



**A meeting of the Parish Council held in
the Village Hall, Northiam at
7pm on Thurs 8th FEBRUARY 2018**

MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Wontner-Smith, Cllr Sitford

2) ATTENDEES:

Cty Cllr Davies (AD); Dist Cllrs Jenkins (IJ) & Mooney (MM); Cllrs Sargent (PS), Farmer (PF), Maltby (RM), Harding (JH), Streatfeild (JS) Pratt (DP) & Johnson (DJ)
13 members of the public

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllrs Pratt & Johnson re Items 8 a & e

4) ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS - To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Clerk by 9:00am on the day of the meeting:

RR/2018/266/FN see item 10

5) REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: - Maximum of 15 minutes.

- a) There was a request for an update on the library; PS was able to advise on the optimistic response from ESCC.
- b) There was an enquiry as to what NPC have planned for the cars parking on "restricted byway" on the Village Green - they were advised that we are unable to close the road and there was very little we can do. It should be noted we have had no complaints from residents. PF suggested the drain be inspected, Clerk will action
- c) There was a complaint about speed controls & the road surface in Quickbourne Lane. This is to be followed up by AD & MM, as apparently RDC are aware of the problems

Action Clerk

Action AD & MM

6) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 11th JANUARY 2018: Were approved, signed & adopted.

7) REPORTS by PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

PS reported on the meeting with ESCC regarding our proposals for the library, should ESCC decide to withdraw support and he has also met with the Football Club & Julian Lockett to arrange an in-depth inspection of facilities by the Football Association.

RM reported he has received a number of complaints about dog fouling; the possibility of greater publicity was discussed.

PF advised the Cold Calling campaign was to be instigated, but we need more information from RDC, she will liaise with them

Action PF

DJ reported has had meetings with 3 potential suppliers for the Playground, one quotation has been received the others are awaited.

JS reported that there will be a meeting with the Sports Hall committee in 12 days time, but it would appear there is little possibility of a Youth club as the Hall is booked every night up until 21-00 hours. AD, who is also involved pointed out that there appeared to be a lack of direction on this whole project, although she is very pleased with the progress being made regarding the future of the library.

AD, MM & IJ all supplied written reports which are attached to the Minute Book

8) PLANNING:

- a) RR/2017/2704/L - Wellington Cott., Ewhurst Lane - removal of lean-to - **No objection**
- b) RR/2017/2465/L - Summer Cott., Main Street - replace windows - **No objection**
- c) RR/2018/158/TN, RR/2018/159/TN - BT - siting of broadband boxes - **Noted**
- d) RR/2018/328/P - The Mill, Station Rd., - Alterations & build two new houses - **Was NOT supported and we have requested this application be called in.**
- e) RR/2018/283/P - Gamblers, Ewhurst Lane - extension & new roof. - **No objection**
- f) RR/2018/19/P - The Pond House, Beales Lane - extension & alterations - **No objection**

9) ALL PLANNING DECISIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS:

10) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :

RR/2018/266/FN - This landed property has been the subject of considerable controversy and a failed appeal and, as we strongly object to the proposals we have asked RDC to refuse it. It was noted that NPC were unhappy about the lack of transparent communication from RDC about this application, which straddles the border of Beckley & Northiam, at which IJ delivered a robust defence of RDC Planning Dept. staff and their methodology.

11) VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a) Library proposals which were submitted to the relevant officers at ESCC in the event they decide to withdraw support and they have offered the Council some of the Donsmead monies to help towards upgrading facilities.
- b) Allotment Hedges - DP is to liaise re the proposed works
- c) Jubilee Mugs - PS proposed that we offer them to the Village Hall Trust and the Church Hall to use, it was resolved this be done.
- d) Precept consultation regarding Blue Cross - PS suggested the consultation day and the count days take place on a Sunday as most people would be able to attend. This was unanimously approved.
- e) Conservation area - the Society have requested the support of the Parish Council in attempting to have Mill Corner included in the area following a consultation of residents there. Clerk to contact relevant officer at RDC

Action Clerk

12) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

The Conservation Society wishes to hold a three day event to mark the armistice of 1918, it was agreed the Council will support however it can

13) FINANCE:

All financial information has been previously circulated to all Councillors & is available on the web site.

14) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:

- a) Cemetery Fees - That these should be reviewed was suggested by auditors and as a result been submitted to the financial sub-committee and the Clerk is to obtain comparable charges at other cemeteries.

Action Clerk & Finance S/C

15) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

As per list provided to Cllrs - Copy attached to Minute Book

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:30
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN THE JENKINS ROOM AT 7-30 pm 8th MARCH 2018**



**Cllr. Penny Farmer, Vice Chairman,
Northiam Parish Council**

PAYMENT LIST 8th MARCH 2018

PLEASE SIGN EACH CHEQUE, AND INITIAL EVERY STUB & INVOICE

Payee	Amount	Cheque No
Office Outlet (BX Stationery)	109-94	611
Royal Mail (Reply licence)	116-40	612
Solopress (BX printing)	220-00	613
Discount Envelopes (BX)	113-39	614
G C I (Broadband)	20-41	615
Land, Lake (Fencing)	714-00	616
Cartridge King (INK)	60-95	617
J O'Conner (grass contract)	891-46	619
N V H T (room hire)	84-00	618
D Johnson (litter pick)	200-00	620
Clerk (salary)	915-53	621
Hedges Direct (Allotments)	155-99	622
Sussex F A (Pitch survey)	100-00	623

Other payments made and credits received

DIRECT DEBITS

RECEIPTS