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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024 AT THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL, KING SUITE

Present: Councillors Nikki Hamilton-Street (Chair), Alison Reigate (Vice Chair), Norma Harris, Alan Evans, Sylvia Verrinder, Bill Hall, David Marsh, John Oldfield, Paul Bicknell and Matthew Want

In Attendance: Katie Herr (Clerk), Tracy Lees (Committee Clerk), ADC Cllr. Andy Cooper, WSCC Cllr. Deborah Urquhart and 2 members of the public

Acronym: Angmering Parish Council – APC; West Sussex County Council – WSCC; Arun District Council – ADC; Angmering Community Land Trust – ACLT; Planning & Infrastructure Committee (formally HTP) – PI; Community, Leisure, Environment & Wellbeing Committee – CLEW; Neighbourhood Plan – NHP; West Sussex Association of Local Councils – WSALC; Traffic Regulation Order – TRO; Angmering Flood Alleviation Scheme – AFAS; EMR – Ear Marked Reserves; ADALC - Arun District Association of Local Councils; Arun Youth Projects – AYP.

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTE NO.	AGENDA POINT	ACTION FOR
1	23/201	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received and approved for Cllrs. Carey Bennett and Renée Hobson. Apologies were also received and approved for Cllr. Amelia Worne.	
2	23/202	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. None.	
3	23/203	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the committee from Monday 12 February 2024 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair.	
4	23/204	PUBLIC CONSULTATION One member of the public was attending to observe the meeting as they were new to Angmering.	

The other member of the public wanted to ask the following questions of the WSCC and ADC Councillors.

The first question was regarding the Angmering Flood Alleviation, he asked if the permit to undertake works on the Main River Black Ditch has been obtained and when construction works will commence.

Cllr. Urquhart responded to this question by saying she had asked this question today and work was expected to start late August / early September and WSCC would continue to work with the Environment Agency on this project. She made no mention of the permit.

Secondly, he said he was aware that the first meeting of the Arun Flood Forum had taken place on 26th February under an independent professional Chair. Is it possible to know who this Chair is?

Cllr. Cooper answered this question and reported that a chair, Simon Wilson, had been appointed by ADC and that he thought the minutes of this meeting would go into the public domain but he did not know when.

Cllr. Cooper also explained why the forum was set up and members of the public did attend the meeting. He will also find out when the next meeting was due to take place and share the minutes when available.

Cllr. Urquhart added that she believed the meetings were going to be held quarterly and that WSCC are going to review the Local Flooding Strategy and will keep APC updated when more was known.

Cllr. Bicknell commented that he had attended this meeting and commented that he thought the Chair did a good job. He also said that questions were raised and answers were being sourced to be reported back on at the next meeting.

5 23/205 THE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC UPDATES ON THE ACTION LIST AND SUBSEQUENT MATTERS.

The Clerk added the following to her report:

- A bus shelter has been installed on the A259 opposite Haskins Garden Centre. This had been requested by an Angmering resident and after consultation with WSCC it was put in place this week. The shelter was provided by WSCC as part of the remaining remedial works for the A259 and APC will maintain it.
- All work on the lime trees in the village square has been completed.
- The pathway from Herons Park to Pine Trees Close will be resurfaced with type one MOT. The work will be done by WSCC volunteers, with work starting on the 5th April.
- Demolition work has started at the old Chandlers site.

No questions were asked.

6 23/206 CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair talked through her report and asked if there were any questions, none were asked.

She then updated the committee with the news that the Trustees of Angmering Community Centre had agreed to a six month trial of Youth Engagement Sessions/Youth Club to be held at the centre. The sessions will be run by Arun Youth Projects and will be held weekly. Exact details and a

start date are yet to be confirmed. The Clerk and ACC Manager will liaise with AYP and report back to all with the progress.

7 23/207 REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Urquhart reported the following:

A £2 billion budget had been agreed for 2024/25.

West Sussex County Council will invest £2bn to support residents, communities and businesses over the coming year, including an extra £81.9m of funding for vital day-to-day services.

The extra funding includes:

- £31.2m more for vulnerable children and young people,
- £18.3m more for adults' social care,
- £4m extra to maintain the county's 4,000km of roads,
- £27.8m to manage increased costs, as inflation levels remain high.

During 2024/25 the council also plans to spend £131.6m of its £695m five-year Capital Programme. The main areas of investment being highways, schools and the environment.

West Sussex County Council has worked together with schools to again ensure that every child in the county who applied has been offered a secondary school place this year. There are 30 spare places for Angmering School for the coming academic year.

Cllr. Bicknell raised his concerns over drop off points at The Angmering School and will pass his comments to the APC Chair as there is a planned meeting with Highways regarding this issue.

