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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019

Present: Councillors John Oldfield; Rhys Evans; Mike Hill-Smith; Norma Harris; David Marsh; Alan Evans; Mike Jones; Nikki Hamilton-Street; Lee Hamilton-Street and Paul Bicknell.

In Attendance: Katie Herr, Clerk; Tracy Lees, Office Manager; District Cllr. Andy Cooper; County Cllr. Deborah Urquhart; Matt Rookes (guest speaker) and 4 members of the public.

Action

18/178 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Mountain, Cllr. Phelon and District Councillor Dudley Wensley.

18/179 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS
None.

18/180 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2018
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. A Evans made a comment that now there are Councillors with the same surname that initials are now also used to avoid confusion. The Office Manager confirmed that this was already being done.

18/181 GUEST SPEAKER – MATT ROOKES FROM THE ARUN ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TEAM
The Clerk welcomed Matt Rookes to the meeting, Mr Rookes then took the floor and gave an introduction of who he was, his background, the powers he has and the area he covers. He explained the links he has with the Police and various agencies such as Environmental Health as well as the Arun District Council Housing team.

A discussion then took place around the recent increase in Anti-Social behaviour and use of mopeds around Angmering, various questions were asked by the Public. Mr Rookes feedback on the action that had already been taken and the next steps. Operation Crack Down was explained and the importance of taking down number plates and reporting them to the police.

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Because of the information being reported and fed through from the parish office Mr Rookes has been able to request a DPA (Directed Patrol Activity). Which targets a problem area and gets extra patrols in that area.

1 person has been identified and a formal Section 59 notice has been served.

The term Section 59 was discussed; Cllr. Bicknell asked what Section 59 was, it was confirmed that this is a formal warning which would be served to an individual.

Mr Rookes stressed the importance of reporting all instances every time as this builds up a picture of what is happening. However, he stressed that no one should take a personal risk and photos of registration numbers help immensely. Dash cam footage is also useful. Mr Rookes said that 'if it's not reported its classed as not happening' – the more information that is reported by different people the better.

The question was raised around when to call 999. Mr Rookes advised that if a situation is in progress don't be afraid to call 999 as the Police prioritise calls as they receive them. They will decide how to respond and if the situation is not acted on it will be recorded for intel. Mr Rookes also advised that reporting on line usually gets a quicker response than calling 101.

Mr Rookes explained how the Prevention Enforcement Team were involved and how they look at situations, they base their response to situations on Threat, Harm and Risk. He also advised the Police are patrolling the area on a more regular basis.

A member of the public brought up the use of home surveillance cameras, a discussion then took place around why this may not be allowed to be used in court. Mr Rookes advised that if the camera was capturing images on the public highway outside the curtilage of your boundary it's not admissible in court. If you have footage you can speak to the Police technical department and they can put cameras up that are allowed to capture images and the evidence they capture is admissible in court.

Mr Rookes explained that the offenders are known but to take action they need to be caught in the act.

A question was asked about how reporting activity in the Village was monitored.

Mr Rookes explained that each patrol activity was given a dedicated number and the Officers are tasked with recording the number of hours used on the operation, what they found etc.

The Clerk was advised that she could access these records as a data protection release request from Sussex police. The Clerk will contact Mr Rookes for more information on how to do this.

Clerk

The Clerk and all present thanked Mr Rookes for this time and assured him that Angmering Parish Council would encourage everyone to report issues.

Mr Rookes closed by saying he was happy to share his contact details and they could be obtained by contacting the Clerk.

18/182

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

- a) The attached action list – the Clerk talked through the action list giving an update on each item.
For the Clerks report see **Appendix 1.**

- b) Any subsequent matters that have arisen since the agenda was set
There have been several reported incidents over the past 2 days:
 - Vandalism to overhead lighting at the Skate Bowl
 - Felling of a tree without permission, this has been reported as a criminal offence
 - Building supplies stolen from Angmering School
 - Graffiti appearing around the village, Arun District Council aware and working on a clean up

After the Clerks report was given the clerk asked if there were any questions, None were asked.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public consultation.

18/183

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Clerk and Chairman took the decision to move this section from its original place on the agenda. The Public Consultation took place before the Clerks Report. All present, including the Public, agreed with the change of agenda items.

The Chairman invited members of the public present to speak if they wished.

A member of the public asked questions around the provision of schools in the Village, the proposed land swap, new location for the Skate Bowl & BMX track and Play Areas. It was reported back that the land swap was in the hands of lawyers and the delay was due to the land being surveyed.

Cllr. Urquhart commented on Arun District Councils position relating to the land swap. They have to go through due process and make sure that the legal teams are talking to each other. Arun District Council has to make sure it acts in the best interests of the tax payer to make sure the swap is effectively of equal value. A lengthy discussion then took place with Cllr. Cooper giving his overview on timelines; Cllr. Bicknell also gave his views and understanding of the situation.

Cllr. N Hamilton-Smith answered the question around the Play Areas and gave an overview of where we are now with this project. Cllr. Oldfield made reference to the Parish Assembly being held on Thursday 30 May and that this would be a good place to discuss this issue as well as the surrounding land swap, Skate Bowl and BMX track as the public will be invited to attend.

