



Sedlescombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 19:00 in Committee Room 2 of Sedlescombe Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Pauline Glew (Chairman) (PG). Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall (JVH). Parish & District Cllr Beverley Coupar (BC) - . Cllr Roy Chapman (RC), Cllr David Caney (DC), Cllr Nikki Moore (NM), cllr.Jackie Saull-Hunt (JSH), Cllr.Lindy Latreille (LL)
Mrs Jackie Scarff (Clerk/RFO)
District & County Cllr. Carl Maynard

Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion.

There were no members of the public.

End of public participation.

Item	Item (C23.)	
47	To receive and accept Apologies (LGA 1972 s85 (1)) Apologies were given and accepted from cllr Saunders for personal reasons.	
48	Interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct To receive councillors' declarations of interest regarding matters on the agenda and consider any written requests for dispensation as a result. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. There were no requirements to grant any dispensations. Reminder any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk. RC declared an interest as a Trustee of the VH and did not take part in the discussion.	
49	To receive questions from members on reports from the District and County Councillors. There were no questions.	
50	To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd May 2023, to approve these minutes and authorise the chairman to sign them as a correct record. Resolved that the chairman is authorised to sign the minutes held on 22 nd May 2023 as a correct record.	
51	If the committee wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed: 'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2), the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.' There was no requirement to pass this resolution.	
11	To consider asking the village hall to add a clause to their proposed constitution. The clerk explained that the hall trustees are looking to change the type of charity status they hold. In order to ensure that the hall remains for the benefit of the residents in the long term the cllrs are asked to consider whether to instruct the clerk to ask the trustees to put a clause into the constitution to approach the parish council first to take over the running of the hall and deal with any debts in the event that they are unable to resolve the debts themselves. Resolved that the clerk will ask the trustees of the village hall to add a clause to discuss the transfer of the village hall to the Parish Council as a first option in the event that they are unable to pay off any debt.	
12	To consider how to spend the money donated by a group of societies in the village. Resolved the money (£1074.75) will be put into an EMR until a suitable idea was received.	
13	To discuss the proposal to take over the Brede Lane toilets and car parks. The clerk explained that the results were overwhelmingly positive to look at taking over both the car park and toilets. There were thoughts put forward about how this could be done and what the facilities should include.	

	<p>The large oaks in the carpark were discussed and will require further discussion with RDC. Resolved that in principle the PC will look to take over the carpark and toilets subject to discussions with RDC regarding title, funding and work to be done in the meantime.</p>	
14	<p>To discuss and agree any priorities to be given to the PCSO's The current format of meetings with PC representatives will change and be less frequent. The clerk was asked to ask the PCSO's to attend the school at drop off and pick up times as well as visiting the village at different times of the day during the summer holiday season to deter potential crimes.</p>	
15	<p>To present the current outstanding resolutions and agree any actions required. There is no further news regarding the pole on The Green. The lines on the new court at EVT should be done in the next few weeks. The dealings with S E Water concerning Riverside Recreation Ground will now be passed to the solicitors. Further updates to the website. The clerk explained that a resident in the village who is familiar with word press websites had offered to help and that their help would be sought to finish getting the website up to date and fit for purpose.</p>	
16	<p>To hear an update on the traffic calming project and agree any actions required. DC reported that a designer had attended a meeting with members of STAG, following this a quote for the work has been received. The clerk went through the proposal with the cllrs. Resolved that the proposal be accepted and that the quote should allow for some potential modifications. The clerk was asked for the design to be ready for the full council meeting in October and then presentation to residents possibly using video.</p>	
19	<p>To consider the extension of the 6 month rule for Cllr Latreille for personal reasons. There was no requirement for this item to be considered.</p>	
24	<p>Finance and Audit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To receive the monthly statement of accounts to 30th June 2023 for noting. This was circulated ahead of the meeting and noted. 2 To receive the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2023 for noting. The bank reconciliation for Unity Trust bank was circulated before the meeting and it was noted that it reconciles to zero with the balance as at 30th June 2023 showing £61,610.89 held at Unity Trust Bank as at 30th June 2023. 3 To receive a list of payments to be approved. The payments were approved as presented with the addition of £75.00 for RC who renovated the fingerpost in Brede Lane. 	
	<p>Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future agenda items not requiring decisions. Red Barn Field - PG highlighted that the council will need someone new to cut and bale the field. Monthly Meeting with the PCSOs - Nothing to report Sedlescombe Jobs Network - Nothing to report</p> <p>DC reported that the clerk has received a quote to deliver some scalplings. The sports committee will discuss at the next meeting. RC reported some other items that need repair to be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting. To note the date of the next Finance Committee meeting is Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 6.30pm CR2 To note the date of the Full Council meeting is Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 6.30pm CR2.</p>	