



WOODMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Blackstone Playing Field Pavilion on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

(Members of the Public were invited to attend)

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Present: WPC Cllrs. Broucke (Chair), P. Williams, J. Prangnell, M. Batchelor, D. Austin and M. Grimes
L. Bannister (Clerk)

Others Present: HDC Cllr. D. Coldwell
4 members of the public
Mr. R. Noel, Chair of Woodmancote Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

2019-41. Apologies

Apologies were given from Cllrs. Dixon and Underwood. These were accepted.

HDC Cllr. Staines also gave his apologies.

2019-42. Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th February 2019

It was RESOLVED to approve these, and they were duly signed by Cllr. Broucke.

2019-43. Action updates from previous Minutes

The Clerk has spoken to Vision ICT about the website and will put together a site map.

Cllrs. Broucke and Prangnell put the Speed Indicator Device up on the B2116.

2019-44. Declarations of interest from Members in respect of any items in the Agenda

Cllrs. Batchelor and Grimes declared interests in Woodmancote Hall as trustees of the CIO.

2019-45. Open Forum

Members of the public were made aware that due to the Data Protection Act, members of the public may be recorded as being present at the meeting, and that the room is monitored by CCTV (which is not under the control of WPC).

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak

Mr Noel reported that the Woodmancote News website is now up and running (woodmancotenews.co.uk). Posts are up to date and he will be adding to the blog on a weekly basis. Mr Noel will deliver leaflets to residents soon to advertise this new website.

Regarding the CIO, Mr Noel reported that he has been in contact with MP Nick Herbert's office, who has offered to support the refurbishment of Woodmancote Hall and speak at any fundraising events.

Hilary Pierce attended the meeting to answer any questions about the re-allocation of Furners Lane application.

The meeting resumed

2019-46. Reports from other Authorities:

46.1. Horsham District Council

Cllr. Coldwell reported that HDC will be considering the sale of surplus lands at their cabinet meeting on 21st March. This will include the garages at Blackstone. HDC hope that the site would achieve circa £175,000, but the site has yet to be valued by the District Valuer. There is no timescale for this yet.

Cllr. Batchelor asked if residents that have written to HDC regarding the garage site will receive responses. Cllr. Coldwell will follow up on this.

Cllr. Austin asked why he couldn't attend the Planning and Development Policy Advisory Group. Cllr. Coldwell advised that this is not a public meeting.

Cllr. Austin also asked if WPC could see the Mayfields Pre-Planning Advice. Cllr. Coldwell will see if this can be circulated.

46.2. West Sussex County Council

Cllr. Barling expected to be late to the meeting.

2019-47. Planning

47.1. DC/19/0287 1 Bilsborough Barn, Furners Lane

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows:-

'Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application if the use can be legally proven. However, council objects to an independent dwelling being approved as this doesn't fall within the residential curtilage of the site. In any event, council would request that drainage matters are addressed as the drainage needs for the accommodation must have changed when the use became residential.'

47.2. DC/19/0476 West Winds, Brighton Road

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows:-

'Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application provided that all drainage matters are dealt with and that comments on previous applications are adhered to.'

47.3. Any applications received since publication of the Agenda

None.

2019-48. Planning updates

An enforcement notice was issued on 17th March for Two Hoots.

The Marthas Barn application was withdrawn.

2019-49. Blackstone Playing Fields

An updated draft lease has been received from the solicitor. This was missing the reservation of land, which the solicitor is looking into. Subject to this being included, the lease was agreed.

The lease between WPC and the Allen family trust has not yet been seen.

Sussex Cricket has contacted the stoolball club to say that they intend to lay an artificial strip of grass on the pitch. This has not come in to WPC formally, and so the Clerk will email Sussex Cricket to say that this will not be allowed until a request has been received via the council. WPC would expect the entrance gates to be prioritised before any other work.

2019-50. Entrance gates

This will be adjourned until the next meeting.

2019-51. Quotes for pavement and ditch clearance

WSCC has not yet responded to the request to clear the pavements along the A281.

The landowner in Blackstone responsible for the ditch clearance has implied that they would do the work needed.

2019-52. Annual leave for Clerk

The Clerk requested 4 days annual leave from 15th to 18th April. This was approved.

2019-53. 2019 Elections & Purdah

The Clerk reminded Members that if they want to stand for election they will need to contact HDC to request a nomination pack.

The Clerk advised Members about actions they shouldn't take during Purdah.

2019-54. Woodmancote Hall

54.1. Update from Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

The CIO is still waiting for a decision from the Diocese about splitting the cottage and the hall.

Cllr. Broucke understood that that Diocese doesn't feel this would be beneficial.

54.2. Loan application

The loan application form has been received.

54.3. Next steps

There are no actions for the council to take at this time.

2019-55. Finance/Payment

55.1. Reconciled accounts & bank statement

These were agreed and signed by Cllr. Batchelor.

55.2. Payments:-

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following:-

- a. WSCC – Invoice for Clerk's salary for February – £343.10
- b. WSCC – Invoice for payroll administration - £37.74
- c. Expenses for Clerk - £138.75

Cheques were signed by Cllrs. Grimes and Williams.

Cllr. Coldwell left the meeting

2019-56. Correspondence/meetings

56.1. Upper Beeding Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

No comments will be made on this, but the Clerk will wish Upper Beeding Parish Council support.

56.2. Re-allocation of Furners Lane

A letter has been received from a member of the public who has made an application to re-allocate Furners Lane as a restricted byway. No formal consultation from WSCC has been received yet.

Signs advertising this have been put up on the footpath, and in response to this a member of the public has sent in an objection.

56.3. Inter-parish meeting

Cllrs. Williams and Austin attended this. They reported that the Pre-Planning Advice for Mayfield should be forthcoming. Mid Sussex DC and HDC disagreed at the meeting about whether or not the advice should have been provided.

There was a suggestion that Henfield, Shermanbury and WPC meet with Horsham planners regularly.

56.4. Command & Control room visit

Cllrs. Williams and Austin attended this and reported that it was excellent. The Clerk will write to Sussex Police to thank them for the visit and their professionalism.

2019-57. Other business

The Speed Indicator Device will be moved to the A281.

There was a shed broken into in Blackstone.

A dog that has been worrying the sheep has been put down.

2019-58. Date of next meeting

This will be on Tuesday 9th April 2018 at 7.30 pm and will be the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held at Blackstone Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm