

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST AT THE ARK AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Mr C Webb (Chairman) Mr B Forbes Mr C Harding Mrs C Jarvis
Mrs T Mason Mr R Webber and Cllr N Walker, 6 members of the
public and a member of the press.

APOLOGIES: Mr G Pearce Mrs S Roffe

65 Apologies Mr Pearce was on holiday and Mrs Roffe late back from
London

66 Mr V Dudman announced the death of Mrs Beryl Dunlop, past Chairman
of the Parish Council. Mrs Dunlop was instrumental in establishing the
Council and served the village exceptionally well.
The Chairman expressed Councils sadness at this news and said Mrs
Dunlop would be sorely missed as she was one of the greatest characters
in the village.

67 Public Participation
Mr Dudman informed Council that sadly Mrs Phyllis Webber and Mrs
Freda Maynard had also died.
Mr Dawes also reported on the death of Mrs Lillian Prevett. Mr Dawes
expressed his sadness at the death of Mrs Dunlop who, as the first
Chairman of this council served in a marvellous way and made a huge
contribution to the village. He will write an article about her in the next
Parish News and invited others to submit their own thoughts to him for
publishing.
Mr Dawes thanked everyone for the kind interest during his period of
illness. He also spoke about the disturbance caused to residents by the
very uneven road surface on East Street. The noise from lorries because
of this is awful. Mr Dawes paid tribute to all who attended the Fete,
despite the very wet weather. There was excellent support.
Mrs J Forbes thanked Council for the provision of the Refuse truck and
green freighter. Resident use of these on 31st July was highest ever and
it is much appreciated. The two crews worked extremely hard
throughout the period and were very helpful. She asked that a message
of thanks be passed on to them. Mr Dawes supported this and said it
had been very busy at the village stop as well and is always well used.
Mr Harding reported that the road by Hazeldene Farm is to be resurfaced
on 8th September.

68 Declarations of Interest None

69 Chairmans Announcements Mr Webb spoke about the Fete and the
excellent turn out, he felt that support for the event is growing year on
year. He paid special thanks to Barbara Hobbs and Joe Loftus and all on
the committee. Mr Webb expressed councils condolences on the death of
Mr Dennis Beare and said that he understood the funeral had been a

wonderful celebration of his life. Mr Webb informed council that Ashley and Elaine Whitby are leaving the Red Lion and 5th September, the end of another era for the pub. He also reported that Turners Hill, Copthorne and Crawley Down speed watch groups are meeting the Police on Friday to discuss the scheme.

70 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2011, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

71 Matters Currently being pursued by the Clerk The Clerk informed Council the Farm Shop application is now on the agenda. The power has been connected for the VAS and now Highways has to dig a trench and take the power across the road in order to install the VAS. Despite chasing we have not yet had a reply concerning the new bus stop. Taranas licence application – three councillors had replied on this and a letter of objection was submitted. However this has now been withdrawn as the licensing officer has followed the direction given by the Planning Inspector and allowed use of the deck until 8.30 pm. MSDC informs us that Clock Field application has been made invalid due to the lack of a draft S106 agreement. Mr Back (Estate) informs us that the application has been ‘halted’ in order for the drawings to be revised so that the affordable housing is pepper potted and one or two other minor amendments. Mr Back thinks the application will be before committee in September. The Clerk said this was very unlikely as amended plans normally go out for further consultation, especially on an application of this size. Development of the recently sold bungalow at number 24 Medway has been reported as it is out of keeping and very uneighbourly. Water is again bubbling up through the surface on Church Road probably due to a problem with drainage and this has been reported. The Clerk is still chasing all outstanding highway issues and is still waiting on a date for repairs to the carriageway on East Street from The Crown to the Park. The donation from Tulleys of £1370 has been received. Three more allotments are being re-let – one was given notice and the other tenants have moved. Cluster meeting will be on 15th September at 10 am with Worth and West Hoathly Parish Councils. Neighbourhood Plans meeting with Claire Tester will take place on 4th November at 7 pm.

