

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2014

**Present:** Mr A Revill (Chairman), Mrs J Macdonald-Lawson (Vice-chairman), Mrs H Grantham, Mr J Galego, Mr D Pack, Mr A Thomas, Dr A Guyatt, Mr I Heustice, Mr M Brown (WSCC), Mrs E Hamilton (CDC), the Clerk and one member of the public.

The first ten minutes were available for the public to express a view or ask questions about any item on the Agenda.

A member of the public asked of an application could be made under **Agenda item 13/14.85, £200,000 Community Fund**, to install a speed warning device on the approach to Easebourne from the north (A286).

### AGENDA

#### 13/14

**72 Apologies for Absence:** Mr M Taylor, Dr I Goodall, Mr F Martin

**73 Declaration of Interest:** none

**74 The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2013** were accepted as a true record. **Proposed by Dr Guyatt, seconded by Mr Thomas, all in favour.**

**75 Report from County Councillor:** Mr Brown spoke of the change in leadership at the County Council, and a £30 million fund to improve non-classified roads, commencing on 1st April and running for 2 years. Following the budget debate in February, it is hoped to keep the WSCC element of the Council Tax frozen for the 5th consecutive year.

**76 Report from District Councillor:** Mrs Hamilton reported that the new Grange Centre in Midhurst is on time and should open at the end of February. There will be some increase in the car parking charges in Midhurst from April. The CDC budget for 2014/2015 will be discussed in February. There may be a small increase in the CDC element of the Council Tax. The Farmer's Market in Midhurst is being discontinued as it is financially unviable.

#### **77 Finance:**

a) The following payments were noted (cheque numbers 100-)

|     |                                                          |         |
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| 253 | SSALC, Councillor Day course                             | 24.00   |
| 254 | Royal British Legion, Grant                              | 50.00   |
| 255 | R Wallis, Burial Ground maintenance 01.10.13 to 31.12.13 | 900.00  |
| 256 | Cowdray Estate, bus shelter roof repair                  | 420.00  |
| 257 | C Allan, Clerk's salary 01.10.13 to 31.12.13             | 1050.00 |

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| 257 | C Allan, Clerk's expenses 01.10.13 to 31.12.13 | 78.82 |
| 258 | Petty Cash                                     | 44.54 |

b) The internal check of accounts for November and December 2013, by Mrs Grantham, was noted.

c) The draft budget for 2014/2015 was discussed and a Precept request of £22,000 was **proposed by Dr Guyatt, seconded by Mrs Macdonald-Lawson, All in Favour.**

### 78 Planning:

| a) The following planning decisions were noted |                                                  | EPC    | CDC/SDNPA |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 13/04166/HOUS                                  | 26 Montague Road, rear extension                 | No Obj | Approved  |
| 13/03980/TPO:<br>KEVII                         | KEVII, various tree felling/reducing             | No Obj | Approved  |
| 13/04361/HOUS                                  | Greenlands, Kings Drive, single storey extension | No Obj | Approved  |
| 13/04345/TIME                                  | Ilex House, Upperfield, renewal of 10/04906/EXT  | No Obj | Approved  |
| 13/04672/FUL                                   | Cowdray Estate Yard, workshop change of use      | No Obj | Approved  |
| 13/04789/LDP                                   | 23 Cowdray Road, single storey extension         | No obj | Approved  |
| 13/05164/NMA                                   | KEVII, non-material amendments                   | No Obj | Approved  |

### 79 Reports from the Panels

a) Playground: new basket ball hoop net ordered and some perimeter fence re-erected.

b) Burial Ground: Gate still not repaired and tree down (church responsibility). Maintenance contract for 2014 season to be sent to Grasstex. R Wallis informed of termination of contract.

c) Footpaths: Inspection recently carried out and some remedial work done.

d) Grants: thank you from Royal British Legion

**80 Telephone Box – Dodsley Lane:** contract to purchase to be signed.

**81 Flooding measures:** Further flooding/silting brought about by recent severe weather. Measures undertaken last year by Cowdray Estate and WSCC helped, but additional problems occurred. 100 tons of silt cleared from Dodsley Lane by WSCC. North Mill Bridge and property flooded. Easebourne Street also suffered flooding but help received from the Cowdray Estate. A meeting to be arranged with the Cowdray Estate and WSCC to discuss what further alleviating measures should be undertaken for the future.

**82 Village Hall Steering Group:** to be renamed “Wheelbarrow Castle Field”. Lease with solicitor for checking. Mrs Macdonald-Lawson to liaise with solicitor. Grass cutting contract for 2014 to be confirmed to Grasstex.

**83 TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for Lutener Road:** there have been letters of objection and support for the proposal which will be an Agenda item at the next CLC meeting on 21st January, prior to a decision being made.

**84 WSCC Active Communities:** A meeting was held on 28th November 2013 with WSCC and other local councils, to discuss a joint approach to undertaking some services currently carried out by WSCC. A precise map of all grass verges has been obtained with the possibility of undertaking the grass cutting function ourselves. The WSCC Volunteers Officer to be asked to help promote volunteering for the Village Spring Clean, which could be enlarged beyond just litter picking. Mr Revill to contact Darren Rolfe with possible date of Saturday 12th April. Mr Rolfe also to be invited to speak at the Annual village Meeting on 9th April .

**85 Sussex PCC – launch of £200,000 Community Fund:** see comments by member of the public at beginning of the meeting. Application for an illuminated speed warning device to be considered, following a check for eligibility.

**86 Roadside advertising boards:** as most of the offending boards have now been removed no further action to be taken.

**87 Late correspondence:** A parishioner expressed concern at a planning application (13/05896/CM) for exploratory well drilling, possibly leading to “fracking”. Although the application is for drilling in Fernhurst, Easebourne Parish is mentioned in the application. Dr Goodall to be asked to inspect the application on behalf of the Parish Council.

**The meeting closed at 9.42pm**

**Next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12th March 2014 at 7.30pm.**

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