

WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WATTISFIELD VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020
7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Geoff Wade (Chairman) (GW)
Councillor Rick Meyer (RM)
Councillor Ian Dobson (ID)
Councillor Cynthia Penn (CP)
Councillor Sarah Goodchild (SG)
Councillor Michael Elflain (ME)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)

GW welcomed all to the meeting.

20/001 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of public present.

20/002 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) There was no report from County Councillor Jessica Fleming.
- b) District Councillor Rick Meyer had previously circulated his report and expanded on various items. RM was asked if there had been any progress with the planning enforcement at Elm Tree Place, Wattisfield and RM said he would make enquiries.

20/003 APOLOGIES

Councillor Naomi Ambrose (NA) and County Councillor Jessica Fleming (JF) and the reasons were accepted.

20/004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

20/005 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

20/006 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2019 had been previously circulated.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

20/007 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) There was a discussion on GDPR and the use of personal email accounts. It was considered that the handling of emails was compliant. This will be checked against the privacy policy.
- b) There was discussion about lobbying and when this should be declared.
- c) There was concern that no action has been taken in respect of cutting hedges at Meadowside and Stable Lodge in Walsham Road and White Wings in Pottery Hill. These will now be reported to SCC so they can consider appropriate action.
- d) There was discussion on the use of the litter bins for domestic rubbish.

20/008 HIGHWAYS, TREES AND CHURCHYARD

- a) An order has now been placed with Westcotec for the SID and delivery is expected soon. When received it will be tested and then a meeting arranged with interested people to get the SID operational. SCC have been asked to get the posts installed. The Parish Council are expected to enter into an agreement with SCC in respect of the use of the SID. A copy of this agreement was previously circulated.
It was resolved that the Clerk could sign this agreement on behalf of the Parish Council without any amendments.
- b) Reverend Philip Merry had responded and in principle he had no objections to looking into restoring the church clock. It was decided to send a questionnaire to residents to see if there are any serious objections to having the clock chiming again. CG was also asked to contact Peter Gibb to get his understanding on the current situation and recent history with the clock.
- c) There was discussion on the need for a tree survey. It was decided to leave this to the autumn.
- d) It was decided to have a village litter pick on Sunday 15 March 2020 from 10 to 12.
- e) There was concern about what appears to be an unofficial sign that has been erected on the verge in Honeypot Lane. It was decided to report this to SCC and ask for it to be removed.
- f) There was discussion about the trees around the village pond. It was noted that these need some maintenance work. RM reported that this work is to be included as part of the contract to dredge the pond by MSDC.
- g) It was reported that the 30 mph sign on the A143 approaching from the east had been badly damaged. This is to be reported to SCC.

20/009 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE

- a) The following cheques were considered for payment:
£550.00 to W Prentice – churchyard maintenance
£79.15 to C Garman – Clerk's expenses Oct – Dec 2019
It was resolved to issue cheques for these payments.
- b) The income and expenditure for the year to 31 December 2019 was noted and the bank reconciliation was agreed with the bank statements.

20/010 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) The situation with pending and decided applications were noted.
- b) Planning application DC/19/05932 relating to the Smallholdings, Walsham Road, Wattisfield, IP22 1PB was considered. It was noted that the previous application had conditions relating to the annexe and removal of permitted development rights.
It was resolved to advise MSDC that there was no objection but to request that the conditions imposed on the previous application be part of the conditions for this application.

20/011 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been previously circulated and was noted.

20/012 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

There was a discussion about water leakage onto Bobby Hill and the source of the water.

20/013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 17 February 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
25 January 2020