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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE KING SUITE OF THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10 JULY 2017**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Bicknell (from 19:45); Bill Evans; Lee Hamilton-Street; Nikki Hamilton-Street; Norma Harris; Mike Hill-Smith (from 19:45) Mike Jones; David Marsh; Steven Mountain; John Oldfield (Vice-Chairman); Roger Phelon; Peter Thompson.

**In Attendance:** Rob Martin, Parish Clerk; Paul Barley, Deputy Clerk; one member of the public.

**Action**

**17/043 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Susan Francis (personal business), Norma Harris (illness), and also from County Councillor Deborah Urquhart, District Councillors Andy Cooper and Dudley Wensley.

**17/044 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**  
None.

**17/045 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2017**  
Councillor Jones noted that he had been omitted from the list of attendees. The minutes laid before the Vice-Chairman were corrected by hand; with this amendment; the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 June 2017 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

**17/046 THE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA**

- a) The Clerk referred to the updated action list previously circulated to members of the Council.
- b) The Clerk noted that the JEAAC meeting at which the Traffic Management Scheme was due to be considered would take place on 11 July 2017.
- c) The Clerk was pleased to report that the various grants applied for by the Angmering Community Land Trust had been approved, and this meant that the Community Land Trust was now in a position to pay the contribution towards the Parish Council's legal costs that had been agreed as part of the land transfer. Further grants from ADC would be available in the future. Due to the way ADC's payments team operated, the money would be paid to the Parish Council in the first instance, and it was unanimously **AGREED** that this money be transferred to the Community Land Trust upon receipt.
- d) The Clerk noted that since the previous meeting, it had become apparent that the Parish Council-sponsored bid for the former Chandlers site had not (at least initially) been successful, although discussions with the vendors were continuing. It was noted that it

might prove necessary to arrange a meeting with the vendors in person in early course.

*Councillors Bicknell and Hill-Smith joined the meeting.*

**17/047**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Vice-Chairman referred to the Chairman's report, circulated before the meeting, and reproduced below:

"Firstly, my apologies for my absence at the Parish Council meeting but I leave you in the very capable hands of the Vice Chairman, I know he will do a wonderful job.

"As always it has been a busy month for the parish but many of the items will be discussed elsewhere on the agenda so I do propose to deal with them here.

#### **"New Estate Agents**

As I am sure you all know, after very many years of being in the village Holmes Estate Agents closed leaving everyone wondering what would be the new venture. Well it was a new estate agents Cooper Adams who already had an office in East Preston so they knew the area well. I was invited to attend their official opening on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. They wished to express their delight in being part of Angmering Village and how much they would like to help the village by supporting local events and organisations, in fact I noticed they were helping to promote St Wilfrid's School fair this week so that is a good start. I am sure we will make them all feel very welcome.

#### **"Resilience Training**

Although this comes under the CLEW committee and Resilience Subcommittee, I really wanted to report on it here because of the great appreciation and thanks I have to give to the trainer Chris Scott, Resilience & Emergencies Team Adviser, for his hard work on 24<sup>th</sup> June in giving the councillors and staff a double training session! I also want to thank Councillor Lee Hamilton-Street for organising the use of the East Preston Fire Station training room and for the fire service allowing us to have it!

"In addition to the training we have also been given a large variety of items for use in the parish should the need arise, for example traffic cones, snow shovels, road closure signs, hi-vis vest to name just a few.

"The expert help and guidance and generosity is very much appreciated. It was also a good bonding session for the group.

#### **"Angmering Chorale**

Angmering Chorale very kindly once again invited me to attend their summer concert in Angmering School on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The theme was opera and the choir did exceptionally well in entertaining us for the evening. As always I would like to take this opportunity to officially thank them for their invitation once again, it has been delightful and I have enjoyed their beautiful singing.

#### **"Angmering School Art and Design Technology Exhibiton**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June I attended the Art and Design Technology Exhibition at Angmering School. The work the students have produced is exceptional and I am sure that they will go on to create great works of art and design. I would like to officially thank the school for their very kind invitation and wish the students every success in the future.

