



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall, Ardingly

Present:

Mr. M. Brixey (Chairman)
Mr. D. Stutchbury
Mr. J. Aloof
Mrs. R. Chalk
Mrs. F. Rocks

Mr. R. Lawson
Mr. B. Strutton
Mr. S. Noel
Mr. K. Monk
Mr. W. Meldrum

In Attendance:

Mrs. S. Mamoany (Clerk)
5 members of the public

Comments from the public:

Tom Smith, High Street commented on the issues with speeding traffic through the village and damaged caused to cars, in particular at night time. Pedestrian safety is of great concern. Photographic evidence was available which had been sent to Fiona Rocks.

Geoffrey Boxall, College Road commented on the fact he was not in favour of speed cushions for many reasons including vibration, noise and pollution issues. He felt the use of SID machines were a positive move which could assist with the speed reduction.

Sarah Chapman commented that she was disappointed the original Traffic Report was not being implemented, however it was important to have some form of traffic calming and felt strongly residents should be involved.

The above items are related to item 872 on the agenda.

869.	Procedural Matters 869.1 Apologies were received from Pam Dennis and Rachel Jarvis. 869.2 No declarations of interest were made. 869.3 The minutes of the meeting dated 7 th June 2016 were AGREED and signed as a true and accurate record.	
870.	Matters arising from the previous minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda KM reported that he met with Burgess Hill Girls school and the 6 students and 2 members of staff spent 4 hours picking up rubbish around the village. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks and it was AGREED that a donation for £20 would be made to the School house charities.	Clerk

	Richard Speller had looked at the wild flower area in College Road and is arranging the necessary licence to stop this area being cut in the future in the growing season.	RS
	JA has not yet spoken with Mr & Mrs Brown regarding the Village Voice distribution.	JA
871.	<p>Finance</p> <p>871.1 The schedule of receipts/payments were circulated for June and these were AGREED and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>871.2 The Clerk reported the following expenses in relation to the Parish Council's attendance at the South of England Show. Trade Stand at discounted rate of £324, posters, banner, stationery £312.28, refreshments £172.54. It was noted that many of the printed items can be used again at other events. The costs came in under the £1000 budget agreed by the Council.</p> <p>872.3 It was resolved that a small safe suitable for storing computer data back-up would be purchased within a budget of £30. The Clerk was to check fire resistance times.</p>	Clerk
872.	<p>Environment & Traffic Committee</p> <p>872.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd June 2016 were circulated and noted.</p> <p>872.2 FR reported that with the budget of £87,000 (from S106 funds) for build costs this does not purchase much in the way of Traffic Calming and although the original Traffic Plan (2013) was the objective, due to the costs and some Highways restrictions on 'B' roads it cannot be fully implemented. A 20 mph zone is not possible as current speeds are too high in the village to implement. Highways advised the cost to implement the Traffic Plan (2013) would be in the region of £500,000.</p> <p>Moving forward the scheme will comprise of gateways (with added traffic calming measures ie, roundels on road, coloured strips), removal of white lines on some areas of the roads, repeater signs/roundels on College Road, 2 drop kerb crossings with posts, 40mph buffer zone on Lindfield Road, bollards outside 22 High Street and portable SID machine units that will be moved around the village.</p> <p>Due to Highways recommendations that build-outs in College Road would not work due to the traffic flows on this road the only other option would be speed cushions. Together with the College Road Focus Group a leaflet was produced and circulated to get feedback from residents on College Road and the roads leading off as well. Approximately 200 leaflets were delivered and response to date was 13 said yes and 47 said no. Thanks was given to Andrew Lambert for his assistance with putting together the leaflet and distribution.</p> <p>It was noted that speed data has been taken on other parts of College Road and the Council are awaiting the information from WSCC.</p> <p>It was noted that a safety audit would be carried out on all of the scheme and once the scheme was agreed it would go forward for detailed design in 2016/17 and delivery in 2017/18.</p> <p>872.3 The Council resolved to agree the Traffic Calming Scheme <u>excluding</u> the speed cushions as detailed on the WSCC map prepared by Simon Osborne.</p> <p>872.4 FR proposed that from the feedback received from residents so far that speed cushions are not the preferred option for the village and the Council resolved <u>not to move forward</u> with the speed cushions.</p> <p>872.5 FR requested that the Council put forward a request to the Department of Transport for a Traffic Calming in operation sign for the village. It was resolved that the Council would apply.</p>	Clerk
873.	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>873.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th June 2016 were circulated and noted.</p> <p>873.2 MB/DS will attend the Mid Sussex District Plan Update Meeting to be held on the 8th July.</p>	MB/DS
874.	<p>Recreation Ground Committee</p> <p>874.1 DS reported that he had met with the surveyor regarding amendments to the number of toilets in the building and they are currently looking at space for the electrical/plumbing services. Mechanical and electrical survey is being carried out to look at suitable methods of heating, etc and the supply of services to the building.</p>	DS

