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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE KING SUITE OF THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2018

Present: Councillors Paul Bicknell; Rhys Evans; Norma Harris; Mike Hill-Smith; 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; District Councillor Dudley Wensley; Tom Collins, WSCC Highways; 2 representatives of Balfour Beatty Living Places; 5 members of the public

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from the Chairman; Councillors Lee Hamilton-Street; Nikki Hamilton-Street; and Steven Mountain (all personal business).

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was conducted by the Vice-Chairman.

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DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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

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

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

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

- **Angmering Advisory Group** – this was next due to meet on 25 January 2018.

Clerk

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had advised prior to the meeting that there were no matters on which she had to report.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WORKS

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Tom Collins of WSCC Highways and his colleagues from Balfour Beatty Living Places to the meeting.

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Mr Collins gave a brief explanation of the scope of the works, which were due to take place between 12 February 2018 and 4 June 2018.

The following matters were confirmed, in response to questions from Councillors, representatives of the Traders' Association, and the public:

- The schedule of works circulated earlier on the date of the meeting was now final.
- Details of the road closure dates and locations would be published on the Parish Council website in the next few days.
- Traffic diversion routes would be clearly signposted.
- Stagecoach had been notified of the forthcoming works and diversions to the No. 9 bus route would be publicised by them in due course.
- Access for pedestrians, occupiers and the emergency services would be maintained at road closure sites at all times; closures would be kept to the minimum possible time needed to carry out works, and would be removed at weekends.
- Vehicular access to Mill Road and Mill Road Avenue in particular would be maintained throughout the planned closure, as the junction with Station Road was the only route for vehicles into and out of these roads.
- Vehicular access to Angmering Medical Centre and the attached pharmacy would be maintained throughout the planned closure, although vehicular traffic might have to use the signposted diversion route to get to the Medical Centre.
- Signs confirming that the village businesses were open as usual throughout planned road closures would be provided by WSCC and Balfour Beatty.
- In the event that particular phases of work were completed ahead of schedule, subsequent phases would be brought forward wherever possible.
- The planned installation of a raised surface at the pelican crossing in the centre of the village was now to be carried out in conjunction with an upgrade to the traffic signals – the dates for this piece of work were not yet finalised.

The Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting for public consultation.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Mr Tupper asked whether the matter of parking restrictions in the village centre could be revisited, in order to make Angmering a more attractive place for shoppers. A 2-hour limit throughout the village centre would be good.

Councillor Bicknell noted that he had received requests to reduce the time limit to 1 hour throughout the village centre.



The Clerk noted that whilst it was an opportune time for the matter to be looked at again, it was complicated by the fact that there were residential properties in the village centre and it was not appropriate to remove all facilities for those residents to park nearby.

Councillor Bicknell noted that the setting of hours of operation on any contemplated time limit would be the way forward.

Mr Henderson asked whether there was anything further to report regarding the former Chandlers BMW site.

The Clerk noted that discussions were ongoing with the site's owners concerning their intentions for its redevelopment. More would be known on this by the summer.

The meeting reconvened.

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REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Urquhart reported that she had received complaints from residents in Downs Way about speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking. Had the Parish Council looked at further measures to control parking in the area?

It was noted that these problems were a direct result of the ever-increasing parking cost at Angmering station (currently £5.20 for a day ticket) and rat-running to avoid queuing traffic on the A259. The former problem was not within the gift of any of the Parish Councils whose areas met at Angmering station level crossing; the second would hopefully be alleviated in time once the A259 route improvement scheme was completed.

County Councillor Urquhart also noted that the current system of grant funding for local projects was due to be withdrawn and replaced by a system of crowdfunding. A presentation on this would be held before the next JEAAC meeting.

Councillor Bicknell asked what WSCC intended to do with regard to Angmering Library. County Councillor Urquhart noted that there were no plans to close any libraries.

The Clerk asked whether Operation Watershed would continue to offer grant funding for flood alleviation projects. County Councillor Urquhart confirmed that there would be funds available for next year.

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REPORTS FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Cooper wished all present a Happy New Year. He was sorry to report the recent death of District Councillor Dougal Maconachie, whose funeral was due to take place on Friday 19 January 2018.