Cllr. Bicknell mentioned that he understood the Skate Bowl & BMX track would be located as far away as possible from properties in a bid to reduce noise.

A member of the public then addressed the Council with his concerns regarding the development of the Chandlers site, particularly the proposed construction and location of the new Parish Offices and the potential issues surrounding his home. The member of the public read out a pre-prepared statement and shared drawings of the site plan. Comments were also made regarding the lack of green space being allocated, in his opinion the lack of

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parking and the opening hours of the proposed retail unit. A lengthy discussion followed.

Cllr. Oldfield explained the Parish Council's position and that the only real input the Council had was regarding the internal design of the proposed new offices. The Clerk would continue to liaise with Landspeed and feedback any comments.

Cllr. Cooper made comment on the member of the public's concerns and confirmed that all his comments and concerns would be taken into account and considered at the Planning meeting to be held by Arun District Council. Arun District Council have the final say. The Conservation Board would also be consulted before any final decisions could be made.

The Clerk made it known that the office door is always open if the member of the public wanted to discuss anything further.

Another member of the public asked about north of Water Lane and the latest rumour regarding selling the land on. Cllr. Cooper asked everyone to please dismiss any rumours until the next steps have been officially confirmed.

The Broadlees development was also mentioned and the understanding is that this is still going ahead as planned.

Cllr. Marsh commented on behalf of a family member that they have concerns over cars potentially mounting the pavement while trying to park on the south side of the Square. A discussion then took place re possible options to stop this happening and the next steps to take. A suggestion was for the Office to contact Ben Whiffin from Highways to see what might be able to be done and report back.

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The Chairman took the meeting back.

18/184

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman informed all members present that he had not attended any official functions since the last meeting and that there was nothing to report.

18/185

REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Cllr. Deborah Urquhart reported that the work had started on providing curbs near the road hump at the northern entrance to North Drive. Cllr. Urquhart also commented on her meetings with local residents re safe crossing points and flooding issues. Cllr. Urquhart asked to be kept updated should any issues arise during and once the work has been completed.

On Wednesday 13 February a new tool kit is being launched re the Ash Die Back. Cllr. Urquhart explained that this related to the tree disease which has come over to the UK and is killing off our Ash trees. It will eventually affect over 50k trees in our area, so a plan of action needs to be put in place to help slow down the spread of this disease. Angmering Parish Council will be asked to help were they can with the implementation of this plan.

Electric vehicle charging stations are being looked at with a view to providing more. A grant has just been given to Highways but needs to be spent by 31 March, so things need to move quickly.

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Cllr. Urquhart finished by updating everyone present on the amount of sugar that has been removed from School Dinners. The amount removed would equate to 5 double decker bus loads per year.

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REPORT FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

A report was received from District Cllr. Cooper: see **Appendix 2**.
Cllr. Cooper finished by saying as always, he was very happy for the council or residents to contact him with any questions relating to District matters.

18/187

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

No grant applications have been received.

The 2018/2019 budget for Community Grants is £3,300. There is £131.20 left to be allocated for the remainder of the year.

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2018/2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk spoke about the Statements of the Bank Account Balances and Loans Outstanding as at 31st January 2019

- Income and Expenditure compared with the Revised Budget, for the period to 31st January 2019.
- Lists of cheques and other payments for January 2019.
- Bank reconciliation for January 2019.

All of the above were signed by Chairman

No actions were requested.

18/189

TOILET TWINNING

The proposal and background around the project were explained.

After discussion it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. N Hamilton-Street, **SECONDED** by Cllr. R Evans and **AGREED** by **ALL** to twin the Angmering Parish Council office toilet.

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OFFICE SAFE

A discussion took place around the various options available to the Office and it was agreed by all present that the safe needed to be removed so the office refurbishment could go ahead.

Cllr. Bicknell agreed to arrange the removal of the safe which was agreed by all present. Removal to take place as soon as possible.

Cllr. Bicknell

18/191

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

Cllr. Hill-Smith reported on the quote obtained for the handrail proposed for the outside of the Village Hall and confirmed that no action was required from Angmering Parish Council.

Cllr. Harris thanked the Office for their help with advertising the Craft and French Flea Market for the Twinning Association that is due to take place this Saturday, 16 February in the Village Hall.

18/192

QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- a) The Housing, Transport & Planning Committee meeting held on 29 January 2019 – None

- b) CLEW Committee meeting held on 30 January 2019. – None
- c) Governance & Oversight Committee held on 6 February 2019 – None


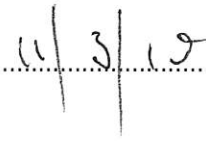
18/193 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA

Nothing was raised.

18/194 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 11 March 2019.

The meeting finished at **21.15**.

Chairman..........Date..........

**Appendix 1
Clerks Report – Agenda item 4 (Together with Action List)**

**Appendix 2
Cllr. Andy Coppers report**