willett that the council request that the F&GP committee set up a sub committee to investigate the matter with a view to resolving the issue and to make recommendations to full council. **Recorded vote -8 For {MT,DH,SP,PB,SN,MW,NM,MS}, 3 Against {TL,GM,SS}, Abstaining {GS, RG}. Agreed**

172.2 Cllr Bowell **proposed an amended motion, seconded by** Cllr Lloyd that no one should send any potentially harassing emails to each other and especially to a member of staff. **Recorded vote- 7 For {MT, DH, SP, PB, MW, TL, GM}, 6 Abstentions {SN, MS, GS, SS, RG, NM}. Agreed**

FULL/17/173 **COUNCILLORS BEHAVIOUR**
173.1 Cllr Hanson **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Lloyd that item 18 be deferred until next meeting. **For 12, 1 Abstained. Agreed**

FULL/17/174 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th February 2018**

Meeting closed at 9:58 pm

Signed Date 19th February 2018

Chairman