District Councillor Cooper was pleased to confirm that the collapse of the Carillion group, the compulsory liquidation of which had been reported on the morning of the meeting, had not directly affected any services or projects overseen by ADC.

District Councillor Wensley added that a special meeting of the Arun Scrutiny Committee would take place in the Arun Council Chamber on Tuesday 23 January 2018; as part of this the Police and Crime

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Commissioner for Sussex would be in attendance to answer questions submitted beforehand. The general public was welcome to attend but would not be able to ask questions.

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ADOPTION OF REVISED COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk noted that, under the provisions of section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, the Parish Council was obliged to adopt and maintain a Councillor Code of Conduct; in order to do so, it could adopt the Code used by ADC, which had recently been revised.

The Parish Council needed to consider whether to adopt the revised ADC Code, suitably adapted. It was noted that this made Standards Committee matters easier to deal with.

On a proposal by Councillor Bicknell, seconded by Councillor Evans: That the ADC revised Code of Conduct be adopted in principle, with the detail to be agreed at a subsequent meeting – unanimously **AGREED**.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- a) South of Water Lane application, A/99/17/OUT – on present information this was due for consideration by the Development Control Committee in April 2018, after the Local Plan Inspector's report had been published.
- b) Surface Water Flooding Letter & Angmering Advisory Group Infrastructure Report – Councillor Oldfield and the Clerk would push this forward at the next Advisory Group meeting on 25 January 2018.
- c) Pre-application submission for land off Arundel Road – this is land above Palmer Road playing fields. The Clerk noted that he had spoken to the landowner's agent, who had grown up in the village and was sympathetic to its objectives. A plan would now be drawn up in collaboration with ADC and the agent for the long-promised sports hub. This would not address the matter of the businesses but hopefully these would be able to relocate to north of Water Lane in accordance with the Local Plan.

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Councillor Bicknell asked how much would be contributed from Section 106 monies for the sports hub. The Clerk noted that £800,000 had been provided for as things stood. In the event of a redevelopment of the Worthing Rugby Club site in Roundstone Lane, it was likely that further funds would become available.

Councillor Bicknell noted that it was his understanding that the Rugby Club had voted to relocate.

The Deputy Clerk and Councillor Jones, both members of the Rugby Club, commented that it was not clear what vote had been taken and by whom, but that the matter did not appear to have been put to the membership of the Rugby Club as a whole.

The Clerk noted that as far as he was aware, the Rugby Club had been in discussions with ADC for some time. He had asked that the long-desired link road between Roundstone Lane and the A280 be put in to any scheme that came forward.



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STAFFING UPDATE

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the procedure to fill the vacancy resulting from the forthcoming departure of the Deputy Clerk, and the potential for looking long-term at staffing need.

It was noted that the current intention was to fulfil the Deputy Clerk's duties by recruiting an experienced locum on a short-term contract, in order to give sufficient time to identify and recruit an appropriate permanent replacement.

Clerk

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COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

The 2017/2018 budget for Community Grants was £3,300 and grants allocated to date amounted to £2,275, which left a balance available of £1,025 from which to fund further grants.

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

- a) JEAAC; ADALC; ASRA; JEAAC H&T; Twinning Association; Angmering Village Hall Committees & Littlehampton Health Services Advisory Group
- b) (ADALC dates: 21st March; 20 June; 19 September; 12 December 2018)

There were no questions.

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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 31st October 2017 & 21st November 2017
- b) CLEW meeting on 29th November 2017

There were no questions.

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2017/2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

The reports were noted.

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

None.

Councillor Evans noted that, having given the matter appropriate consideration, he wished to sit on both the Housing, Transport and Planning Committee and the Community, Leisure, Environment and Wellbeing Committee. This was noted, subject to the agreement of the Chairmen of both Committees.

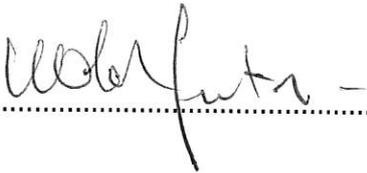
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled to be on Monday 12 February 2018, at 7.30pm in the King Suite of the Angmering Village Hall.

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The meeting finished at 21:00.


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Chairman

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