

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Kirdford Village Hall on Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present:

- Cllr Mrs A Gillett
- Cllr Mrs N Goddard
- Cllr Mr T Brooks
- Cllr Mr D Irwin
- Cllr J Nicholls
- Cllr Mr A Persson
- Cllr M Osborne

In attendance:

- Cllr Janet Duncton
- Cllr Gareth Evans

64. Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Nicholls due to work commitments.

65. Public Participation:

One member of the public was in attendance.

66. Disclosures of Interest:

Cllr Gillett and Cllr Piedade declared an interest in the planning applications for the Foresters Arms as neighbouring properties. Cllr Goddard declared an interest in the planning application for Scrubb House Farm as an employee.

67. Approval of Meeting Minutes

To resolve that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th March 2023 be signed as a correct record. Approved.

68. Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Janet Duncton

I know some do not have meetings this month and others do but for me it's a time when I cannot say all the things that I would normally include. Until the elections on the 4th May we are in a period of Purdah.

However life goes on and there are at least 3 things I think Parish's will like to know.

First of all I have been saying about OFSTED coming in for our Childrens Services at County. About 3 weeks ago we got the call and they have now been in. When we get the results I will of course let the Parishes have them.

It has been a dreadful time for our Highways. We always have to cope with bad weather conditions but the worst problems we have at the moment are the A29 at Pulborough and the A286 through Midhurst. As you will all know the old Angel Hotel in Midhurst burnt down along with some other adjoining properties.

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Because of safety and the stability of what is left of the Hotel the A286 has to be kept closed to through traffic. However until at least later this month the main Car Parks are Free in Midhurst as of course it's business as usual for most of the other shops and restaurants etc in the Town.

The knock on effect of this is that traffic is having to get around Midhurst somehow and the small back roads are taking a real hammering and although County is trying to patch when some get really bad it is not an easy job. At this moment I cannot tell you when we can expect the A286 to be open but it won't be until it is safe to do so.

The A29 is ongoing and once again I cannot give an opening date. What I do know is that we are expecting to make it safe enough for some traffic to use and I am sure you will have received the Newsletter that was published at the beginning of the month. To be brief the main hold up is trying to negotiate with the actual owners of the collapsed banks on either side of the road and I can assure you that expert advice was used before the decision to close the road for safety reasons was taken. The banks either side are still unstable.

Of course this affects those of us in the filling of the sandwich between these 2 horror stories. Our back roads and villages and indeed our Town of Petworth are taking much heavier traffic because of the detours that are being taken. This also makes it difficult to mend the roads which is a continuous story.

For those of you that I won't meet with until after the Coronation I hope you have a great community time. Working with a group in Petworth I know how much work goes into organising these events but a Coronation is something that we want to remember with pleasure. Pretty sure I will be ready to sleep for a long time on the 8th May after a weekend of celebrations.

I can still be contacted as normal during the election period as life doesn't stop you just have to be more careful.

Janet Duncton
County Councillor Petworth division
Chichester District Councillor Loxwood w

Cllr Gareth Evans

Local Updates

22/00618/FUL – Land at Stable Field – A new application has been submitted and is now open for comments.

Crouchlands Proposed Developments. – Three separate applications have been submitted for the Crouchlands development for 600 dwellings. Residents are advised that if they have comments of support or objection that they must do this on all three applications. The application numbers are as follows 22/03114/FULEIA (108 dwellings), 22/03131/OUTEIA (492 dwellings) and 22/01735/FULEIA (Regeneration Application)

22/02346/OUT Foxbridge Golf Club Foxbridge Lane – Determination of this application has been extended as a further 17 documents have been added to the portal. Parish Councils affected have been given until mid-April to analyse these and comment. If you have already commented you are advised to review these documents and submit further comments.

✓ A29

21/00466/OUT – Land West of Cornwood Townfield Kirdford West Sussex – Latest update is this will go to April Planning Committee. I remain unhappy that about the extended period this has been given for determination and have raised this with the planning officer.

Local Plan – I raised at full council that several residents and parish councillors have complained about the complicated process of the consultation which prevented many from being able to raise their concerns. I await the minutes to send a full answer

CDC Wide Updates

CDC have yet to send the members newsletter and I will therefore send CDC updates later in the week

District Councillor Surgeries

I am available for home visits or one to one meetings at alternative dates/venues upon request.

69. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

70. Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair had no announcements.

