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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE KING SUITE OF THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2017

Present: Councillors Bill Evans; Nikki Hamilton-Street; Mike Jones; David Marsh; John Oldfield (Vice-Chairman); Roger Phelon.

In Attendance: Rob Martin, Parish Clerk; Paul Barley, Deputy Clerk; County Councillor Deborah Urquhart; District Councillor Andy Cooper; 2 members of the public.

17/095

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from the Chairman; Councillors Lee Hamilton-Street; Norma Harris; Mike Hill-Smith; Mike Jones; Steven Mountain (all personal business), and also from District Councillor Dudley Wensley.

Action

17/096

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17/097

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 September 2017 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17/098

COUNCILLOR VACANCY CO-OPTION

The Chairman welcomed co-option candidate Rhys Evans to the meeting.

Mr Evans confirmed that he had lived in the local area for 12 years and in Angmering for the past year. He welcomed a chance to participate in local affairs rather than simply talking about them.

On a proposal by Councillor Oldfield, seconded by Councillor Marsh: That Rhys Evans be co-opted as a Parish Councillor – unanimously **AGREED**.

Councillor Rhys Evans signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat among the councillors.

17/099

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

The Clerk referred to the action list circulated prior to the meeting, and noted that his activities had been concentrated mainly on planning matters and the response to the Arun Local Plan.

Councillor Marsh asked whether the grass cutting undertaken by the WSCC contractors had been completed satisfactorily. The Clerk confirmed that he was broadly satisfied with the results; he was due to have a meeting with Councillor Nikki Hamilton-Street (as Chairman of the CLEW committee) to discuss how this might best be handled in future.

Councillor Phelon asked whether there was any further update regarding the Traffic Management Scheme and its implementation. The Clerk noted that, on present information, the works were due to be commenced in January 2018. County Councillor Urquhart noted that the contractors were due to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to provide more details.

17/100

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had circulated the following brief report prior to the meeting:

"Chairman's Networking Day

Unfortunately due to illness I was unable to attend the Chairman's Networking Day but fortunately Councillor John Oldfield was in attendance and I am sure he will update council on this.

"Twinning Shuffleboard Evening

The Twinning Association held a Shuffleboard fund raising evening with bangers from our lovely butchers, mash and baked beans, perfect. I was delighted to attend and join in. It was great fun and an excellent social evening.

"Volunteers Library

The Volunteers Library has run the short story competition this year and I am delighted to say we have received sixteen entries. Our wonderful judges are in the process of reading and considering the result.

"The final decision will be announced at the Writer's Club on 3rd January, when we will have a social evening. I would like to emphasize the delay is not due to the judges taking a long time to read the entries but purely due to time constraints on the run up to Christmas.

"I would like to thank our wonderful judges for all the time they are giving to us on this, it is very much appreciated."

The Chairman noted in addition that she had now met the new headteacher at St Margaret's School. She had also been invited to St Wilfrid's School to celebrate Father David Rea's 80th birthday and the dedication of the new classroom buildings in memory of the late Paul Real.

The Vice-Chairman noted that he had attended the Chairs' Networking Day, which had been most informative.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public consultation.

17/101

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Concerns were raised with regard to the Arun Local Plan examination, ADC's approach to determining the south of Water Lane application (A/99/17/OUT) and the inspector's report. It was apparent that, with particular regard to flooding issues, the statutory consultees might not have fully appreciated the risks.

The Clerk noted that these matters were covered in the reports he had prepared for agenda items 10 and 11 (minutes 17/104 and 17/105) and (with the Chairman's agreement) proceeded to expand upon the content of the reports.

Councillor Bicknell asked what the current position was regarding events in the lead-up to Christmas, and the Christmas Day community lunch which had taken place in previous years. It was noted that these were matters proper to the Community, Leisure, Environment, and Wellbeing Committee and would be laid before that Committee at its meeting on 25 October 2017.

The meeting reconvened.

17/102

REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Urquhart noted the following:

- With regard to the release of Section 106 monies for education purposes, the Parish Council would be best advised to contact Stephen Gee.
- To the best of her knowledge the Traffic Management Scheme works would, as noted earlier, commence in January 2018.
- The Community Initiative Fund still had money available for applications, as did Operation Watershed.
- Traffic Regulation Orders – bids needed to be prepared for requested schemes, including the issues raised in relation to dangerous parking near the Arundel Road/A27 junction.
- Libraries – there was a need to start using these as community hubs and opening them up to community groups.

The Chairman noted that concerns had been raised by residents with regard to the width of pavements near St Margaret's School.

17/103

REPORTS FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Cooper noted the following:

- Local Plan Examination – this was ongoing and he had little to add which had not already been covered by the Clerk in his reports.
- A/99/17/OUT - regrettably he could not pass comment on live planning applications.
- ADC services continue to cost each resident only £3 a week.
- Social housing – this was developing well in Arun as a whole. The target was to provide 30 new council houses per annum.

The Chairman asked how the construction of the new leisure centre was progressing. District Councillor Cooper was pleased to note that the works were going well, with the piling well advanced. The works overall were currently on target for the agreed delivery date.

Regarding Section 106 matters, it was important for the Parish Council to consider what it wanted to see provided as part of any future development schemes.

17/104

LOCAL PLAN INSPECTION

This item and the following item were dealt with as part of the public consultation session, as they were relevant to questions asked.

The Clerk referred to his report, circulated before the meeting.

With regard to the Inspector's interim findings, a response had been sent to the Inspector today with further comments.

17/105

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

South of Water Lane application (A/99/17/OUT) – the Clerk noted that, on present information, this was due to be considered by ADC's Development Control Committee in November 2017. It was notable that the Inspector had stated that ADC "...[might] be reluctant to grant permission on strategic allocations before adoption..."

List of Projects

The Clerk noted that this would feed into ADC's infrastructure plan when it was eventually elaborated.

It was not clear what had become of some of the monies that had been earmarked for specific matters in the Section 106 agreements for the large Roundstone Lane developments and this needed to be clarified with ADC.

17/106

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

No further grant claims had been made since the last meeting.

The 2017/2018 budget for Community Grants was £3,300 and grants allocated to date amounted to £1,725, which left a balance available of £1,575 from which to fund grants.

Councillor Nikki Hamilton-Street noted that it might be worth approaching local community groups and inviting applications, as these groups might not necessarily be aware that there was funding available.

Councillor Rhys Evans asked what the criteria were for community grants. The Deputy Clerk noted that applicants needed to show demonstrable benefit to the community of Angmering and that requests for funding to help defray general operating expenses would not normally be accepted.

The Clerk noted that the criteria needed to be reviewed. Councillor Marsh noted that this was a matter for the CLEW committee to consider in early course.

17/107

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

It was noted that the ADALC conference was due to take place on 2 November.

The Chairman noted that the Village Hall would be undertaking fundraising to help meet the cost of essential refurbishment and redecoration.

The Vice-Chairman noted that the health action group had no senior people attending its meetings, which was clearly undesirable. The local NHS body was still in special measures.

17/108

QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

There were no questions.

17/109

2017/2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

The reports were noted.

17/110

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

None.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled to be on Monday 13 November 2017, at 7.30pm in the King Suite of the Angmering Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 21:05.


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Chairman

Date... 13th November 2017