



East Dean & Friston P a r i s h C o u n c i l

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st August in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, Gilberts Drive, East Dean, commencing at 7.30 pm

Councillors present: Cllr T Bryant, Cllr M Bustard, Cllr G Fowler, Cllr J Greenway, Cllr P Hill, Cllr P Seeley (Chair) and Cllr D White.

In attendance: District Cllr D Greaves, Julia Shelley (Locum Parish Clerk) and incoming Clerk Fiona Chalk.

There was one member of the public present

Jonathon Timberlake spoke on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG). He recorded the thanks of the NPSG to the local historians who had helped identify the range of buildings and monuments of historical interest in the Parish.

The proposal from the NPSG to the Parish Council is that

1. The revised lists are used to write to owners of Non-Designated Heritage Assets
2. If the owners object there will be an opportunity for them to meet the NPSG and discuss the criteria which led to the assets inclusion
3. If it is demonstrated that the asset does not meet the approved criteria it will be removed
4. If agreement cannot be reached as item three above the asset will remain for a ruling from the Neighbourhood Plan's independent examiner.

Mr Timberlake, representing the NPSG, confirmed that input from residents and owners would be sought and welcomed at all stages of the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation process. However the NPSG feel that the recording of items of historical importance should avoid personal preference as far as possible and buildings and monuments only excluded if they fail to meet the agreed, controlled criteria.

The Chair closed the Public Session and opened the meeting.

C.1008	Acceptance of apologies for absence: Cllr Baker, Cllr Larkin.
C.1009	Declarations of Interests. None.
C.1010	Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th July 2024. The minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 10 th July 2024 were confirmed, with minor nonmaterial amendments, as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
C.1011	Report of the Member of Parliament None received from new member of Parliament.
C.1012	Report of the County Councillor None received from the County Councillor.
C.1013	Report of the District Councillor 1) Third round of funding available for physical activity groups Organisations within the Wealden district are being encouraged to apply for funding

	<p>East Sussex Public Health has released funds to Wealden District Council to deliver a third round of grant funding to support organisations which specifically work towards reducing inequalities and aim to deliver better health outcomes within the district. The funding can support existing projects or new ideas, which provide direct support to the local community. It includes anything from gardening clubs to seated exercise sessions and more.</p> <p>Previous rounds of funding over the past two years have provided funding to 11 organisations within the district. They include programmes to increase fitness levels through exercise for over 65s; Conservation Volunteers (TCV), which provides residents with practical conservation activities to increase mental wellbeing through a Green Gym project, and Rotherfield St Martin which has used the funding to support hydrotherapy sessions helping those with arthritis, stiffness of joints and those recovering from hip or knee surgery.</p> <p>To apply for funding, email wellbeing@wealden.gov.uk.</p> <p>Allocations will be prioritised in order of the ability to deliver activities and interventions to Wealden. Applications open from 8 July 2024 and must be submitted by 3 September 2024 and can be made for amounts between £1,000 and £15,000.</p> <p>2) Wealden District Council has recently partnered with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to deliver a series of health and wellbeing focused conservation activities.</p> <p>From July, TCV will begin delivering weekly guided health walks and Green Gym sessions along the Cuckoo Trail, completely free for residents to join and get involved in. The programme of activities will be running until 31 March 2025.</p> <p>Every Tuesday, the Cuckoo Trail group health walk will begin at 10.30am, starting at different points along the trail each week. These walks will be a great way to get outside, meet new people, and learn a thing or two about the local area. Each walk will be an hour long and suitable for any ability.</p> <p>The Green Gym sessions will take place every Wednesday and Thursday 10am-1pm, from July. Green Gyms are a fantastic way to get active in the great outdoors and meet people in your community whilst improving the local area. Each Green Gym session will be three hours long with a range of activities at varying locations along the Cuckoo Trail. Whether you have been involved in conservation or never done it before, all</p> <p>To find out more or book onto an activity, contact Becky Lewis on 07483045706 or email rebecca.lewis@tcv.org.uk. Alternatively check out the TCV website https://www.tcv.org.uk/southeast/volunteer-south-east/day-projects/east-sussex-biodiversity-action-team/ or find TCV Sussex on Facebook.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the report of the Wealden District Councillor be noted.</p> <p>The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Cllr Greaves for his organisation of the car show at the village fete.</p>
C.1014	Review draft Equality and Diversity Policy – deferred to next meeting.
C.1015	<p>Unregistered land at Cophall Lane, East Dean. Action: Councillor Larkin to recommend resident contact HMLR to record established use of land in question.</p> <p>Wider issue of enclosure of unregistered land to be discussed at next planning meeting.</p>

	Action: Clerk to add to September Planning Meeting.
C.1016	<p>Discussion on future plans for Cricket Pavilion. Meeting held on site with representatives of club and architects. The landscape impact considerations will influence final design. Aim to include other sports where possible. Useful contributions from residents were also discussed.</p> <p>One issue to be addressed in the medium term is The Drove access.</p>
C.1017	<p>To approve payments for August 2024 and note receipts for July 2024. RESOLVED – That the payments totaling £7,158.87 be approved.</p>
C.1018	<p>Grant Requests Wealden Citizens Advice - £300.0 Village Fete - £250.00 RESOLVED – That the grants be approved.</p>
C.1019	<p>Contribution to East Dean Local Shop sign Action: Clerk to contact Kirsty Stratford for further information on proposed wording and cost.</p>
C.1020	<p>Approve quotation for playground repairs The work listed was approved. Action: Clerk to obtain installations cost, with and without wet pour element.</p>
C.1021	<p>RESOLVED - The Parish Council resolve to spend up to £2000 in fees for procuring initial site analysis sketched for the Cricket Pavilion as discussed in C.1016.</p>
C.1022	<p>Urgent Items not on the Agenda which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency but not decision. None.</p>
C.1023	<p>Reports:</p>
	<p>a) Chair of the Council. Cllr Seeley confirmed that Cllr Larkin will be responsible to environmental issues for the Parish Council.</p>
	<p>b) Planning Committee – covered in Planning Meeting.</p>
	<p>c) Finance – none.</p>
	<p>d) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report e) Cllr Bustard recorded his thanks to Jonathon Timberlake and the other members of the NPSG. As covered in the public session the proposal is to discuss any concerns owners may raised over the listing of non-designated heritage assets but ultimately the Parish Council can include any heritage asset which meets the agreed criteria in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to allocate time on the October Full Council Meeting Agenda for discussion if necessary.</p>
	<p>f) Rights of way Cllr Hill highlighted two footpaths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath 28, which leads to dangerous crossing on A259 • Hillside, undesignated path, which leads to a dead end on A259.

	<p>Action: Cllr Hill to raise the routes at Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting with a view to obtaining additional signage for the first one and a closure notice for the second.</p> <p>Cllr Seeley has discussed footpath gates with the owners of Duttles Farm and will follow up the conversation with a letter. It was agreed that cycle friendly gates (on bridle and cycle ways) should be the preferred option when replacement required and that the Parish Council should engage with landowners to encourage this.</p>
	<p>g) Recreation Ground Cllr Fowler confirmed he had arranged a plumber to undertake the necessary work at the Cricket Pavilion as discussed at the July Council Meeting.</p>
	<p>h) Tree Warden Cllr Greenway confirmed he had access to the interactive map which records trees subject to Tree Protection Orders (TPOs).</p> <p>It was noted that Ash trees west of pond are suffering dieback. Action: Cllr Hill to raise at SLR meeting as on East Sussex County Council land.</p>
	<p>i) Downlands Estate Management Group Action: Cllr Seeley to raise the issue of damage to The Brow roundabout.</p>
	<p>j) Defibrillators The defibrillator replacement process is underway, with the old machines being stripped down for recycling.</p>
	<p>k) Residents Association – none.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 21:00</p>

Signed..... (Chair)

Date.....

C 1017 Appendix

PAYEE	DETAILS	SUB TOTAL	VAT	TOTAL	REF.NO	DATE APPROVED	NOTES
Open art	Donation			200.00	3172		
SME	IT Services			59.00	3173		
Wicksteed	Playground assessment	112.20	22.44	134.64	3174		
Business Stream	Water Supply			75.73	3175		
Defib Warehouse	Spare parts	4,044.00	808.80	4,852.80	3176		
Julia Foster	Locum Clerk	1836.7		1836.7	3177		
TOTAL		5,992.90	831.24	7,158.87			

