



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Kirdford Village Hall, Kirdford on Monday 19th February 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Mrs A Gillett
Cllr Mr T. Piedade
Cllr Mr J Nicholls
Cllr Mrs N Goddard
Cllr Mrs L Ketteridge

In attendance: Cllr Mrs J Duncton
Cllr Mr J Ransley

146. **Apologies for Absence:** - Cllr Mrs J Robertson (unwell)
Cllr Mrs L Nutting (holiday)
147. **Public Participation:** - Two members of the public was present.
148. **Disclosures of Interest:** - To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interest from Councillors on matters considered at the meeting. – None to report.
149. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** To resolve that the minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council Meeting, be signed as a correct record. **Unanimously agreed** and duly signed.
150. **Reports from District and County Councillors:**
Cllr Mrs Janet Duncton (email read by the Clerk)
So sorry that I am not around to attend this months meetings and here are just one or two points to tell you.

Fire and Rescue Service: We have just taken on more new recruits who have now started their 14 week training. I am hoping to visit them during the next few weeks just to see how there going, not to take part you understand. Well I may climb a ladder and there is a chance I may have to get rescued from water but I will let you know later.
On the same subject I am also attending the Firemans conference in Newcastle in March. We have just allocated another £90.000 in operation Watershed which as you all know has been a very successful initiative and I hope will continue. It has enabled many Parishes to sort out some of their problems for themselves which is bound to be quicker than waiting for County to get around to it in the way we have to operate now.

Before long I think that the new Highways Contract will be awarded. As yet none of us know who will be the supplier but the process has been rigorous and thorough and whoever is the final contractor will have to be ready to start by the 1st July.

As you all know the next CLC is at Wisborough Green on the 6th March. Before the main meeting I think from 6pm there is the opportunity to see the new scheme for Grants, how it works and the opportunities etc for funding projects in your communities. My personal opinion is that it will give new and bigger opportunities to our Parishes but of course as ever there are concerns as to how it will all work out. This is understandable but if after the first year it has not worked out as expected then of course we will have to think again.

In my opinion opportunities for communities to get help with funding for projects is a must and in the time I have been involved with the CIF fund it has helped many in the communities provide much needed smaller items for their community like say new tables and chairs in a Hall and new Curtains for again, community benefit in a village Hall. There have been some larger amounts from different funds like the Members big Society Fund but this is no longer available so my hope is that the new scheme will more than compensate for this. By the time most of you meet you will know that the County Council part of the Tax bill will increase by 4.95% which is an increase on a Band D property of some £80 per year. Not good news but with grants from central Government getting smaller and our responsibilities getting more we have to find ways to fund what we need to do including the care costs in later life and child care and of course education which we are working hard with MP's and others to get better, fairer funding for our Schools. To me this is imperative.

On the subject of Schools. I have 6 in my division and have gradually been visiting them. Despite everything they are all very good Schools and performing well. I wish I could get more help for them with their buildings but with a lot of self help and some help from County they are gradually getting the buildings and play areas that they need. We are very lucky to have such very good Schools.

I attend meetings of the Rural Services Network at the LGA and last week we had a special meeting on the rural economy. Country wide it is clear that the whole of the rural economy is dependent on getting good Broadband cover. As we know in the rural areas the cover is not good but many businesses working from home and our smaller Industrial Estates are desperately in need of good Broadband cover. All I can say is that we have a department at County working tirelessly with BT Openreach but how and when it will happen is anyone's guess. Lets hope it's sooner rather than later. You will see claims of 95/98% high speed coverage. I don't doubt this but it's in the Urban areas not the Rural and we need to speak up, which we do. Some villages more vocal than others but County is definitely shouting. If any of you have issues for me to look into please let me know and I will do my best.

Cllr Mrs JD left at 7.45pm.

Cllr Mr Josef Ransley reported that he had received a reply from the Secretary of State with regards to the Plaistow Road development and he continued to support Neighbourhood Plans. New guidance from Parliament is expected in July. A judicial review is an expensive exercise. KNP was adopted before the CDC Local Plan and the Planning Committee looked at CDC plan not KNP.

We were advised to review our NP before the local plan is reviewed. The district is expecting a minimum of 30% increase in the number of homes it needs to provide. The exact numbers will be clarified in June/July 2018. CDC council tax increase will result in an uplift of approximately £5 per household.

WSCC are considering the implications of the listing of Boxal Bridge and how they will respond to that listing.

Cllr Mr JR left at 8.10pm

151. **Correspondence:**

Basic Tree survey and Inspection course to be attended by Cllr Mr JN.
Grant request from Sussex Legal Services to be deferred until Finance Meeting.
A member of the public has received a letter from WSCC Highways informing them that WSCC will no longer replace missing road signs unless it causes a danger to road users. Therefore, the Kirdford sign which is missing as one enters the village from Petworth will not be replaced. 'Currently we are only prioritising safety and regulatory signs at this time' Cllr Mrs JD to investigate.