	<p>It was noted that the external lighting had been sorted and was now working outside the pavilion and in the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>874.2 Following reports from residents regarding the condition of the trees at Oaklands, a quotation was obtained for the removal of deadwood to the trees in this area as some branches had fallen off in the road and some were overhanging cables. It was resolved to proceed with the quotation for £800 to have this work carried out, using a local contractor who was reliable and in the past provided good value for money.</p>	Clerk
875.	<p>Emergency Planning Committee</p> <p>875.1 JA had attended the EPLG Meeting on the 30th June 2016</p>	
876.	<p>Training, events and attendance at outside meetings</p> <p>876.1 MSALC AGM – 19th July 2016 – no members are available to attend.</p>	
877.	<p>Allotments</p> <p>877.1 SN/WM attended the Allotment open afternoon/evening which was well attended and it was noted that they allotment holders had achieved a great deal over the past 12 months. Some ditching work is going to be carried out to help improve the drainage on the site.</p> <p>The Clerk noted the troughs and sign were all completed and would be applying for the grant funding now all expenditure had been completed.</p>	Clerk
878.	<p>Highways Cluster Group</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
879.	<p>Ardingly Summer Fayre</p> <p>879.1 WM advised that he would be asking Phil Payne if he could organise the Fun Run, which would comprise of a childrens and adult race. The Council resolved a budget of £500 for the Fun Run which would pay for t-shirts and any other items needed. The run will be held on the afternoon of the Fayre.</p> <p>In addition, FR proposed that the Parish Council could provide a climbing wall for the young people. The Council resolved a budget of up to £1000 for this from the Youth budget. It is possible to hire this type of equipment through the Scouts.</p> <p>MB/RL/KM/DS/JA/BS advised they would be available to assist on the day of the Fayre.</p> <p>WM confirmed insurance to cover the events would be arranged through the Village Club. The Clerk advised that any outside traders should provide their own public liability cover and the Parish Council will need a copy of the cover in place.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>FR</p> <p>WM</p>
880.	<p>South of England Agricultural Show</p> <p>880.1 DS reported that the Parish Council stand at the Show had received good feedback with 185 people visiting the stand, including residents, other Parish Councillors and District Councillors.</p> <p>It was noted that after the Show, Priceholme had received a lot of new interest which was beneficial to them and awareness of what the Parish Council does and what clubs are available in the village was promoted, the Council were also mentioned in the Mid Sussex Times.</p> <p>The Society had given the Parish Council a generous discount for the trade stand which cost £324. Many of the resources which were purchased can be used again and it was suggested that a couple of open mornings should be run in the year with Councillors present using these resources.</p> <p>Thanks was given to FR/Mrs Meldrum for designing the posters and assistance from DS/RL/BS/JA/RC/SN who helped man the stand over the three days.</p>	
881.	<p>Parish Council Storage and Resources</p> <p>FR noted that the Council should be mindful about resources and reusing items that have been purchased for example, bunting, leaflet holders. A log of resources should be noted for future reference, although storage is an issue. It might be possible for the pavilion to have a storage cupboard available for Council usage depending on the final layout.</p>	FR/Clerk

882.	Bus Services in Ardingly MB reported that PD had gone to visit the Bus Company following the last meeting, unfortunately the person she needed to speak to was unavailable.	
883.	Christmas Tree Lights 883.1 RC reported that she had received two quotes from Blanchare who were a professional lighting company. £2,981 for warm lights and £3,065 for sparkling lights. This included complete installation on the Oak tree and connection to fuse board. RC will pursue the quotes for sparkling style lighting in order to have three for the September meeting so that a decision can be made in order that the lights will be up in time for December 2016. It was resolved that a budget in the region of £3,500 would be used from Council reserves.	RC
884.	St Peters Church 884.1 A request has been received from St Peters Church to put a further notice board on the side of the bus stop. It was noted that the bus stop has a window on one side and the other side would not be seen much so it was resolved that the Council would not agree to this request.	
885.	Village Car Park 885.1 The Clerk had circulated the correspondence from MSDC relating to the possible purchase of the car park in Street Lane. The options for the Council to consider were as follows: 1 – Freehold purchase at £40,000 with an overage clause of 40% of the uplift in value and a restriction on redevelopment over the next 60 years. 2 – Leasehold purchase at nil premium, £1000 pa for a term of 21 years with a rent review every 3 years base on RPI increase. 3 – Leasehold purchase with a one off payment, premium at £12,000 for a period of 21 years. 4 – No action. The legal/surveyors costs would be in the region of £1,250. The Council noted that maintenance costs need to be considered, however the village need this area as a car park and for the use of hall hirers. It was resolved that DS will contact MSDC to discuss the options further and find out if the S106 funds can be used towards the purchase price and report back to the next PC Meeting.	DS
886.	Local Community Awards 886.1 Following discussions, it was resolved to nominate Melanie Bunn and Barbara Monk for the MSDC Community Awards this year.	Clerk
887.	Parish Council Website FR noted that the website is often out of date and it was discussed how this can be improved. The Clerk advised finding the time to keep on top of this is difficult. It was noted that anyone can update the site if they are set up with a password. It was resolved that SN would have access and would look at trying to update the site where possible.	SN
888.	Consultations No consultations noted.	
889.	Correspondence Emails had been received from two residents relating to item 872 regarding speed cushions not being suitable for the village. Nick Blackwell had visited the Parish Surgery and raised concerns regarding communication and updates on the website regarding the Traffic Calming. The Clerk had sent him further information requested and made some updates on the website.	
890.	Matters arising or for future inclusion on agenda Agenda items requested for next meeting: Purchase of SID machines Bus stop maintenance BS noted that the bench opposite the Bakery was in need of repair and also that some household rubbish has been dumped behind the leylandi trees adjacent to Holmans.	Clerk Clerk
891.	Future meeting dates Please note no August Parish Council Meeting Planning Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 6 th September 2016 at 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 6 th September 2016 at 7.30 pm	

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 PM