

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

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Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr Mike Airey Chair
Ms Sheila Marshall
Mr Matthew Cutress
Mr John Digby

Mr Colin Warburton Clerk to the Council

Peter Griffiths - County Councillor
Anthony Watts-Williams - District Councillor

10 members of the public attended

1. Apologies

Colin Trumble - District Councillor
John Wilkinson - District Councillor
Richard Speller - Highways

2. Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

SM asked if there was any update on the amount to pay Mark Lee to clear the bonfire area. MC said that Mark was away at the moment and will have the details for the next meeting. SM commented that the bonfire was started in the 1990's by the then Parish Council to celebrate 100 years of the Parish Council. CW commented that we have had an extra donation of over £200, it was agreed that it would be left in the PC account to cover any future shortfall.

4. MSDC

AWW - District Councillor
Mid Sussex District Plan is still ongoing. A group of developers are trying to push for 1,000 houses per annum and MSDC feels that 800 is adequate as the plan. As there is no agreement the examination is ongoing. The SDNP is taking over planning. There was a concern about contacts if the planning no longer goes through MSDC. AWW assured the council that we can express any concerns through the MSDC councillors. There have been no cuts in services although the income has been reduced from £2.8m to £128,000 over the last few years.

WSCC

Peter Griffiths - County Councillor

The GB spring clean is coming up to encourage communities to get together. PG to contact CW with details.

There is some concern over funding. Although there has been an increase in the Adult care costs the funding has been reduced.

There is also concern over the re-organisation of the NHS

Liverpool receive 3 x the amount of funding per child than WSCC do.

SM is to keep PG updated over the positioning of the Ping Pong table and he will help if possible. The grant is still available. SM to liaise with villagers over the removal of the top soil.

PG to chase Peter Speller over the positioning of the Speed detector.

No primary schools have overspent and Downlands had an "Outstanding" after an Ofsted visit.

It is unlikely we will receive any additional funding for Broadband, PG to contact CW with details of a good Broadband contact to see if he can come to a meeting. WSCC are pushing for 5G broadband which is good for Rural areas.

the European funds already allocated for rural areas won't be withdrawn after Brexit.

5. Public Participation

The kissing gate on the causeway is broken. CW to contact the owner although as there is no stock in the field there is not a requirement to repair it.

Caius Sheppard was thanked for clearing the causeway, again.

The Speed indicator device is in the wrong position and will be moved to the correct position if a suitable fixing can be found. It would cost £150 a time for speed strips.

6. Expenditure

The following amounts have been paid for Nov and Dec 2016

Date	Payee	Amount
08.11.16	2 Stroke for strimmer	£10.00
08.11.16	M. Brennan - Cemetery	£480.00
08.11.16	Clerks Wages - Oct - Nov 2016	£500.00
08.11.16	Littlejohn LLP - External audit	£156.00
08.11.16	Codec Facilities - 2 x memorial benches	£1,373.98
08.12.16	Royal Oak - Old folks Christmas Do	£300.00
	TOTAL	£2,819.98

Receipts for Nov and Dec 2016

06.12.16	Bonfire Night Contribution (Couzins & Chorlton)	£217.00
06.12.16	Burial Fee - Evelyn Barber	£300.00
	TOTAL	£517.00

7. Precept for 2017/2018

It was unanimously agreed that the Council should apply for the £500 to make up for the shortfall in the Clerks wages as agreed last year. Also, a 1.5% increase in line with inflation.

8. Planning Applications

a) Longacres Dyke Lane Poynings BN45 7AA. Two storey side extension with single storey rear extension, and rear pitched roof dormer, and additional roof lights to front

elevation.

After a long discussion, it was agreed that the Council is neutral over the application but comments should be made regarding: 1. The effect that it may have on a nearby listed building. 2. Possible loss of privacy from the extra windows. 3. The potential of the 5 windows on one side to create light pollution (Dark sky's)

b) Construction of detached dwelling to replace recently demolished bungalow (resubmission of SDNP/15/04812/HOUS) (Amended Plans received 26.08.2016) - Rose Cottage Mill Lane Poynings Brighton West Sussex BN45 7AE
PASSED.

9. Defibrillator

MA commented that this has now been installed. It has heating for the batteries which Helen at the garage is happy to supply (about £5 pa) It is supplied free by HART (Henfield area response Team) and any donation to that cause is very welcome. Just go to www.henfieldresponders.org.uk. Although instructions are on the unit training will be organised soon by MA, probably 2 sessions initially. MA will also organise a team in the summer to re-furbish the telephone box it is in.

10. Old Folks Christmas Party

It was agreed that this was very successful again and appreciated by all those that went. SM has been fully involved since it began 26 years ago and was one of 4 founder members, but the only one who never stopped being involved, although not so much for the last 2 years. When they started it, the funding came from 3 areas. Fundraising over the year. Heavily subsidised meals by the Royal Oak and the Parish Council. Alan Kelly is taking over for next year.

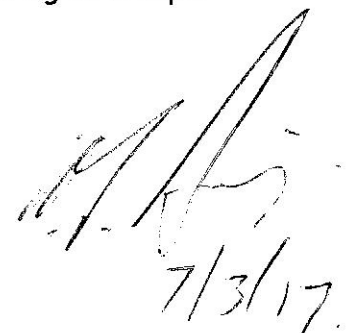
11. Co-Opt Councillor

MA commented on the sad loss on Jake Richards who was proving to be a great asset to the council. The council now needs a new councillor and Jan Nichols was proposed by SM and seconded by JD. JN accepted. The council welcomed her on board.

12. Dates of next meetings

March 7th
May 9th plus AGM
July 4th
September 5th
November 6th

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm



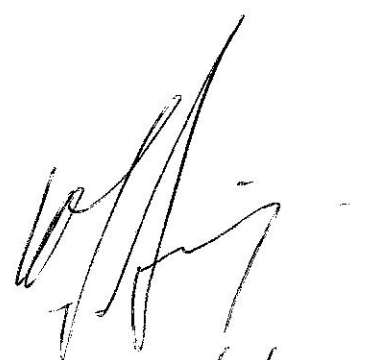
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The following amounts have` been paid for Jan and Feb 2017

Date	Payee	Amount
17-01-17	D Malley – 6 months payroll	£24.00
17-01-17	Clerks Wages – Dec 2016 - Jan 2017	£500.00
	TOTAL	£524

Receipts for Jan and Feb 2017

TOTAL £0.00


7/3/17.