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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7pm. This meeting was held at Rusper Village Hall.

Present: M Cooke (Chair), Cllrs G Hussey (Vice Chair), G Sallows, M Fillmore, F Maitland-Smith, R Gatt, S White, District Councillor Liz Kitchen, District Councillor Tony Hogben.

Also present: There was 1 member of the public.

Meeting commenced 1900hrs

112-24 **Apologies**

County Councillor Katie Nagle, Cllr G Fleming, Cllr M Fenton.

113-24 **Co-option of New Councillor**

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Daniel Matthews to the Council. All were in favour. Clerk to send out the paperwork on email and to book Daniel Matthews onto a Mulberry and Co new councillor training course.

114-24 **Declaration of Interests**

Members were reminded to make any declarations of a personal and/or pecuniary interest that they may have in relation to items on the agenda. None.

115-24 **Climate Crisis**

The Council **acknowledged** that there is currently a climate crisis, and to ensure that all decisions made within meeting have consideration to this.

116-24 **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 14th May 2024.

117-24 **Open Forum**

There will be an open day at the proposed planning application at Barnwood with a pencilled in date of 20th July 2024.

118-24 **Reports from other Authorities**

District Councillor Tony Hogben – pre-election period means there is nothing much to report. A question was asked about the Local Plan but there is no update. A question was asked about a water neutrality case which had gone to the High Court, the District Councillors was not aware of the case.

119–24 **Rusper Sports Club Management**

a) Update on the S106 project is now completed. The courts are finished with some snagging items remaining. Sports Club Committee has arranged an Open Day at the Sports Club on Sunday 14th July

2024 9am to 4pm, with coaching all day, veterans football match and a basket ball match. The Clerk has invited the landowners to the open day.

b) Courage Dyers grant - tennis court refurbishment. This project has not commenced but is hoped to be completed in time for the open day.

c) A draft agreement was circulated in advance of the meeting for the Council to consider. Carry to next agenda.

120-24 GATWICK

Noted the Gatwick report that was sent in advance of the meeting and is on the website. The DCO hearing requires a response no later than 26th June 2024 and draft response was sent in advance of the meeting. There was a discussion over the noise contour maps maps only containing flight noise rather than ground noise and it was **agreed** that this be included in the response, insulation was also discussed and whether it will make homes too hot in the Summer. Noted that papers on the insulation was sent to the Councillors as part of the information pack. Cllr Fillmore would like Gatwick to come the Parish Council to talk but this was refused as Gatwick feel that they have already made all information available. It was **agreed** the Clerk will try to organise a meeting. It was **agreed** that Cllr Fillmore can send the response on behalf of the Council in time of the deadline. A copy of the response will be made available on the website.

121-24 Playground Inspection Report

Cllr Geoff Hussey contacted a company who do a maintenance program but it is indicated that they will only maintain their own installed play equipment. Cllr Hussey then spoke to HAGS and they will quote on everything on the inspection report. Then each supplier will be contacted individually for a quote. Carry to next meeting.

122-24 Rusper Stores Break-ins

Cllr G Sallows reported that the shop are looking at options for a door shutter and bars inside the windows to improve its security after multiple break ins. This is being put together for the Parish Council to see and to comment on before the planning application is submitted to HDC. The Parish Council have no ownership of the shop but recognise its importance to the village. Noted that the shop insurance is reported as not covering the second break in. Carry to next meeting.

123-24 20mph Speed reduction

The speed reduction application has been submitted to WSCC and the Clerk has the notification of receipt on file. This item will be raised again once WSCC have contacted the Council with regard to its application.

124-24 Streetlights

The Cooks Meadow streetlights is to be carried to next meeting.

125-24 Salt Bins

There is a new system to update WSCC on salt levels. It was agreed that the Councillors would look at bins near to their homes to report salt levels and the Clerk will update the system. This item is to be carried to the next meeting.

126-24 Reports from representatives

- a) Cllr M Fillmore - Aviation environment federation membership to consider, carry to next agenda.
- b) Cllr G Hussey – Fly-tipping enforcement have contacted the culprit has been fined.
- c) Cllr G Sallows – Survey of the trees in required at the Sports Ground. 5 Oaks that need work and spoken to HDC tree officer and he agreed with the proposed work including raising the canopy of the trees in the car park. Permission will be need from the lease holder first.
- d) Cllr R Gatt – Incinerator meeting attended. No further progress on signing the lease.

e) Chairman – Greenspace strategy response, thank you to Cllr F Maitland-Smith.

127-24 Financial

a) It was RESOLVED to **approve** the reports as attached - Reconciliation, Budget and Unity Bank transactions for the month of May. ([Document 4](#), [Document 5](#), [Document 6](#))

b) Noted that the Clerk has displayed the Notice of Public Rights in the noticeboards and uploaded it to the website. (website)

128-24 Schedule of payments

a) It was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments.

Next meeting is the Planning Committee meeting on 30th July 2024 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closes 2030hrs

Signed..... Date.....