



FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Fairlight Parish Council held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 26th November at Fairlight Village Hall

Present: Cllr S Baker, Cllr M Clarke, Cllr L Cooke, Cllr L Miller, Cllr D Pichard, Cllr G Smith (Vice Chair), Cllr S Stewart (Chair), Cllr S Whiteman.

In attendance: Danielle Gould, Clerk & RFO. Members of the public were present.

24/246 Item 1. Public Questions. A Member of the public asked about the white lines on Battery Hill, The Chair responded that Cllr Maynard was unable to be at the meeting but he would send a report later in the week. A member of the public asked about Highway issues relating to Market Garden Site, they said they have spoken to Cllr Maynard who had sent emails to his colleagues regarding these issues, they asked if he'd had any replies, the Chair confirmed he would speak to Cllr Maynard and bring any reports to the meeting in January. A member of the public asked about item 8 and 9, the chair said they could speak about it when we get to those items.

24/247 Item 2. Reports from County Councillor Carl Maynard and Rother District Council.

Cllr Grohne reported on bins and asked if anyone has an issue they report it, he also said there is a consultation coming up regarding parking issues I.E putting the costs up, limiting parking and issuing parking permits, which is more relative to Bexhill and other areas. Cllr Mier reported RDC have recruited a new head of planning called Mike Hughes. He also said there are proposed changes to public speaking at the planning committee to restrict public speaking from five minutes to three minutes. There will only be one speaker on each side of the argument and there should be no questioning of speakers by the planning committee. He also confirmed Rother have implemented the cold weather protocol.

24/248 Item 3.

- a) **To receive and record apologies for absence.** Cllr Maynard sent his apologies.
- b) **To consider any requests for approval of reasons for absence, if any.** There were none.

24/249 Item 4. Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests - To receive any disclosures by members, of personal or prejudicial interest in matters on the agenda. Members are reminded a) to repeat their declaration immediately prior to commencement of the item in question and b) complete the declaration of interests form.

Cllr Pichard declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9 and a personal interest in item 12.

Cllr Miller declared a personal interest in Item 8.

Cllr Cooke declared a personal interest in Item 8.

24/250 Item 5. To consider and approve the signing by the Chair of the attached minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 22nd October 2024. **RESOLVED** Minutes approved and signed. An amendment is to be made on page 3, they state the installation is for the memorial will be ready for 9th November but needs amending to 10th November. Chair amended.

24/ 251 Item 6. Financial Matters

- a) To receive the list of items paid to date in September, October and November and items for payment to date **RESOLVED** Approved.
- b) To receive receipts and payments report. **RESOLVED** Approved.
- c) To note that the NALC pay points have been agreed for 24/25 and the Clerks salary will reflect the increase **RESOLVED** Noted.
- d) To receive and approve monthly bank reconciliation (September and October). **RESOLVED** Approved and signed.
- e) To approve Steve Maiden as accountant **RESOLVED** Approved.



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- f) To consider using Unity Trust as main bank account. **RESOLVED** To keep NatWest as main bank account.
- g) To consider moving to online banking so payments can be made by BACS and agree on three signatories and one Councillor to approve monthly bank reconciliations. **RESOLVED** Clerk to set up online banking. Cllr Cooke, Cllr Smith and Cllr Stewart to be set up as signatories. Cllr Pichard to sign monthly bank reconciliation.
- h) To note NatWest have reduced our credit interest percent from 1.35% to 1.25%. **RESOLVED** Noted.
- i) To note VAT claim submitted for April 1- September 30, 2024 (£4,335.75). **RESOLVED** Noted.

24/252 Item 7. CIL Match Funding

To consider Councillors suggestions for use of CIL Match Funding **RESOLVED** Clerk to apply for CIL match funding for sewage works for the Pavillion, estimated £80,000.

24/253 Item 8. Market Garden Site

Verbal update from Chair – Clerk emailed Future South Homes, the new site owners, on 13th November and 26th November but had no response. Cllr Miller said he was asked by VP to request that important document updates from Rother be published onto the FPC website.

Cllr Pichard left the meeting

24/254 Item 9. Tennis Club Access Route. Quotes tabled from JD's Garden Landscaping Services. **RESOLVED** There was a general discussion about options to improve the access path to the Tennis Courts. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain two more quotes from contractors.

Cllr Pichard rejoined the meeting

24/255 Item 10. Urban Grass Cutting Contract To consider options available from ESCC for number of grass cuts in 24/25. **RESOLVED** Agreed to go with option 1, two free cuts per year, Clerk to ask if it is possible to pay for an extra cut if needed.

24/256 Item 11. To consider quotes received to lay 40mm shingle in Wood Field **RESOLVED** Three quotes were tabled at the meeting. A quote for £1560.00 was agreed from a Contractor that has previously carried out the works.

24/257 Item 12. Footpath 32 (from Woodland Way to Waites Lane) and footpath 34 (Pathway going to the woods)

To discuss footpath issues and a way forward to make safe. **RESOLVED** Cllr Clarke explained the issues with both pathways. Cllr Clarke will contact Principal Rights of Way Officer at ESCC for advice and forward any reports.

24/258 Item 13. Annual Play Inspection To consider using alternative play inspection company for annual play inspection. **RESOLVED** Clerk to book in play inspection for January 2025 with 'Annual Play Inspections' for £325.00.

24/259 Item 14. Fairlight Christmas House Decorations To agree on date to judge Fairlight Christmas House Decorations and Councillors that will judge houses. **RESOLVED** Cllr Miller, Cllr Smith and Cllr Cooke will judge the decorations, they will not inform residents of the date.

24/260 Item 15. Website. To note that we will be changing from the old website over to the new Direct Gov website. **RESOLVED** It was agreed we will switch over to new Direct Gov Domain for an initial set up fee of £699.00 and a yearly cost of £440.00 plus £60.00 for the domain name.

24/261 Item 16. Correspondence - (Any late received correspondence will be tabled at the meeting). *There was none.*



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24/262 Item 17. Reports from Council

CLr Cooke gave an update on Pathfinders- The storm pumps that affect opposite Market Garden Site and further down Lower Waites Lane have been reconfigured and are now being released more frequently which will reduce flooding.

24/263 Item 18. Items for Consideration for Future Agendas

VE Day 80- Meeting 10th December

CCTV – Meeting January 28th

Fairlight Pavillion- Meeting January 28th

Dog Waste Bin on Smugglers Way/ Channel Way- Meeting January 28th

Market Garden Site- Meeting January 28th

Date and venue for next meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2024 - 7pm Fairlight Village Hall (Budget Meeting).

Close of meeting 21.03 pm.

Signed by Chair  Date *20/12/24*