

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Kirdford Village Hall on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present:
Cllr Mrs A Gillett
Cllr T Piedade
Cllr Mr T Brooks
Cllr Mrs N Goddard
Cllr J Nicholls
Cllr M Osborne
Cllr A Vernon

In attendance:
Cllr Janet Duncton
Cllr Gareth Evans
Cllr Charles Todhunter

84. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Committees and Working Parties

Chair: Cllr A Gillett unanimous
Vice-Chair: Cllr T Piedade unanimous

Cllr Adam Vernon was co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Finance Committee:	Cllr T Brooks (Chair) Cllr A Gillett, Cllr T Piedade, Cllr A Persson
Planning Committee:	All Councillors
Village Hall Representative:	Cllr N Goddard
Recreation Ground:	Cllr N Goddard, Cllr M Osborne
Gatwick:	Cllr A Persson
Police Liaison:	Cllr N Goddard
Local Parishes North:	Cllr T Piedade
Environment:	Cllr J Nicholls
Health & Safety:	All Councillors
Footpaths:	Cllr A Vernon
Drains, Gullies & Grips:	Cllr A Persson
PCC:	Cllr T Brooks
Human Resources:	Cllr A Gillett (Chair), Cllr T Piedade, Cllr N Goddard, Cllr A Persson
Emergency Plan:	Cllr A Gillett (Chair), Cllr T Brooks, Cllr M Osborne, Cllr A Persson, Cllr A Vernon, Cllr T Piedade
Football Pavilion WG	Cllr A Gillett, Cllr T Brooks, Cllr N Goddard
Church Liaison:	Cllr T Brooks

85. Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Persson (holiday)

86. Public Participation:

One member of the public was in attendance.

87. Disclosures of Interest:

Cllr Gillett and Cllr Piedade declared an interest in the planning applications for the Foresters Arms as neighbouring properties.

88. Approval of Meeting Minutes

To resolve that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th April 2023 be signed as a correct record.

89. Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Janet Duncton

Midhurst is sadly still closed to traffic although the Car Parks north and south are both open for parking as are the Shops in the Town. Not for parking but for shopping!

The main issue is the instability of the front wall of the Angel Hotel. Now to you and me this seems quite simple but with Insurance companies and English Heritage involved I'm afraid it's not so simple.

Many in Midhurst would just like the façade to be taken down as the chimney has to be. Now we will all have our opinions of this and mine for the record is take it down. It's a Victorian façade to a Tudor building which has gone completely and we dare not let traffic through, lets, a heavy lorry may shake the foundations and it collapses. Now while to some this is acceptable you have to be aware of who may or could be damaged as this happened. It is not a risk the County Council can take.

In the meantime when the owners structural Engineers have reported and the Insurance company have deliberated the South Downs National Park have stepped in to shore the façade up and when that is safe the County will let traffic through. Absolute nightmare the whole thing.

Now for the other nightmare. The A29. As yet, once again no agreement with the land owners either side and as you know the land is all in the hands of private landowners. However you will also know that the County has facilitated the opening for one way traffic and whilst not ideal it is working quite well so let's hope some sense rains there soon.

The Patching machine is out and about now but very tied up with the awful state of the small roads around the Midhurst area which have been so badly damaged by so much traffic using highly unsuitable alternatives to going straight through the town.

I don't yet have the results of the OFSTED report for our Childrens Services but will let you have them as soon as I know.

Really nothing else much to report this month. Elections have got in the way of normal business I'm afraid.

Hopefully I will see everyone at various PC and Town Council meetings.

Janet Duncton

County Councillor Petworth division

Cllr Gareth Evans

Charles and I are honoured to be elected as District Councillors in the recent local elections. We were hugely honoured and humbled by the number of people that have put their faith in us and promise that as District Councillors we will work hard, be visible, listen and fight for the interests of this community. We also look forward to supporting the Parish Council and have a close working relationship with you all.

We would also like to say thank you to Janet Duncton who was Gareth's co-councillor in the previous council term and to wish her well in the future. We look forward to working with her going forward as



the County Councillor and hope we can support one another in protecting the beautiful community in which we serve.

Across the ward there were some wonderful events for the May Bank Holiday and the Coronation weekend. A huge thanks to all the amazing volunteers who worked hard to put on a happy and memorable event for residents. Some even having to think creatively when the weather decided not to play ball!

Local Updates

21/00466/OUT – Land West of Cornwood Townfield Kirdford West Sussex – This failed again to go to the April committee as I had been advised. I will be taking this up with the Cabinet member for Planning once in post.

Lagoon 3 – The landowner of Lagoon 3 has entered a Not Guilty plea and elected trial at the magistrates' court. Trial is at Horsham Magistrates' Court on 23 August 2023 at 10:00am and it is listed for a day. The District Council as prosecutors are actively preparing for trial and will be continuously reviewing all elements of the case as we are required to do under the Code for Crown Prosecutors. Prosecution of course does not resolve the issue of the Lagoon itself which we will be seeking a resolution to.

Crouchlands Proposed Developments and 22/02346/OUT Foxbridge Golf Club Foxbridge Lane – There is currently no determination dates for these but they are being monitored closely and there is regular contact with the officer. There will also be a meeting arrange with the Crouchlands landowner which was requested during the election period.

District Council Elections

The District Council Elections were held on Thursday 4th May and is now a Liberal Democrat led Council after 24 years of being Conservative led. The results saw 25 Liberal Democrat Councillors get elected (including 2 in the Loxwood Ward), 5 Conservative Councillors, 4 Selsey Local Alliance Councillors and 2 Green Councillors.

At the time of writing, we had not yet had the Full Council Meeting (due to take place on 17th May) which announces Cabinet roles as well as Committees and Panel responsibilities. We will give an update on this when he writes next month.

It was also not clear at the time of writing who would be the official opposition on the Council as there are a range of different options available. Again, we will update once we know.

Local Plan and Housing Allocation Numbers.

The intention of my group is that there will be a review of housing allocations on the local plan based on the outcome of the consultation of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). What this contains will enable us to ask for more evidence. We also might have some scope once the Levelling up Bill has been legislated by the Government.

The conclusion of the NPPF review was planned to be announced in the spring but we are advised that it has been delayed. In this case we are totally in the hands of government progress.

Our intention therefore is to review the local plan based on planned Government legislation. We would need this to review the plan but without it the risk is that it would not pass the inspectorate review. We are therefore currently in the hands of the Government, but our aim is certainly to explore if we can do something about housing allocation numbers.

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Meeting your District Councillors:

Gareth has the following surgery dates scheduled:

- Saturday 20 May – The Onslow, Loxwood (12pm-2pm)
- Saturday 3rd June – The Stag, Balls Cross (12pm-2pm)
- Saturday 17 June – Kirdford Village Stores, Kirdford (12pm-2pm)
- Saturday 1st July – Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green (12pm-2pm)
- Saturday 15th July – Ifold Stores, Ifold (12pm-2pm)

Charles is also planning to run surgeries which will offer more opportunity to see your District Councillor face to face. These will be published in due course.

Should the dates suggested not be suitable for you or there are any other reasons preventing you from seeing us we are also happy to do home visits, telephone calls or zoom calls.

Our contact details:

CLlr. Gareth Evans, email: gbevans@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 07958918056

CLlr. Charles Todhunter, email ctodhunter@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 07986344365

CLlr Evans also reported on the Southern Water outage which left many homes in the surrounding villages without water.

90. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding an aggressive dog. The resident was advised to report the incident to the Police and CDC.

91. Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair requested that a resilience meeting be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

92. Finance

- a) Bank Reconciliation – this was approved
- b) Monthly financial report – this was approved
- c) Payments for approval – these were approved
- d) A grant request from Kirdford PCC in the sum of £1,250 was approved.

It was agreed to include the following after receiving £72k CIL:

- A new budget heading Neighbourhood Plan Review and the sum of £40,000 to be allocated to this heading.
- Environmental Concerns/Equipment will receive a further £10k
- Village Improvement fund will receive a further £10k
- Planning support services will receive a further £12k

93. Insurance Renewal

After review, it was agreed to accept BHIB Council's premium quotation. (1,744.80) for the year 2023/24 commencing on 1 June 2023.

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94. Planning

Local Plan Update

Kirdford Parish Council were awaiting the results of the consultation.

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 still not 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 previously noted that the water neutrality documentation provided for this application was incorrect. Correspondence had been received from Hall & Woodhouse who had said they would be investigating this.

Decisions: None received.

Enforcement Notices: It was noted that the conditions place on the two Workshops would be placed under enforcement by CDC.

95. Planning Enforcement / TPOs: None received.

96. Neighbourhood Plan – Update

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

97. Recreation Ground and Pavilion Upkeep – Update

Initial drawings were due to be submitted to the Recreation Ground Committee.

98. Great Common Pavilion Update

Cllr Brooks advised that he was still seeking a professional water neutrality statement.

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99. Village Hall Refurbishment

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee spoke to the Parish Council and said wifi had been installed. A bat survey had been undertaken. They were investigating water offsetting. The architect produced draft drawings.

100. 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 recurred.

101. King Charles III Coronation

The parish had held a very successful event to celebrate King Charles III's Coronation, despite the weather all involved enjoyed the occasion.

102. CAGNE

No further update.

103. Health & Safety

It was noted that a footpath inspection would be undertaken by WSCC in June. Of particular concern was footpath 610 which had not been repaired properly when new overhead cables were installed.

It was reported that the noticeboard opposite the Village Hall had become loose and would need to be repaired.

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

19 June
17 July
18 September
16 October
20 November

105. Matters for Consideration at the Next Meeting

None.

Amanda Gillett
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Chairman

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Date