

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY AT THE ARK AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Mr G Pearce (Chairman) Mr C Webb (Vice Chairman)
Mr B Forbes Mr C Harding Mrs C Jarvis Mrs T Mason Mrs S Roffe
Mr B Webber and PCSO Anscomb, 5 members of the public and a
member of the press.

APOLOGIES:

44 Apologies All present

45 Cooption to Parish Council

Nominations were received from Mr J Pratt and Mr B Weller. Following discussion with the candidates Councillors voted to co-opt Mr B Webber. Voting was recorded as 4 for Mr Webber and 3 for Mr Pratt. The Chairman thanked both candidates for their interest and welcomed Mr Webber to the Council.

46 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Parish Councillor was signed by Mr B Webber and witnessed by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council.

47 Public Participation

Mrs J Forbes informed council that the charity Care which provided transport for the elderly and disabled to the Doctors and Hospital was withdrawing from Turners Hill due to lack of volunteers. It was agreed that an article be placed in the Parish News asking for volunteers to contact Care.

Miss Stanbridge reported that Mr Dawes, currently in hospital, is doing very well and will be home shortly. Mr Rainsley sent his thanks to Council for their concern; he is improving slowly and hopes to attend the August meeting.

Mr Pratt reported that the sub-station at Withypitts has been damaged. This has been reported already. However, Mr Pratt felt that the sub-station fencing needs to be improved to prevent balls entering it which in turn would stop children breaking the fence to get the ball back. Mr Pratt also asked about the provision of a litter bin for this area – this will be put on the next agenda for consideration.

PCSO Anscomb reported on vehicles which had been damaged or had batteries removed from them and also on an incident at which keys were stolen.

Mr Pratt asked if the hedge around the 30mph sign on Selsfield Road could be cut back and if the deregulation sign on East Street could be repaired.

48 Declarations of Interest None

49 Chairmans Announcements Mr Pearce thanked all those involved with the London to Brighton Bike Ride which had gone well and raised a lot of money for the British Heart Foundation. He also thanked Mr Ian Killick for looking after the pond area, cutting the grass and regulation the fish numbers. The Parish will be paying for petrol for the mower. The Chairman thanked Mrs Mason for the planting done at The Ark. He reminded everyone of the Village Fete on 17th July.

50 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th June 2011, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

51 Matters Currently being pursued by the Clerk The Clerk informed Council that complaints have been received about the new bus stop, street light 13, as the ground is uneven gets very wet and is generally an unsuitable place for people to access the bus. Also the timetable has been put up facing the road and so cannot be read. These matters have been reported to County for attention. A planning application has been submitted for the Farm Shop on East Street which should be validated this week. Burleigh Arches car sales – MSDC are moving towards a prosecution as a matter of urgency. Unless Councillors have actually witnessed the activities taking place they are unable to support the legal process. The bark in the playarea has been cleared of weeds and the grass has been cut, however more work is required. The trees to the rear of the Ark are to be cut back as they encroach on the car park area. MSDC has been asked to repair the court fence, clean and colour deck it and provide new goal posts. We are still waiting on information regarding the style of street lights which WSCC could use to replace their older columns. The reply received from the Leader of MSDC regarding moving planning meetings to Haywards Heath was reported on. Outstanding highway issues are still being followed up – bollards on Paddockhurst Road, bollards at the mini roundabout and those which have been removed at Taranas, pot holes and broken road surfaces. The chevron sign is due to be repaired; the road surface from the village green to Turners Hill Park has been put forward for major patching and surfacing work. County are following up the poor state in which the verges were left at Withypitts. The donation from Tulleys did not arrive at the bank and a further transfer is awaited. The VDS has been submitted to MSDC and will be presented for approval in September. We continue to work with the Football Club on provision of changing facilities for the referee. A letter of notice has been sent to the tenants of allotment plot 20. Cluster meeting – the most suitable date for Councillors is 15th September and Worth and West Hoathly representatives have been invited. MSDC has been asked to arrange for a session on neighbourhood plans to take place at The Ark in September, again Worth and West Hoathly will be invited.

52 Planning Applications
It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

00/11/01644/FUL (Mr D Parker 73 Selsfield Road) No objections

00/11/01647/FUL (Mr Sutaria 3 Hill House Close) We object to this application as such a large extension would be out of keeping with the rest of the close as would any front extension.

- 53 Report on Previous Applications None
- 54 Memorial Seat It was RESOLVED that permission be given for a seat in memory of Mr & Mrs Moody to be placed at the pond. Contact is to be made with Mr Pearce to select a specific site.
- 55 The Minutes of the meeting held with Mr R Harper on 14th June, 2011, as circulated, were noted.
- 56 The Minutes of the ACE meeting held on 14th June, 2011, as circulated, were noted.
- 57 Mrs Jarvis gave a report on the Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council meeting. A good meeting with a lot of shared information.
- 58 Northern Area CLC meeting All three CLC's met to approve various grants only. The next meeting is in September.
- 59 District Plan for Mid Sussex It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:
1. Please refer to our Village Design Statement currently awaiting adoption by MSDC as a supplementary planning document. This document is available on our website www.turnershillcouncil.co.uk
 2. Any development in Turners Hill impacts upon the local highway and we would want any future CIL to contribute to additional traffic calming measures. In addition further investment would be required for play equipment and improved community recreational facilities both in terms of green space, sports and the village hall. Further support for the local bus service would be of benefit in helping to reduce dependency on the car. Obviously further development could impact on the village Primary School and funds may be required for this.
 3. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the preparation of the District Plan and how it will relate to a Neighbourhood Plan. Could we look to meet in September, perhaps daytime during week commencing 12th September? If you can supply suitable dates we can confirm the most appropriate.
- 60 Clock Field Planning It was RESOLVED that Mr G Pearce speaks on behalf of the Parish Council at the relevant planning committee.
- 61 SALC Councillor training events It as RESOLVED that this item be placed on the August agenda for further consideration and discussion of the idea of in-house training.

- 62 Accounts Due for Payment It was RESOLVED that:
1. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being due for payment be paid and
 2. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being paid since the meeting held on 7th June, 2011, be approved.
- 63 Correspondence The Clerk circulated information on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. MSDC has informed us that Mr B Forbes has been appointed to the ACE committee. Mr F Kelley, internal auditor, has written to confirm that everything is in order. The East Grinstead CVS and Mid Sussex South CVS are to merge but a local presence will be retained in East Grinstead. Members are invited to attend a MSDC seminar on 'Nurturing Nature'.
- 64 Any Other Urgent Business Mr Harding reported that the gas cylinder for the BBQ was empty when collected for Bike Ride day. Mrs Mason reported that an illegal trader had been moved on by the Police on Bike Ride day. Concern was expressed that an ice cream seller parks in the bus stop area during the bike ride and Cycle Rides are to be informed of this. They are also to be asked to inform cyclists that toilet facilities can be found in the car park at The Crown.
The Clerk reminded Councillors that the August meeting was on 9th not 2nd.

The Meeting Closed at 9.12 pm

Signed (Chairman)

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