#### **"St Peter and St Paul Fair – 1<sup>st</sup> July**

I am sure I do not need to let people know that the St Peter and St Paul Fair took place on 1<sup>st</sup> July as most of the groups in the village took part. It was a good day, the weather was kind to us for a change, although we still had the dreaded Angmering wind, at least it was not as strong this year and the gazebos stayed put. I have received some really positive feedback about the fair, people enjoyed themselves and it is a wonderful event to bring the whole village together. I have to say the highlight for me was the impromptu tug of war teams, one with the children and one with the men. Absolutely delightful and wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and cheering the competitors on.

"The fair next year will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June so please everyone put it in your diaries and come and join us.

#### **Village Hall Committee**

The village hall committee met on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. An excellent job, as always has been undertaken by the elected officers in keeping the village hall running and ensuring that everything is safe and compliant. The replanting of the area where the two trees have been taken down is still ongoing as the design is not quite right but it is hoped that the amendment will be completed shortly and the design submitted to Arun District Council.

"The Christmas Market that raises funds for improvements to the village hall every year is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, another date for your diary. The Parish Council always participates in this. Previous years I have done Guess the number of sweets in the jar and Guess the weight of the cake, as an example. This year I would like to do something different and am looking for suggestions please and maybe some help in preparation and on the day. As with the fair it is a good time for the community to get together and I would recommend it to you.

#### **Angmering Twinning Association**

The Angmering Twinning Association Committee met on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The St Peter and St Paul Fair gave the association a wonderful opportunity to promote the Twinning. There are a number of families interested in taking part, we hope that they will join and enjoy the benefits of being part of the twinning.

"The preparations for the Summer lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> July were finalised, unfortunately I am unable to attend this year.

"Also the trip to Ouireham was finalised, approximately 24 people are going this time and again sadly I am unable to go with them this year but know they are going to have a brilliant time.

"A Shuffleboard evening is being organised for 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the village hall. Everyone is welcome and anyone interested please let me know.

#### **The Library**

Vicki Davey has been appointed as the new Cluster Manager for Angmering Library, many congratulations and I look forward to working with Vicki in the future."

*The Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting for public consultation.*

**17/048**

#### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The member of the public present noted that he was interested in matters relating to transport infrastructure and the alleviation of problems caused by new developments. A recent Daily Telegraph article indicated that significant funding would be made available by central Government.

*The meeting reconvened.*

**17/049**

**REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Urquhart had presented her apologies for the meeting, as a result of a close bereavement. The Vice-Chairman expressed condolences on behalf of the Parish Council.

**17/050**

**REPORTS FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

There were no District Councillors present at the meeting.

Councillor Mountain expressed regret that neither District Councillor Wensley nor District Councillor Cooper were present. Councillor Bicknell had agreed to take a question in his capacity as a District Councillor.

Councillor Mountain raised a question regarding ADC litter wardens. Earlier in the year, ADC had contracted with a private company to do litter patrols in Littlehampton and Bognor Regis. ADC appeared to be receiving no revenue from this and it was apparent that a proportion of the wardens' remuneration was contingent upon the number of fines issued.

This had resulted, perhaps inevitably, in instances of oppressive behaviour by individual wardens. No publicity had been given to this scheme and complaints had been received on the basis that the wardens' first response was to issue a fine, rather than warn members of the public about their conduct.

Councillor Nikki Hamilton-Street noted that she recalled seeing a report of a meeting of the ADC Environment & Leisure working group from January 2017, which indicated that this would be done on a 12-month trial. The company operating the scheme was a commercial undertaking under the control of East Hants District Council, who were offering various outsourced services to local authorities.

Councillor Bicknell noted that he had not heard about this and would make further enquiries.

It was noted that it was in any case undesirable for fines collected to pass out of the district and indeed the county, to benefit another authority.

**17/051**

**JUDICIAL REVIEW**

The Clerk noted that the hearing of the Parish Council's application was listed for 10:30 on Tuesday 11 July 2017. Councillors would be advised of the outcome in due course.

