

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2017

Present

Councillors P. Miles (Chairman), J. Ray (Vice-Chairman),
C. Hollamby, S. Rickman-Smith, J. Snuggs
County Councillor K. Field
District Councillor E. Kirby-Green
Members of the public

1. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**
Councillor Snuggs declared a personal interest in item 8.1, as he is the Treasurer of Mountfield PCC and will not take part in the voting. No other interests were declared.
2. **DISPENSATIONS**
None requested.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Councillors Hardy and O'Sullivan.
4. **ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
RESOLVED - that the draft minutes of the MPC Annual Meeting held 09.05.17 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the meeting. Councillor Snuggs proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - 5.1 *County Council report (ESCC) - Councillor K. Field*
 - *The Q4 Monitoring Group has met and there is a serious issue that ESCC have missed their target for those killed or seriously injured in road accidents.*
 - *The ESCC Broadband Team report that "things are going very well."*
 - *All high rise buildings in East Sussex have been inspected for fire risk and are declared safe, but ESCC state they must not be complacent.*
 - *Councillor Rickman-Smith reported large amounts of rubbish in the school car park and has reported this to both ESCC and RDC. Councillors Field and Kirby-Green are to take this further.*
 - 5.2 *District Council report (RDC) - Councillor E. Kirby-Green*
 - *RDC are working with Wealden DC to improve driver behaviour as the majority of road accidents are caused by driver error. It was thought by all that the majority of speeding drivers benefit from the optional Driver Awareness Courses. One of the main speeding problems is delivery drivers having to complete a large number of drops during the working day.*
 - *The type of cladding used in the Grenfell fire tragedy is not used in Rother.*
 - *The new waste collection contract is out for tender. The authorities involved are Rother/Wealden/Eastbourne and maybe Hastings. The new contract will come into force in 2019.*
 - *A second consultation will be carried out regarding Bexhill Governance.*
 - *Community Led Housing Project - RDC have been awarded £700,000 for this to help with affordable housing. They have appointed AiRS to facilitate this.*
 - 5.3 *Public Question Time - no questions.*

THE MEETING RECONVENED

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- This item was brought forward with the agreement of the Members
9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING REVIEW
 - There has been further information on the “right to buy.” There is a voluntary agreement between Housing Associations and Central Government that the right to buy would be optional and Housing Associations can opt out of the right to buy scheme.
 - This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
 6. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME (standing item)
 - The Chairman has a meeting with Richard Parker-Harding next Tuesday and he is to contact Sarah Iles, Planning Development Control Officer, at ESCC.
 - There are still difficulties and many residents are not happy.
 7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Clerk is to amend the Grant Awarding Policy, emphasising the difference between grants and donations. **ACTION - CLERK**

RESOLVED - the adopt the following policies and procedures, Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor Rickman-Smith seconded, the voting was unanimous.

 - Complaints Procedure
 - Data Protection Policy
 - Disciplinary Policy
 - Document Retention Policy
 - Equality and Diversity Policy
 - Freedom of Information Policy
 - Grievance Procedure
 8. GRANTS AND DONATIONS
 - 8.1 **RESOLVED** - to grant the sum of £3,460.00 to Mountfield PCC for boundary improvements to the churchyard. Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor Rickman-Smith seconded. The Chairman and Councillor Snuggs were in favour of the resolution, Councillor Ray objected as he thought the work should be carried out over a period of time and not all at once.
 - 8.2 **RESOLVED** - to donate the sum of £150.00 to the Conquest Hospital new MRI Scanner Appeal. Councillor S. Rickman-Smith proposed and Councillor Ray seconded. The Chairman and Councillor Snuggs were in favour of the resolution. Councillor Hollamby abstained.
 10. STOP BALL NETTING AT KING GEORGE’S FIELD
Due to time constraints, this item to be carried forward to the next meeting.
 11. PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING
Due to time constraints, this item to be carried forward to the next meeting.
 12. DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE JOHN’S CROSS AREA
Due to time constraints, this item to be carried forward to the next meeting.
 13. VILLAGE SIGN REFURBISHMENT
The Clerk is expecting a quotation very shortly.
 14. PLANNING (standing item)
 - 14.1 No planning applications for consideration.
 - 14.2 MPC responses to planning applications made under delegated authority
 - RR/2017/1146/P Darvel Down - concerns, general comment only.
 - RR/2017/926/P 13 Hoath Hill - MPC did not comment.
 - 14.3 No other planning matters for discussion.

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14. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
- 14.1 MPC items on RDC enforcement list
- The lighting and noise issues at Coussens Cranes appear to have improved.
 - Signage outside John's Cross Café has been reported to RDC, not by MPC.
- 14.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
16. ROADS, PATHS, VERGES (standing item)
Councillor Rickman-Smith has reported the motor-bike racing on the A21 several times to the Police. They arrive, but then leave very quickly without any action.
17. FINANCE (standing item)
- 17.1 Bank balances at 30.06.17
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| MPC deposit account | £31,062.91 |
| MPC current account | £490.36 |
| KGF custom account | £4,613.39 |
- 17.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve the following payments. Councillor Snuggs proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk, salary/home office (Jun/Jul17), expenses | 891.74 |
| Playsafety, playground inspection 2017 | 109.20 |
| Playfoot Engineering, container painting at KGF | 2,613.60 |
| Dallington PCC, churchyard boundary improvements | 3,460.00 |
| Conquest Hospital Scanner Appeal | 150.00 |
| TOTAL | £7,224.54 |
- 17.3 **RESOLVED** - to approve the first quarter accounts 2017-18 at 30.06.17 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Snuggs proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 17.4 The Members received and noted the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 30.06.17.
18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
12th September 2017 - at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.