

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 1st March 2011 at 7pm.

Present: Mr Mark Lee Chair
 Ms Sheila Marshall Vice Chair
 Mr Malcolm Johnson
 Mr Colin Warburton
 Mrs Astri Souch

 Mr Peter Griffiths County Councillor

 Mrs Nicki Cutress Clerk to the Council

No apologies were received.

Two members of the public attended.

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated. These were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising

(a) Roads

WSCC Highways have patched and filled pot holes. Surface dressing is due to take place this year sometime.

(b) SDNP

The members of the Parish Council who had attended the joint Parish Council meeting at Albourne discussing the SDNP had found it very informative. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Susanna Kemp to our May meeting to update the village further.

(c) Andy's retirement

The evening went really well in the Royal Oak. Thanks to all who had contributed to make the evening a success. Andy and his family had really enjoyed the evening.

3. Planning Applications

- (a) Royal Oak - erection of Marquee - passed by MSDC
- (b) Land at Park Wood - refused by MSDC
- (c) Pond Bey - retrospective permission for Garden Studio - passed by MSDC
- (d) Wykehurst Barn Cottage - conversion of redundant barn into holiday and walker accommodation - ML expressed an interest and left the room - it was agreed the PC had no objections but concern was raised over the access visibility.

4. Expenditure

The following amounts were confirmed for January and February 2011.

Receipts Jan and Feb 2011

26.2.11	Mrs J Tighe - purchase plot and burial fee - Stenning ashes	£250.00
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Expenditure Jan and Feb 2011

4.1.11	Royal Oak - Old Folks Xmas Party	£300.00
5.1.11	N Cutress - $\frac{1}{4}$ salary - Oct - Dec	£200.00
5.1.11	Society of Local Council Clerks - subs	£ 44.00
21.1.11	Simon Zec - Cemetery & Churchyard May - December	£975.00
	TOTAL	£1519.00

5. Any Other Business

(a) Newsletter

ML will speak to printers at Manor Farm. Next edition is due out for Easter.

(b) Peter Griffiths

Pleased that the roads had been patched.

Rural Broadband - the PC were asked if they had completed a questionnaire. Not aware of having seen one. It was felt that we did not have enough phone lines for the system to be upgraded. He will look into this for us.

It is expected that all schools will become Academies in due course.

A consultation was talking place regarding transport for students attending schools out of catchment. The subsidy is likely to be removed. This will not effect the Albourne / Downlands school bus but will effect the on line train subsidy for FE students.

The Big Society is underway - a government initiative. There will be a communities officer looking at clustering villages and working together to improve the locality, get rid of some beaurocracy, look at speed limits and street furniture. They had already managed to reduce the amount of insurance cover required to 5 million instead of 10 million.

(c) Highway Rangers

The Clerk will chase them again as jobs requested had not been carried out.

(d) Pond Bey

ML and NC had received letters from Mr Tonkin regarding their long term plans for Pond Bey. The letter was circulated to all Councillors for information.

(e) Rail Passes

The PC is happy to continue to offer the £5 subsidy to those wishing to purchase Rail Passes.

(f) Election

The PC is up for election in May. All wishing to stand should obtain a form either from the Clerk or download it from the Mid Sussex website. All forms to be at MSDC offices by noon on 4th April.

(g) Dog Bin

Chris Airey confirmed that the dog bin on the Causeway had been emptied on 21st Jan. Clerk to check contract and speak to MSDC about this.

(h) Playing Field Notice Board

AS asked if this can be replaced. The Clerk to speak to MSDC about this.

(i) Conifers Mill Lane

MJ asked if these can be cut down?

(j) Ditch at Downmere

Needs clearing again.

6. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM on 10th May at 7pm.
All welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.