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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE KING SUITE OF THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018

Present: Councillors Rhys Evans; Lee Hamilton-Street; Nikki Hamilton-Street; Mike Hill-Smith; Mike Jones; David Marsh; Norma Harris; Steven Mountain; Paul Bicknell, John Oldfield (Vice-Chairman).

In Attendance: Rob Martin, Parish Clerk; David Hussey, Deputy Clerk; Dudley Wensley, District Councillor; 4 members of the public

Action

17/197 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Due to the recent resignation of Chairman Francis, Councillor Bicknell proposed that Councillor Oldfield fill the vacancy of Chairman until May 2018. This was seconded by Mike Jones, and agreed by unanimous vote.

Councillor Marsh was elected Vice-Chairman, also by unanimous vote; having been proposed by Councillor Harris and seconded by Mike Jones. The Committee recorded a vote of thanks for the hard work of Chairman Susan Francis.

17/198 RESIGNATION OF SUSAN FRANCIS, CURRENT CHAIRMAN

The Committee discussed the Chairman Francis's formal representation of on other groups (such as JEAAC, ADA, VHM and EWG). The Clerk advised that Chairman Francis was content to remain a Village Hall Trustee and was available to provide written reports as necessary. The Committee agreed that clarity, regarding group representation, would be needed early in the new financial year.

17/199 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Roger Phelon; District Councillor Andy Cooper; and County Councillor Deborah Urquhart.

17/200 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

No declarations were made.

17/201 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2017

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 February 2017 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

17/202

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

The Clerk mentioned that the signage at either end of the village was organised, by Parish Council staff, at very short notice and very reasonable cost.

The Clerk advised that on 20 March Education Capital representatives from West Sussex County Council would be escorted around the village to try to identify an appropriate site for a school.

17/203

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

An update would be given at the next meeting.

17/204

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk advised that the Council was two Councillors short of its full complement. One vacancy was due to be advertised imminently. Application forms were available from the Council office or website. So far only two enquiries had been received.

It was generally felt it might be useful to get the input of the younger generation, perhaps via the Arun Youth Council or by briefing local schools and colleges about what the Council does. Councillor Oldfield felt that generally communication from the Council needed to be improved, and seeking external professional advice may be helpful. Councillor Nikki Hamilton-Street explained how youth input fed in to the democratic process.

There was a general discussion on how best to communicate the role of the Council to the public. It was noted that the Council had included many comments in the Arun District Council Development Plan. The Clerk felt that younger residents wanted to see quick outcomes.

Councillor Jones mentioned a meeting on 21 March at which a full turnout was expected.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public consultation.

17/205

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Cow Lane

Mr Cross asked whether money was being made available for the Cow Lane project. The Clerk reassured Mr Cross that the Cow Lane project had not been forgotten about. Substantial funding had been allocated and APC were awaiting answers from West Sussex County Council before progressing. Cow Lane would be put on the agenda for the next meeting, if anything further had been heard.

The Clerk mentioned that all Section 106 Agreements were being chased to ensure the best possible results for Angmering. The Clerk had recently advised the local Medical Centre of an allocation which it had previously been unaware of.

Community Speedwatch

Mr Cross requested an update regarding Community Speedwatch. There was a discussion regarding obtaining equipment, advertising, the training of volunteers and the designation of suitable sites. Councillor Oldfield and the Clerk agreed that this would be looked at again on completion of the traffic management scheme.

Former Chandler's Site

The Clerk gave an update on the proposed development:

Clerk

The wording for an initial information bulletin had been agreed and this would be put on the Parish Council website.

Environmental survey work had been carried out in the previous week, which had identified a significant amount of fuel in the soil. Old fuel tanks were found to have been filled with cement. A planning pre-application from the developer was expected by early May.

There were a number of requirements for the site including a retail unit, public toilets, and a possible business support centre. This was a key site and an excellent chance to provide facilities for Angmering which would significantly enhance the village.

A further announcement would be made once more progress had been made. Councillor Harris suggested this could be made in a future Parish Newsletter.

Land South of Water Lane

A member of the public requested an update on this development. The Clerk advised that the Council had yet to receive a revised plan from the developer. The Clerk would pursue this.

Other issues

A member of the public reported that the Council's burglar alarm had been activated on 11 March. This was subsequently found not to be the case.

The meeting reconvened.

Clerk

17/206

REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor was not present.