Councillors requested that The Estate is asked to work more closely with us over Clock Field as they are becoming apprehensive over the handling of the planning. Confidence over the progress of this scheme is low and the Estate needs to reassure Council. MSDC will also be asked about the different versions for reasons for halting the application.

72 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

00/11/02061/TREE (Berkeley Parks) No objections

00/11/02064/TREE (Berkeley Parks) No objections

00/11/01802/COU (Mr F McGuigan Farm Shop)
We are pleased that an application has now been submitted and have no objections to the change of use. However, the proposed signs are far too large and not in keeping with the area. We assume that a further advertising application will be submitted and we would hope the final design would be similar to those already in the locality.

00/11/01790/COND (Mr Koreshi Tarana air condition units)
No objections

00/11/02281/FUL (Mr Sutaria 3 Hill House Close) We object to this application as such an extension would be out of keeping with the rest of the close as would any front extension.

73 Report on Previous Applications

00/11/01644/FUL 73 Selsfield extension PERMISSION
00/11/01647/FUL Mr Sutaria 3 Hill House Close WITHDRAWN
Burleigh Arches car sales/repairs – a court date is awaited.

74 A Report on the MS Association of Local Councils meeting was given by Mrs Mason. The speaker had been Mr Simon Kerr tourism and business support officer for East Grinstead Town Council. His talk had been most interesting. The rest of the meeting dealt with the election of officers as it was the AGM.
The Clerk distributed copies of the Associations constitution as requested.

75 Mr Webb reported on the Bi Society meeting that he and Mrs Mason attended. This had been a very useful meeting with lots of information supplied and many contacts made. A further meeting is to be held in October. The Big Society team at WSCC will act as enablers. Clustering was discussed and it was suggested that a member of this team is asked to attend a Council meeting to provide more information. It was RESOLVED that Sheena Lake is asked if she can attend our cluster meeting on 15th September at 10 am.

76 MSDC Neighborhood Plans training session Mrs Jarvis had been unable to attend and had sent her apologies.

77 Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council meeting. Mrs Jarvis had been unable to attend and had sent her apologies.

78 To consider the provision of a litter bin for the green at Withypitts It was RESOLVED that the litter situation is assessed over the coming weeks and this is considered further at the September meeting.

- 79 SALC Councillor training events It was RESOLVED that in-house training should be organised on the Localism Bill once it is approved. Worth and West Hoathly will be invited to attend.
- 80 AiRS Mid Sussex Rural Links meeting on 27th September. No one available to attend.
- 81 South of England Show traffic meeting. No one available to attend.
- 82 Review of MSDC's Statement of Community Involvement Completed forms were submitted and others are to be given to the Clerk this week. Comments will then be submitted to MSDC.
- 83 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 5th July, 2011, be approved.
- 84 Correspondence The Clerk reported on funds available to local groups from NatWest. Information was distributed regarding the new NHS Foundation Trust; school safety zone proposals; West Sussex Fire & Rescue plans for 2012-13. A letter from Southern Water concerning the installation of water meters throughout the area was reported on and information will be placed in the Parish News. A temporary traffic regulation has been requested from Highways for the closure of Turners Hill Road, as previously discussed. AiRS is introducing an annual fee for those who wish to continue to make use of their service for village and community halls – it was agreed that we do not need this service. We have been invited to send a representative to join West Hoathly, Ardingly and Horsted Keynes to discuss a cluster group. It was proposed that Mr Pearce be asked to attend this session and if is unable Mr Webb will attend. We have also been invited to attend a meeting to discuss clustering with EG TC – it was agreed that they be invited to attend our meeting on 15th September instead. WSCC is currently accepting applications for Parish Initiative Funding we have no suitable projects at present. WSCC has confirmed changes to the funding of bus services for this year none of which affect routes in the village. A further review will take for next year. Letters of thanks for Councils support have been received from St. Leonards Church, TH Parish News, the South of England Showground and Worth Horticultural Society. The planning department at MSDC has been reorganised so that there is now a separate Planning Investigation and Enforcement Team, a team dealing with Major applications and one district wide team. The aim is to provide a much more focused and proactive planning investigation service.
- 85 Any Other Urgent Business None

The Meeting Closed at 9.12 pm

Signed (Chairman)

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