



TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Twineham School, Twineham on Monday 11th March 2024 commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs. A. Hirst (Chairman), Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. C. Murphy, Mr. C. Worsley, and Mrs. J. Veaney.

Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler

West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.

Clerk Mrs. D. Langston.

14.24 No apologies for absence were received.

15.24 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda. Councillor Worsley declared an interest in Rampion and planning application DM/23/0769. During item 23.24 Councillor Worsley left the room and took no part in the resolution.

16.24 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2024. Minutes agreed by Council and signed by the Chairman.

17.24 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis updated on the following items.

- Balanced budget with no use of reserves. Additional funding for Highways items.
- School numbers locally. All pupils within catchment area have received their preferred choice.
- West Sussex County Council now have a riparian team to deal with issues within the parishes.
- Additional funding for bus shelter projects within the district. Future measures include digital information displays.
- High levels of rainfall in the county have resulted in silt becoming more of a problem which in turn has resulted in additional requests for gully clearance.
- Council highlighted ongoing issues with potholes throughout the parish.

18.24 Update on Highways matters.

- Clerk confirmed prices for SIDs. Clerk is liaising with WSCC Traffic Office on license and location of relevant posts.
- TRO Council have emailed residents asking for their views and support for a TRO to implement both a 7.5 tonne weight limit and 30 mph speed limit restriction along both Hickstead Lane, Bolney Chapel Road and Twineham Lane. Clerk confirmed twenty-seven replies have been received so far with the majority of these fully in support of the scheme.
- Bob Lane fingerpost project remains ongoing.
- Litter bin installation project remains ongoing.

19.24 Councillor Hirst gave an update on Rampion 2. Councillor Hirst attended the meeting in Brighton on 7th February 2024. Requests from Council were made to deal with traffic management, lighting, and hours of work.

20.24 Council discussed Operation Watershed funding. Clerk will circulate the details on riparian rights which can also be included in the next newsletter.

21.24 PROW 14T Clerk confirmed West Sussex County Council have raised a letter to the relevant land owner.

22.24 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler updated on the following items.

- The 2024-25 Corporate Plan and Budget was approved at the Council meeting on 27th February with the use of £343k from reserves.
- An amendment to reduce the proposed parking charges to be the same in each of Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and East Grinstead was defeated. It is planned that next year parking charges will be introduced/raised in Hurstpierpoint and Hassocks after a consultation; and that double Council Tax will be introduced on second homes.
- District plan regulation 19 consultation has now closed. Fulking recently had an enforcement appeal by a group of gypsy travellers. No decision has yet been received. Recent definition of gypsy travellers has an impact on local planning matters.
- Recent meeting between Southern Water and Sayers Common residents has resulted in a local resident taking responsibility for riparian rights within the parish.
- Mid Sussex District Council Green Park strategy prioritisation needs to be more sympathetic to rural parishes.

23.24 To agree Councils response to the following planning matters and receive an update on enforcement issues:

DM/23/0769 Land Adjacent to Bolney Substation, Bob Lane. Construction and operation of a battery energy storage system together with all associated equipment, ancillary infrastructure, and landscaping. (Amended plans submitted 7/7 and additional submissions including FRA, response to ecology and PROW and fire strategy (15/8)) Amended location and site plan, fire strategy and AIA received 9/2/24). Council resolved to object to the application.

Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler and West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis left the meeting at this point.

24.24 Finance & Administration Update.

Balance Sheet handed to all Councillors. Both balance sheet and bank statements were signed by the Chair.

Payments raised since the last meeting:

£764.50 WSCC Invoice 8001732893 Salary & Pension

£531.95 WSCC Invoice 8001738504 Salary & Pension

£ 70.00 M Dudman Memorial Area Upkeep

£108.00 Vision ICT Ltd Invoice 103 Email Hosting

25.24 Date of next meeting confirmed as Monday 13th May 2024.

26.24 Any other business (Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information)

- Councillor Worsley attended a recent presentation on nature recovery.
- Councillor Hirst attended a recent online WSALC meeting.