17/207

REPORTS FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mountain asked if the Council could rely on the support of the District Council regarding the North of Water Lane site. District Councillor Wensley confirmed that the District Council was determined to retain employment land in Angmering. The Clerk said that we needed to retain 8.3 hectares on this site; he felt that the Arun Local Plan needed to be stronger in stating that we cannot have employment land cut any further. Councillor Oldfield felt that the Inspector may be supportive of this need.

District Councillor Wensley gave a summary of a report (reproduced below) from District Councillor Andy Cooper:

Report From District 12 March 2018

At special council meeting on 21 Feb 2018 the council agreed the balanced budget for the coming year where Councillors' voted through the proposed budget for 2018/19.

Council tax has increased by just under 3% this year. That equates to £5.13 per year for a Band D property. This means that the Council provides all its services for just £3.39 a week (Band D property), a rise of just 10p per week to cover services such as parks, car parks, tourism, leisure, recycling and weekly refuse collection.

I am pleased to inform you that no borrowing had been needed to provide the new Arun leisure centre in Littlehampton or the upgrades to the Arun Leisure Centre in Felpham. Both projects have been financed from the Council's own resources. This means that the Arun community will be able to enjoy magnificent leisure facilities without any debt burdening future generations, which is good news. I am also pleased to inform you that over the past year approximately 810 new business have opened or located to the Arun District creating new job opportunities for the area.

Other matters:

Cllr Pat Dillon has been agreed as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Report on JEAAC 6th March 2018 on matters relating to Angmering:

Police crime figures are 10% up across the district, it was said that residents need to report all crime so that an accurate picture is built on issue within an area.

A local resident asked the question about Bus Shelters on Station Road Angmering, the resident has asked the question before over the past 3 years. Potential funding areas were mentioned, WSCC crowdfunding initiative and also section 106 agreement.

As always I am happy for the council or residents to contact me with any questions relating to District matters through the usual channels and if Councillors or residents need updates or information on Arun District Council the website provides regular updates at www.arun.gov.uk.

17/208

REDUCTION IN WARDS FOR ANGMERING

A discussion took place regarding Downs Way and a possible change of boundary to bring the road within East Preston parish, and to clearly define the parish boundary north and south of the A259. Councillor Bicknell proposed contacting Arun District Council to request a boundary change. This was unanimously agreed.

17/209

HONEY LANE

The Clerk advised that the Land Registry record was rather confusing and the legality of old boundary papers unclear. Residents expected the land to be maintained; the Allotments Association having the freedom to do so.

Residents did not like the lack of control and would prefer to own the land. APC needed to secure the future of the allotments as there is a requirement for Parish Council to provide them. Councillor Oldfield felt there were many implications here. APC would approach the current landowner to see if it may be possible to have ownership transferred to APC, as it needed to maintain access to the allotment. Councillor agreed and formally proposed that APC pursue buying the allotment and access road. This was unanimously agreed.

17/210

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

17/211

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. The next ADALC meeting would be held in the Church Hall on 22 March 2018.

(Post meeting note – this meeting was subsequently cancelled)

- 17/212 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 meeting held on 20 February 2018;
 b) Governance & Oversight Committee on 7 February 2018
 c) CLEW meeting on 21 February 2018. **Clerk**
- 17/213 2017/2018 FINANCIAL REPORT**
 No comments were made. The reports were noted.
- 17/214 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA**
 None.
- 17/215 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
 The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled to be on Monday 9 April 2018, at 7.30pm in the King Suite of the Angmering Village Hall. **All**
- 17/216 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**
 The Parish Council was asked to decide whether, in accordance with Standing Order 1(c), the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the next agenda items because their presence was prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- The reasons for considering these matters as confidential are:
 Item 22 is in negotiation and the information is commercially sensitive; Item 23 is in negotiation and the information is commercially sensitive.
 On a proposal by Councillor Oldfield, seconded by Councillor Jones: That the public and press be excluded as per the foregoing – this was unanimously agreed.
- 17/217 CHANDLERS DEVELOPMENT SITE**
 The Clerk updated members on the situation in relation to the site. Agreement was given to allocating £10,000 to up-front costs and to paying the planning application fee.
- 17/218 CLT, CRAYFERN HOMES AND MAYFLOWER WAY**
 The Clerk updated the council on progress on the progress of both sites.
- 17/219 PARISH CLERK'S APPRAISAL**
 It was agreed that the Clerk would receive an increment from 1st April 2018.

After considering confidential agenda items 22-24 the meeting finished at 21:38.

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 Chairman



Date..... 9/4/18.....