**17/052**

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

The Clerk gave a brief update on discussions with ADC officers regarding the Parish Council's response to the Rydon Homes outline planning application for land south of Water Lane (A/99/17/OUT).

Concern was expressed that the application was due for determination shortly before the Local Plan examination was due to recommence, in accordance with the Planning Performance Agreement entered into by the developer with ADC. This was most undesirable, given the number of errors in the application and its supporting evidence.

It was also noted that it was appropriate for Rydon and those advising them to discuss their proposals with the Parish Council as the statutory consultee whose interests were most directly affected by proposed development. It was disappointing to record that this had, again, not happened.

It was also noted that the traffic surveys for the Rydon scheme had been carried out before any of the additional Roundstone Lane developments had been commenced, and were therefore out of date.

It was considered that discussions needed to be had with ADC and with the developers themselves in early course.

Councillor Bicknell noted that the extant application was, on present information, due to be considered by the Development Control Committee on 15 September 2017.

Following further discussion, it was suggested that a formal written request be submitted to the Rt Hon Nick Herbert MP that he seek to have the application called in by the Secretary of State. This suggestion was put to a vote on a proposal by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Bicknell, and was unanimously **AGREED**.

The Clerk noted that it would be worth considering the instruction of Counsel to represent the Parish Council at the Local Plan examination hearings. Costs for this would be investigated.

The Clerk also noted that legal advice was being sought with regard to a non-material amendment application for the Broadlees site and that he would provide a further update once that advice was to hand.

*Councillor Marsh left the meeting*

**17/053**

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

No further grant applications had been received since the previous meeting.

The 2017/2018 budget for Community Grants was £3,300 and grants allocated to date amounted to £975, leaving a balance available of £2,325 from which to fund grants.

**17/054**

#### **QUESTIONS ON THE ALREADY CIRCULATED NOTES OF MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Mountain gave an update on the recent JEAAC Highways & Transport Working Group meeting, which covered the following points:

1) It had been unanimously agreed by the Group that it was not appropriate for ADC to have permanent representation on it. This would be taken to the main Area Committee in due course.

2) WSCC was still doing very little to address the issue of drivers making right turns onto the A259 from the left-hand lane when approaching the golf club roundabout from Windmill Bridge, in contravention of lane markings, signposts and Rule 186 of the Highway Code. It was noted that clearer signage and driver education were required.

3) It had been observed that road markings needed to be improved at the Station Road roundabout.

4) Pedestrian/cycle access to the Manor Retail Park (Next/Tapi Carpets/Aldi) was an issue to be referred to ADC planning compliance. As matters stood, it was difficult (if not impossible) to access the site safely on foot or by bicycle. It was also notable that a layby and bus stop had been provided in the entrance road, despite the fact that none of the local bus services passed within half a mile of the site.

5) A259 route improvement scheme – it had been confirmed that works would commence in May/June 2018 and would be completed in 2020.

The Vice-Chairman noted that the Healthcare Advisory Group was next due to meet on 28 July.

It was noted that a meeting of the Angmering Advisory Group was due to be held later in the month to discuss the Group's future, in the light of differences of opinion between the Parish Council and ADC as to the Group's purpose.

**17/055**

**QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

An opportunity to ask questions resulting from the already circulated minutes of the meetings of the following Committees:-

- a) The Housing, Transport & Planning Committee meetings held on 16 May and 5 June 2017.

**17/056**

**2017/2018 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The reports were noted.

**17/057**

**TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA**

Councillor Hill-Smith wished to draw the meeting's attention to a fraud attempt made by individuals impersonating TalkTalk, to which he had been subject in the previous week. This had been considerably more subtle than the typical fraud attempt and he wished to raise awareness of the matter.

**17/058**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled to be on Monday 14 August 2017, at 7.30pm in the King Suite of the Angmering Village Hall.

**The meeting finished at 21:27.**

  
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Chairman

Date.. *14th August 2017* .....