71. Finance

- a) Year-end Bank Reconciliation – this was approved
- b) Monthly financial report – this was approved
- c) Payments for approval – these were approved
- d) Risk Assessment – the risk assessment was approved with the amendments noted.
- e) Grant request from Plaistow Pre-School. It was agreed that this request would be declined as it was a substantial amount of £23,000. The pre-school would be contacted to enquire whether there were smaller projects for which a grant may be approved.
- f) It was agreed that the Townfield Meadows Action budget item would be renamed to Planning Support Services
- g) It was agreed that as no election expenses would be needed this year, this budget would be moved into Planning Support Services

72. Planning

Local Plan Update

Kirdford Parish Council were awaiting the results of the consultation.

Expenditure

The following expenditure to assist with planning advice and ecological advice was agreed:

No5 Chambers £1200 + VAT

Envireau Ltd £2300 + VAT

Cornerstone £3000 + VAT

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21/00466/OUT | Outline application (with all matter reserved except Access) for the development of up to 70 new homes, of which 30% would be affordable, new community sporting facility, new vehicular access and associated parking and landscaping. | Land West Of Cornwood Townfield Kirdford West Sussex

It was noted that this application was now likely to be considered at a later CDC Planning Committee meeting.

Water neutrality calculations had not, to date, been provided.

22/02346/OUT – Case Officer: Jane Thatcher Outline application for a wellbeing and leisure development comprising up to 121 holiday units; the construction of a spa with accommodation of up to 50 bedrooms; the conversion of the former clubhouse into a restaurant and farm shop; the formation of a new vehicular access from Foxbridge Lane, new internal roads, footpaths, cycle routes and car parking areas; the construction of a concierge building and new hard and soft landscaping, including the formation of new ponds. All matters reserved except for means of access. | Foxbridge Golf Club Foxbridge Lane Plaistow West Sussex RH14 0LB

There was no update for this application.

22/02154/FUL | Rear extension with associated internal reconfiguration and works to external front and rear trade areas including new fence and double gate. | Foresters Arms Village Road Kirdford West Sussex RH14 0ND

KPC had noted that the water neutrality documentation provided for this application was incorrect.

KD/23/00660/TCA Irelands House Village Road Kirdford Billingshurst
Notification of intention to fell 3 no. Conifer trees (01) and coppice 1 no. small Hazel tree (01).
O.S. Grid Ref. 501734/126664

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

SDNP/23/00968/HOUS Stable Cottage , Hawkhurst Court, Kirdford, West Sussex, RH14 0HS
Ground floor rear extension, roof extension and raised height of roof, first floor extension and extension to existing dormer with various alterations including changes to fenestration.

The Parish Council considered this to be a disproportionately large extension which could have an impact on the neighbouring property. No water neutrality documentation had been provided for this application.

23/00539/LBC | Installation of accessibility lift within an existing extension to the original listed structure. | Little Slifehurst Farm Scratching Lane Kirdford Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 0JN

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

SDNP/23/01230/LIS | Addition of freestanding porch to front door (west elevation). | Scrubb House Farm Cottage Crimbourne Lane Kirdford West Sussex RH14 0HX

The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

Decisions: None received.

Enforcement Notices: None received.

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73. Planning Enforcement / TPOs: None received.

74. Neighbourhood Plan – Update

The Neighbourhood Plan was being reviewed by Troy Hayes Planning. There was no update.

75. Recreation Ground and Pavilion Upkeep – Update

It was noted that a meeting was to be held by the Rec Ground Committee to discuss the alterations and decoration to internal aspects of the pavilion.

76. Great Common Pavilion Update

Cllr Brooks advised that a professional water neutrality statement should be prepared. This was agreed in an amount of £1500 + VAT.

Chichester District Council had reimbursed the planning fee of £395.

77. Village Hall Refurbishment

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee spoke to the Parish Council and said an architect had been sought to draw up plans. It was noted that the fundraising event held on 1st April had raised approximately £650.

78. Drains, Grips, Ditches & Gullies

Cllr Persson had previously reported floods at Rickmans Lane/Foxbridge Lane junction to West Sussex County Council. Although WSCC had advised on two occasions that the matter was resolved, the flooding still remained. WSCC advised that the flooding was possibly caused by neighbouring landowners not maintaining the ditches adjacent to their land.

WSCC would undertake jetting to the culvert.

79. King Charles III Coronation

It was reported that Openreach had not installed WiFi to the Village Hall and Cllr Brooks would investigate alternatives.

80. CAGNE

No further update.

81. Health & Safety

Cllr Goddard reported that the dog waste problem at the Recreation Ground had been much improved after the installation of dogs on leads signs.

82. Date of next meeting: 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm - to be held at the Village Hall

15 May
19 June
17 July
18 September
16 October

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20 November

83. Matters for Consideration at the Next Meeting

None.

Amanda Gillett

Chairman

15.5.23

Date