

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2012 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 Mr R Webber and Mr
Acraman, 15 members of the public and a member of the press.

APOLOGIES: Mrs S Roffe

196 Presentation of Civic Award Mr Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the winner of the Civic Cup this year was Mr Paul Asterley. He explained that Paul was given the award in recognition of all that he has done for our community. Mr Pearce wished him a long and happy retirement. Mr Asterley said he was lost for words and that to be given the honour was overwhelming and he was most grateful to everyone.

197 Apologies Mrs Roffe was unwell.

198 Public Participation Mr Dawes said that he intended to produce a Souvenir Booklet for the Diamond Jubilee and would appreciate details of any celebratory plans as soon as possible so they could be included. He asked if the children would be presented with a souvenir. Mr Acraman spoke about the road situation at Worth Abbey and the tragic accident which occurred there. Worth Abbey have offered to pay for a study to be carried out to see if it is possible to add a crossing and lower the speed limit to 30mph. WSC Councillors for the area are looking at all the rural speed limits to try to have coherent limits across our roads. This approach was most welcome by Council.

199 Declarations of Interest Mr B Forbes made the following declaration: I wish to advise that with regard to any comment I may make on any planning application on tonight's agenda, I reserve the right to alter my views on any application or submission should it come before the Northern Area Planning Committee or the District Planning Committee.

200 Chairmans Announcements Mr Pearce announced that the VAS for Selsfield Road is now installed and working.

201 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2012, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

202 Matters Currently being pursued by the Clerk The Clerk reported that the questionnaires for the Neighbourhood plans had been put on-line for residents to access and had also been photocopied for inclusion in the Parish News. Appointments have been made for with local businesses to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. Appointments have been made interviews for the position of Parish Clerk. Reported possible keeping of an airplane at Tarana, MSDC have sent a letter to inform owner that to do so would be in breach of planning consent.

Signage at Fen Place Farm has been removed with only one remaining and that is within size limits allowed. The banner to the front of the school has been removed following discussions between the school and MSDC. Mobile freighter dates for 2012/13 have been provisionally booked and will be confirmed by MSDC shortly. MSDC have apologised for being unable to provide the mobile freighter on Sunday due to snow. WSCC has been informed about all the pot holes reported at the last meeting and they have been once asked again to investigate the problem pot hole at the top of the recreation ground on East Street.

203 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

00/11/03896/FUL Harveys Brewery, Red Lion PH, Lion Lane
 No Objections to the planning application but the Parish Council would ask that sufficient additional parking is created to cater for the extra patrons such an improvement to the premises would draw.

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204 Report on Previous Applications

11/03739/FUL	1 Providence Cottages	PERMISSION
11/03860/TREE	Turners Hill Park	PERMISSION
11/03861/TREE	Turners Hill Park	PERMISSION
11/03667/FUL	5 Medway	REFUSED

205 MSDC Concessionary Fares Subsidy

It was RESOLVED that the £5 subsidy given on railcards should continue.

206 Localism Act

Information on future changes to the Standards and members code of conduct were noted.

207 Grant application from St Catherines Hospice

The application was refused as historically the Parish Council only donate to village concerns. The Parish Council will consider a donation following the Jubilee Celebrations.

208 Approve recommendation of appointment of new Clerk

It was RESOLVED that Mrs Di Bright be appointed as Parish Clerk with effect from 1st March 2012. The offer is dependent on acceptable references and a 3 month probationary period.

- 209 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 10th January, 2012, be approved.
- 210 Correspondence the Clerk reported that the Public Rights of Way routine maintenance work had been completed. The West Sussex Fire and Rescue potential merger has been delayed due financial issues.
- 211 Any Other Urgent Business
Mr Web explained that the Neighbourhood Panel have agreed with the Police to pursue the idea of 'stop speeding' stickers for wheelie bins again. A logo will be used rather than the 30mph symbol. The Parish Councils support would be appreciated. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Mrs Mason discussed the felling of an oak tree in the Withypitts estate. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider requesting additional TPO's and this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The Meeting Closed at 8.23 pm

Signed (Chairman)

6th March 2012

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