Cllr. Urquhart also mentioned the Angmering Flood Alleviation plan and commented that work is continuing with their consultants WSP to discharge the planning conditions relating to the LEMP (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) and engage with the EA (Environment Agency) regarding the FRAP (Flood Risk Activity Permit).

As already mentioned under Item 4 the current plan is for a late August / September start to Phase 1.

8 23/208 REPORT FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Cooper commented that questions had been asked at the recent Policy and Finance Meeting regarding the proposed new sports hub. It was clear that there were large funding gaps and no assurances that the money needed for this project could be found. He will however continue to push for a positive outcome.

He then reported on the following:

- Levelling Up Fund – Littlehampton has taken priority
- Footpaths along Dappers Lane – the Chair advised that she had walked along the route with all the plans and feels that the care home is the missing link. Both felt that it was a challenge to build relationships with the developers as there always seemed to be a large turnover of staff.

Cllr. Marsh commented on the recent council tax bills and the rises put in place by WSCC, ADC and the Police. Cllr. Urquhart commented that they were instructed by central government to dip into reserves which would not meet the spend required to keep everything running hence the rise. Cllr. Cooper also commented that ADC were having to dip into their reserves and that while he did not agree with this there was little he could do.

The Clerk then raised various compliance issues that were not getting addressed, they included:

- The Redrow development on A259 – planning application and the conditions imposed on it were not being adhered to.
- Manor Nurseries development, issues with the construction vehicles using High Street to access the site.
- Felling of a Cherry Tree within the conservation area.

Cllr. Cooper asked for the above information to be sent to him and he will follow up and report back. The Clerk will send over the information.

Questions were invited, no more were asked.

Cllr. Urquhart and Cllr. Cooper plus one member of the public left the meeting at 20:02.

9 23/209 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair reported that ADC had given information on when they would be looking at aspects of their local plan.

10 23/210 BUDGET CHANGES – 2024/2025

The Chair talked through the supporting paper and asked if there were any questions.

The Clerk mentioned that a few amendments needed to be made which included adding in a new D-Day Event as well as some changes needed with the EMRs.

Cllr, Bicknell asked about figures being carried over, the Clerk explained this as well as why some of the coding had been changed. Cllr. Bicknell confirmed he understood why this had been done.

No more questions were asked and the following was then agreed.

RESOLUTION: Cllr. Want PROPOSED to accept the Budget Changes for 2024/2025. Cllr. Verrinder SECONDED and ALL AGREED .

The Clerk will send out a final version when the changes have been made, all were happy with this.

11 23/211 FINANCIAL AND GENERAL RISK REGISTER

The Chair explained what this register was and highlighted the items that had been updated and amended.

No questions were asked and the following was then agreed.

RESOLUTION: Cllr. Reigate **PROPOSED** to confirm the additions to the registers. Cllr. Harris **SECONDED** and **ALL AGREED**.

The remaining member of the public left the meeting at 20:09.

12 23/212 TREE AND SHRUB MAINTENANCE POLICY 2024

Cllr. Hall asked about the trees in Station Road. The Clerk advised that they were the responsibility of WSCC and that APC have been asking for an inspection for some time. The last examination showed the trees to be safe however a new full inspection was due to take place soon, but a date was yet to be set.

After a short discussion the following was agreed.

RESOLUTION: Cllr. Marsh **PROPOSED** to confirm the amendments and updates. Cllr. Evans **SECONDED** and **ALL AGREED**.

13 23/213 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The 2023/2024 budget for Community Grants is £6,500.

One grant request was submitted for consideration this month.

- Home Start Arun – £250

After discussion, which included a suggestion of increasing the grant amount to be offered the following two options were put forward:

Option 1

Cllr. Reigate **PROPOSED** that a sum of £250 was granted to Home Start Arun. Cllr. Evans **SECONDED** and **4 AGREED**

Option2

Cllr. Want **PROPOSED** that a sum of £500 was granted to Home Start Arun. Cllr. Bicknell **SECONDED** and **6 AGREED**

Therefore based on the above option 2 for the **sum of £500** will be given as a grant to Home Start Arun.

The Chair finished by asking councillors to encourage grant applications for the next financial year.

14 23/214 2023/2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

The February reports were brought to this meeting.

No questions were asked, and the reconciliations were signed by Cllr. Want.

- 15 **23/215** **QUESTIONS ON THE ALREADY CIRCULATED NOTES OF MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR NOTES ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED**
None.
- 16 **23/216** **QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**
The Planning and Infrastructure Committee – None.
CLEW Committee – None.
Governance & Oversight Committee – None.
- 17 **23/217** **TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA**
None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee’s next meeting will be on **Monday 8 April 2024** at 7:30pm in the King Suite, Angmering Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 20.21.

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Chairman

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