

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr Mark Lee Chair
Ms Sheila Marshall Vice Chair
Mr Mike Airey
Mr Colin Warburton

Mrs Nicki Cutress Clerk to the Council
Simon Banham - District Councillor

Nine members of the public attended

Apologies received from Peter Griffiths - County Councillor

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed by SM, seconded by CW

2. Matters Arising

(a) Bins

Following the last meeting, the Clerk had researched different litter bins. The merits of open topped and open fronted litter bins were discussed. The Clerk is to contact MSDC regarding accessibility of open fronted bins for emptying and will then order the bins. It was confirmed that new litter bins should be ordered for Cora's Corner, Cora's Walk, the playing-field and by the old shop.

(b) Minutes on the website

Colin has now uploaded the minutes for 2014 onto the website. The Clerk will forward those for 2013 and 2012 for uploading too.

(c) Dog Bin

The Clerk has contacted MSDC regarding the cost and lack of regular emptying of the dog bin. She has heard nothing but will continue to chase. Simon Banham said that he will follow it up also, on our behalf.

3. Expenditure

The following amounts were approved by *CW* and seconded by *SM* for January and February 2015

Date	Payee	Amount
8.1.15	N Cutress - $\frac{1}{4}$ salary - Oct - December	£200.00
8.1.15	HMRC - PAYE - Oct - December	£50.00
8.1.15	SLCC - subs	£48.00
8.1.15	Royal Oak - Old Folks Christmas Party	£300.00
	TOTAL	£598.00

Receipts for January and February 2015

15.1.15	Paul Day - firework contribution	£200.00
12.2.15	Ron Reeves - purchase plot and burial fee	£300.00
12.2.15	Interment of ashes - Locker	£200.00
	TOTAL	£700.00

4. Planning Applications

(a) Wykehurst Barn – extension to existing steel framed agricultural building – passed by SDNP

(b) Oak Cottages – tree works – passed by SDNP

(c) The Street – tree works – have been carried out by WSCC / MSDC

(d) Park Wood -

Enforcement Action Has / or Is about to be undertaken concerning the illegal/ non-compliant entrance to Park Wood on A281 Henfield Road.

5. Any Other Business

(a) Peter Griffiths

Had forwarded WSCC information notes to all parish councillors prior to the meeting. These will be attached to the Minutes.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan

Jan Nichols had raised this at the previous meeting. She had done further research and now realised that a Local Neighbourhood Plan was much more hard work and costly than originally thought. However, there was another route to protect Green Spaces with a designated status which was via the SDNPA Local Plan.

There was evidence of support amongst the community to protect certain local green spaces and she asked the Parish Council for its support in setting up a small green space group which would report to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council (MA / SM / CW) agreed to support this. The Plan needs to be completed and adopted by the end of 2015 to be incorporated within the SDNP Local Plan.

(c) Operation Watershed

Mark had obtained a quote from Landbuild to carry out the works that had been previously discussed and agreed. The Clerk is to contact WSCC to seek further funding towards the works.

(d) Elections

SM had put an article in the newsletter about vacancies on the Parish Council. Nomination packs are available from MSDC website and **MUST** be handed into the MSDC Council Offices in Haywards Heath between 30th March and 4pm on 9th April.

(e) Potholes

The broken road at Toots Corner has finally been fixed, although not very well. The other potholes in The Channel have been reported but as yet not fixed. The Clerk will chase WSCC again regarding this.

(f) Simon Banham

Hurstpierpoint Parish Council had held a referendum regarding their Neighbourhood Plan. They had a fantastic turnout and it was agreed that it should be included in the MSDC District Plan. When other local parishes have submitted their contributions MSDC can then submit the plan to the Secretary of State and housing numbers for the next 5 years will be decided.

(g) AGM

SM had approached Alan Curren to speak at the AGM regarding the proposed works that are due to be carried out at Holy Trinity Church. It was agreed that would be a good idea, as more people attend the AGM than normal PC meetings. The Clerk will confirm with him. She will also ask Charlie Cain, Peter Griffiths and the new District Councillor, following the May elections. Flyers will be delivered nearer the time and usual refreshments will be served.

(h) Clerk

The Clerk had written to the Chairman tendering her resignation. She will continue until after the election to ensure a smooth transition. The post will be advertised with the job description on the Parish website in the first instance. Mark Lee also said that he would not be standing for election in May.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM on Tuesday 19th May when the new Parish Council will be in position. All welcome!

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm