

Pevensey Parish Council

The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at St. Wilfrid's Church Hall, Pevensey Bay

Present Councillors Brookbank (Chair), Burton, Withey, Lowton, Pursglove and Hills + Rabbitts.

Apologies: None

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed

With the resignation of Cllr Sargent there is a vacancy on the F & G P Committee and it was proposed Cllr Hills, seconded Cllr Brookbank that Cllr Rabbitts be appointed to the committee. All agreed.

Election of a Vice Chairman

Cllr Hills was the only nomination and it was proposed Cllr Brookbank, seconded Cllr Burton that he be duly elected Vice Chairman. All Agreed.

Matters Arising:

Sea Road Car Park

Mr David Clark has indicated that he does wish to continue the contract as Car Park attendant and Cllr Withey has agreed to take over with immediate effect. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Clark thanking him for his past services and wishing him good health.

Cllr Rabbitts agreed to provide holiday cover for Cllr Withey if available and Cllr Withey will show him the ropes.

Expanding the website (referred from APM)

The feeling from the APM was the website was slightly old fashioned and in some cases not showing updated facts (such as the Mint House being a popular visitor attraction!) Cllr Burton agreed and suggested that the website should **inter alia** carry a list of what Council is responsible for as well as the responsibilities of Wealden District Council and ESCC. Cllr Brookbank suggested that this be added to the Wishlist and also asked if the Clerk could find out from the Webmaster what kind of costs might be involved. Currently there is no link from the website to Facebook.

Reviewing attendance at next year's APM (referred from the APM)

Cllr Lowton wanted to know what the point of any expansion would be. It was not considered practicable to invite a lot of external bodies to speak. As a first pass it was agreed to produce invitations which could be circulated to organisations at the Annual Information Day. Cllr MacKinnon suggested that some local businesses could be circulated and the event could be advertised more heavily in the Parish

Pump. It was agreed that there was time to think on this and it was agreed again that it should be placed on the Wish List for consideration.

Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Hills seconded Cllr Brookbank that the figures be accepted as presented. All in favour. The figures are included as an integral part of the Minutes.

Ethel Wood Community Centre

Nothing to report

Parish Maintenance

£650 ceiling agreed for refurbishment of the Entrance Gates at Bexhill Road.

Matters referred from Committees

None

Matters referred from Council

None

Correspondence

Email from Cllr Withey on behalf of the Allotment Society asking whether the hedges adjacent to the Recreation Ground could be removed. They are only cut back every two years and are gradually thickening and encroaching on the adjacent allotments taking up moisture from the ground. The Allotment Society would be able to cut the hedges down and the Parish Contractor may be able to dispose of the remains. From outside the meeting Cllr Beaney felt it was a good idea to get rid of the hedges. Cllr Burton had some reservations on an ecological basis and suggested we seek advice from Sussex Wildlife Trust. There was considerable discussion on this and it was agreed that everyone should visit the site to check out the hedge. Cllr Lowton felt that the question to Sussex Wildlife Trust should be more about how we can minimize the negative effect on the allotments and their ability to grow than the possible effect on any possible wildlife. Cllr Hills proposed that we grant permission subject to the approval of Sussex Wildlife Trust. All agreed except for Cllr Withey who abstained.

Email regarding a "Pot Luck" Lunch as part of The Great British Get-Together weekend which is commemorating Jo Cox. It is being held at EWCC on Sunday 18th June from 12 – 3 pm. Attendees just need to bring a dish of food to share and there will be a craft table for the kids.

Highways England (Peter Phillips) has emailed to say that he is quite receptive to the idea of placing the 1066 Arrow at the A259 Roundabout but some other colleagues have some issues and he is working on it.

Ian Thomas of PCDL confirming they have in mind £1000 donation towards a suitable project.

Paperwork re proposed filming on Pevensy Beach including PL insurance.

Date of Next Meeting

Council – 4th July 2017

