



You are summoned to a meeting of the
Parish Council held in the Village Hall
Northiam at 7pm 9th NOVEMBER 2017

MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Johnson & Pratt

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

3) 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:

There were none

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

Library closure - an update was requested Cllr Davies was able to report on her strenuous efforts on our behalf.

A complaint was lodged about the parking of construction workers vehicles at Ghyllside, the Clerk to approach the Site Manager.

An update on the bank suggestion was requested - dealt with under 13) Finance other matters

5) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 12th OCTOBER 2017

Were approved, signed and adopted.

6) REPORTS by PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Sargent reported that the playground inspection had taken place and that further items of equipment were now at their end-of-life, so there would need to be additional expenditure next year.

Cllr Streatfeild reported that attempts to list the Blue Cross oast were ongoing.

ESCC Cllr submitted a written report, copy attached to the Minute Book.

Dist Cllr Mooney submitted a written report, copy attached to the Minute Book.

Dist Cllr Jenkins submitted a written report, copy attached to the Minute Book

7) PLANNING:

a) RR/2017/2227/P - Great Goteley Farm, Church Rd. - steel framed building & 2 containers - **This Parish Council does not support this retrospective application because this property has been subject to five enforcement actions due to building works being undertaken without planning permission. This retrospective application fails to convince that these buildings are suitable for the type of work outlined within the documentation. Therefore the applicant has not been able fulfill the requirements for building in the countryside & ancient woodlands. (Contrary to Policy RA3 (iii) & EN1 (vi))**

b) RR/2017/2327/P - Crockers Barn Farm, Crockers Lane - convert buildings to residential property - **This Council does not support this application because the applicant has not been able fulfil the requirements for building in the countryside, (Contrary to Paragraph 55 NPPF & Policy RA3 (iii)). The building would cause an unacceptable level of harm to the distinctive and historic rural setting. This will also have an impact on the protected status of the AONB, (Policies OSS3, (vi) OSS4 (iii) RA2, RA3, RA4 & EN1). Additionally the buildings would generate an unacceptable level of urbanisation within a rural environment**

c) RR/2017/2329/L - Oakside, Main St., - Structural support & fire protection works -
This Parish Council supports this application

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

9) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :

Cllr Farmer reported the conversion of a front garden to a parking facility about which she is in contact with ESCC & RDC Enforcement.

10) VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a) Christmas matters, The Carol service at the Christmas tree will be at 5-30 pm on 5th December followed by nibbles & punch in the Church Hall. Cllr Sargent asked for approval to buy new lighting (thanks to the theft last year) at £250, which was unanimously approved.
- b) Speed limit - Ewhurst Lane, ESCC have advised that, so far, there is no reason to judge this as necessary.
- c) Dog bins - it was resolved that the Council will carry out an audit and review of the contract in conjunction with RDC.

11) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

- a) Northiam Nursery has asked for a contribution, their request has been delegated to the Finance Sub-Committee, along with the similar request from Rother Rural Trust.
- b) Frewen College Wall are applying for a Lottery Grant and wish us to support them in their fund raising efforts; it was resolved we provide them with written support.

12) FINANCE:

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

13) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:

- c) Banking - It was reported that a search for suitable additional banking facilities is ongoing, however there is difficulty in finding banks that will deal with Parish Councils and the application process is somewhat long-winded and tortuous.

14) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

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



Signed.....Date.....14.12.17.....

Cllr. Peter Sargent, Chairman, Northiam Parish Council

PAYMENT LIST 9th NOVEMBER 2017

PLEASE SIGN EACH CHEQUE, AND INITIAL EVERY STUB & INVOICE

Payee	Amount	Cheque No
N V H T (Room hire)	£27-00	574
Northiam Village Club (Insurance)	£295-00	575
J O'Conner (grass cut)	£892-46	576
J O'Connor (official seal stamp)	£52-90	577
Came & Co (Insurance)	£1,939.95	578
Clerk (salary)	£975-98	579

Other payments made and credits received

DIRECT DEBITS

S E Water (Cemetery)	£22-77	15 Nov
S E Water (Allotments)	£131-15	15 Nov

RECEIPTS

!2/10/17	Conservation Soc'y Xmas lights contribution	£115-00
12/10.17	Perigoe's - Cemetery	£100-00
13/10/17	Allotment Rent	£160-00
23/10/17	Tedham - Cemetery	£150-00