152. **Chairman's Announcements:**

Cllr Mrs AG reported that Mr Stewart Ward had sadly resigned from the Parish Council due to his family relocating. He was a valuable member and his contribution to the Parish Council's work was much appreciated. This now mean we had two vacancies on the council.
Coffee Morning to be held on Saturday 24th February in Kirdford Village Hall.
Royal Wedding celebrations to be held on Saturday 19th May.
WSCC is proposing to change its approach to grant funding. Cllr Mrs AG to attend a drop-in session when they will introduce the new approach which is being held before the CLC meeting on 6th March in Wisborough Green Village Hall.
Cllr Mrs AG proposed and Cllr Mrs LK seconded that we order two bags of topsoil for Butts Common to be spread before we reseed the bonfire area. **All in agreement.**

153. **Finance:**

Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliation for January, 2018. This was duly checked, agreed and signed by a member of the Council as accurate.

Accounts to be Paid:

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FEBRUARY 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>ChqNo</u>	<u>To Whom Paid</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Net</u> £	<u>VAT</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
01.01.17	DD	In Touch	Website	29.99	6.00	35.99
02.02.17	DD	In Touch	Website	29.99	6.00	35.99
01.02.17	1679	Mr F Ilston	Replacement NB	400.00		400.00
20.02.17	1680	K Twelvetrees	Repair SC Gate	90.00		90.00

20.02.17	1681	S Dack	Office Expensed	57.33		57.33
20.02.17	1682	S Dack	Clerks Mileage	71.55		71.55
20.02.17	1683	Mrs S Dack	Mth 11 Salary	1494.00		1494.00
20.02.17	1684	HMRC	Mth 11 Contributions	571.50		571.50
				£2744.36	£12.00	£2756.36

These were duly agreed and signed.

154. River Works, Drains & Ditches:

Cllr Mr TP reported that Kirdford is on a two year maintenance cycle of drains and Southern Water have been very active throughout the village but have not yet sourced the problem of the leak on Butts Common.

155. GDPR:

The Clerk reported that her recent training recommend that Parish Councillors appoint a data protection officer and undertake training to inform them of their legal requirements. Cllr Mrs LK proposed and Cllr Mrs NG seconded that we ask Richard Newell, GDPR-INFO LTD to attend the meeting on 19th March to give all members .the relevant training and that KPC have a twelve month contract with him to put everything in place. **All in agreement.**

156. Boxal Bridge:

Cllr Mr JN was delighted to report that Historic England had granted Boxal Bridge Grade II Listed Building status. He thanked KKWG and WGPC for their support.

157. Proposed development on Plaistow Road:

Cllr Mr TP updated the Council on the CALA application and the Chairman reported that she had visited two developments where Greenoak are the registered providers and both seemed to well maintained and suitable in appearance.

158. S106:

Comments the Clerk had received from councillors were discussed. Cllr Mrs LK proposed and Cllr Mr TP seconded that we adopt the Draft S106. **All in agreement.** S106 wish list to be considered:

Kirdford Village Hall: new outside storage, additional toilets and a shower, solar panels, replacement of KVH sign.

Ifold Scout and Guide Hut: replacement of outside storage, repairs to roof.

Butts Common: replacement of play equipment, drainage, repair to road.

Recreation Ground: play equipment

Footpaths: resurfacing various footpaths around the parish

159. **Butts Common:**

Cllr Mrs LK was delighted to report she had received a reply from the National Trust and they have sent a form to apply for a Common Land Licence which would allow the play equipment to be replaced.

160. **KPC website and social media:**

It was agreed we would wait until we had received advice and after the GDPR had been assessed.

161. **Planning:**

Application No.	Details of Application	Comments
SDNP/18/00366/HOUS Case Officer: Jenna Shore	Stroods Strood Green Kirdford Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 0HL Replacement of existing garden rooms with the erection of an oak framed garden room.	No Objections
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To note Planning Decisions received from Chichester District Council.

KD/17/03372/DOM: Mr & Mrs J Kopiec, 1 Herons Close Kirdford RH14 0NF
Proposed single storey rear extension, side first floor extension,
front porch, and alterations - **PERMIT**

KD/17/03488/TPA: Mrs Deborah Watkins, 1 Bramley Close Kirdford RH14 0QH
Crown reduce by 1m (all round- to correct growth points and/or
secondary leaders) on 1 no. Oak tree (T1) subject to KD/01/00597/TPO – **PERMIT**

Enforcement: No matters were raised.

162. **Councillors to report any Health and Safety matters:**

Numerous pot holes around the parish to be reported to WSCC.

163. **Public Participation:**

It was reported that a number of way markers had been replaced and the steps leading to bridge on FP611 had been repaired.

164. **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:**

Next Meeting to be held on Monday, 19th March 2018 in Kirdford Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

165. **Matters for Next Meeting:** Royal Wedding celebrations.

166. **Confidential Matters:** None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm