



**A Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall,
Northiam 13th June 2019**

MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES:

Cllr Wontner-Smith

2) ATTENDEES:

Cty Cllr Davies (AD); Dist Cllr Mooney (MM) Cllrs Biggs (AB), Farmer (PF), Harding (JH), Johnson (DJ), Maltby (RM), Sargent (PS). 8 members of the public and Conservation Soc'y rep Sarah Giles (SG)

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none

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:

Grass Cutting; Cemetery; Internal Audit - see Item 13a), b) & c)

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

- a) There was a request for an update on the Library; PS advised that, as the Club cannot afford to carry out the necessary remedial works we shall have to seek an alternative location once the Scout Hut is no longer available.
- b) SG gave an update report on the Conservation Society that included the fact that the Speed Watch team has had their first foray and in an hour they recorded eight drivers exceeding the speed limit.

6) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 9th May 2019 were agreed, accepted and adopted.

7) REPORTS BY PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

PS had made his only relevant report in 5 a) above.

RM gave an update on the Cinema's next showing and reported he hoped to be selling locally produced ice cream at the next showing on 15th, which will be "Stan & Olly"

JH reported on RALC are wishing to finalise matters with Ordnance Survey. It was resolved unanimously that we would subscribe to this service at an approx cost of £40 per annum.

DP reported a damaged bench in Ewhurst Lane.

PF reported on her meeting with the PCSO, who plans to make a weekly visit to the Village Hall on a Thursday. She also reminded us that the meeting with ESCC Highways was scheduled for 3rd July, but this may have to be changed.

DJ reported on the disgusting state of the surface of the Surgery Car Park which could prove dangerous to the elderly, Clerk reported he was in contact with RDC.

AD had submitted her customary written report but wished to report on two consultations being run by ESCC, one on Adult Social care and the other on Early Help for the less able.

MM had submitted a written report in conjunction with Dist Cllr Ganly that is attached to the Minute Book.

8) PLANNING:

- a. RR/2019/1308/P - Ty Croeso, Main St., garage conversion & 1st Floor extension - There was no objection to this application

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

10) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :

11) VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a) **Grass & Hedges:** The contractors are failing badly and not carrying out the works according to the schedule; it was resolved the Clerk would write and register our dissatisfaction and threaten them that if there was no improvement we would cancel the contract; in the meantime we would withhold any further payments.
- b) **Cemetery:** AB proposed that a working party of volunteers be organized to assist in maintaining the Cemetery; it was resolved he would commence investigating the practicalities, including requesting publicity in the Parish Magazine.
- c) **Internal Audit :** The Clerk reported the finalisation and circulated copies of the accounts and the auditor's report; It was resolved they both be accepted and adopted and that the Clerk should submit them to the external auditors for signing off

12) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

13) FINANCE:

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

14) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:

15) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 11th JULY IN THE JENKINS ROOM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Sargent', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cllr. Peter Sargent, Chairman, Northiam Parish Council

PAYMENT LIST 13th JUNE 2019

Payee	Amount	Cheque No
NVHT (room hire) 335	30-00	773
Cartridge King (Ink) 1024868745327	27-73	774
Information Commissioner (G D P R)	40-00	772
HMRC (PAYE)	584-20	775
D Johnson (Litter pick)	200-00	776
C S I (IT support) 4724	90-00	777
R Harrington-Lowe (Salary)	1,151-76	778

Direct Debits

Receipts

24-05-19	Perigoe's (Cemetery)	360-00
29-05-19	Allotments Water	68-70
29-05-19	Allotments (Rent)	160-00