

# POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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## UNCONFIRMED

Minutes of the meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm

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

Mrs Nicki Cutress Clerk to the Council  
Peter Griffiths - County Councillor

Eight members of the public attended

Apologies received from and, Simon Banham - District Councillor and Colin Warburton

### 1. Minutes

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

### 2. Matters Arising

#### (a) Polling Station

Mark has met with Terry Stanley from MSDC and he confirmed that the pavilion would be fit for purpose for the upcoming elections in May.

#### (a) Bins

Mike had carried out a survey of the bins in the village and found them to be needing replacement. The Clerk will get some quotes for replacements. It was agreed that 5 would be sufficient, Cora's Corner, Cora's Walk, by the old shop, top of Mill Lane - by the seat and at the bottom of the causeway, by the dog bin. The dog bin has not been emptied since October. The Clerk will contact MSDC regarding this.

### 3. Precept

Papers relating to the budget for 2015-2016 had been circulated to all councillors for information. It was agreed to ask for an inflation increase of 1.25%. Proposed MA, seconded SM.

#### 4. Expenditure

The following amounts were approved by MA and seconded by SM for the November and December 2014

Date	Payee	Amount
11.11.14	Martin Brennan – mowing – 7 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> October	£170.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£170.00</b>

Receipts for November and December 2014

30.12.14	Radmall's – burial fee – Grover	£100.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

#### 5. Planning Applications

- (a) 3 Dyke Close - erect orangery to rear of property - passed my SDNP
- (b) Hilva – replacement windows – retrospective application – passed by SDNP
- (c) Wykehurst Barn – extension to existing steel framed agricultural building – no objections were raised

#### 6. Any Other Business

##### (a) Peter Griffiths

Asked about the Winter Maintenance Plan. He was advised that we had not had any salt delivered yet. The Clerk has advised WSCC of the fact that we still have supplies stored at the farm, although the bags are deteriorating badly. ML has offered to collect more supplies from the depot in Sayers Common, if needed. NC is awaiting a response from WSCC confirming this is ok.

PG said that the issues regarding the entrance at the land adjacent to park Wood is in hand with WSCC. It should be sorted soon as they have not complied by the rules of the permission. It was mentioned that amounts of hard-core are being dumped on the site.

Broadband - PG stated that Poynings is in the next wave of villages to be upgraded to Superfast Broadband. BT are putting in extra boxes for the fibre optic supply. It should be available by this summer (2015). PG will keep up informed.

Gatwick - PG is part of a group that are challenging the airport commission regarding the proposed building of a new runway at Gatwick. It is not economically viable.

With the current state of availability of beds in hospitals and the crisis in A&E PG is to find out what the state of play is regarding PRH.

ML advised PG that although we have had all the gullies cleared we are not having any luck getting the rest of the Operation Watershed works carried out. All companies locally have too much work on at present.

Peter said that it was a long time since we had applied for any monies for local community works and reminded us that there were funds available to be applied for through the CLC. Jan Nichols suggested a footpath from the car park to the roundabout. This will be looked into.

(b) Jan Nichols

Asked if the PC Minutes and Agenda can be posted on the website. NC has no editing rights to the website, but will speak to CW about this once the Panto is finished.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

Jan Nicholls asked whether the PC had thought about a Neighbourhood Plan. She was advised that this had been discussed on a number of occasions. It was discussed further. She will do some research and feed back to the PC.

(d) Downmere

John Digby asked what was happening with Downmere. He suggested that there was an opportunity to discuss with the Harris family about donating a piece of the land to the village prior to the sale / redevelopment.

(e) Holy Trinity Church

Alan Currer gave a very interesting update on the proposed and actual works that are planned for our Church. There has been new lighting in the South Chapel and Chancel, with additional power also in the South Chapel. New lights on the stairway and the lamppost had been fixed. These works had cost £4000. The under pew heaters are now working at the front of the Church. The floodlights are to be replaced with LED lights, which will be white and cost 1/5 of the cost to run.

There are some major works planned: the iron and stone work on some of the windows is badly eroding and needs to be repaired. This will cost around £18,500.

The South Transept is to be upgraded to become a heritage project and functional space that can be used by the parish. The plan is to revive the history of the Poynings family; preserve some of the very old flag stones by lifting them; put in a new floor with under floor heating; comfortable heating and a small kitchenette which will enable it to become a usable community space. The PCC will organise a consultation event to ask for comments and feedback from the parish in due course.

(f) Old Folks Christmas Party

Jan Nicolls thanked the PC for its contribution and continued support of the Old Folks Christmas Party, which had been hosted by the Royal Oak. It was another very successful evening organised by Tara and her band of willing helpers. Thanks to Tara and her band of helpers for making it such a fun evening.

**7. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm. All welcome!

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

