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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Present: G. Hussey (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chairman) M. Cooke, M. Fillmore, R. Gatt, V. Saunders, C. Forrest, G. Adams, V. Bender and G. Fleming
L. Bannister (Clerk)
HDC & WSCC Cllr Kitchen
HDC Cllr Hogben
1 member of the public

Cllr Hussey advised that the meeting is being recorded, and the recording will be deleted once the Minutes are approved.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting, and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Open Forum

No comments were made.

5. Reports from other Authorities

This item was delayed until Cllrs Kitchen and Hogben could attend.

6. Trees

a. The report on trees was noted.

b. **It was RESOLVED** to:-

- Amend the Tree Policy to say 'A biennial inspection will be carried out by an Arboricultural Consultant or qualified Tree Surgeon appointed by the Council'.
- Ask James Smith to remove the ivy on the trees in the car park.
- Agree to deadwood the two oaks in the car park at a cost of £280.
- Notify HDC now of the work to the oak trees, noting that this will cause a 6 week delay.
- Appoint Cllrs Bender and Forrest to inspect trees at least quarterly and after heavy rain/winds. Training will be sought for the councillors appointed.

7. Reports from other Authorities (cont.)

Cllr Hogben updated on the Horsham Local Plan as follows:-

- The Horsham Local Plan has been delayed mostly due to the duty to cooperate, which has been requested by Worthing District.
- The housing numbers in the Plan are likely to go up.
- The sites at Land west of Ifield, Buck Barn and Rookwood are looking more favourable due to sustainability.
- Crest Nicholson has not applied for additional homes at the Kilnwood Vale Site.
- The issue with the Mayfield site is that the developers don't own all of the land.

Relating to other issues, Cllr Hogben objected to the reserved matters application at Land North of Horsham mainly due to lack of visitor parking spaces.

Cllr Sallows asked why climate change has not been taken into account in the Horsham Local Plan and why housing numbers are being included that developers say they can't sell at the moment. This sets up the plan for failure when the houses aren't likely to be built within the plan period.

8. Standing Orders

It was RESOLVED to approve Cllr Sallows' motion to change Standing Order 7b to:-

When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) above has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved within a further six months, except where this relates to a decision where substantive new information has become available and this is agreed by all Councillors present. The Chairman of the meeting takes the final decision as to what is considered 'substantive new information'.

9. Public Rights of Way

A motion was made by Cllr Sallows requesting a correction to the recorded route of footpath 1492 to reflect the actual recorded route the path has followed for over 50 years along the side of the recreation field. This item was adjourned until the lease is agreed.

10. Operation Watershed

It was RESOLVED to approve drainage works at The Mount at a cost of £13,029.75 plus VAT to be paid from Operation Watershed grant money already held.

11. Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign

Cllr. Fillmore's report was noted.

12. Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions AGM

Cllr. Fillmore's report was noted.

13. Night Flights Consultation

It was agreed that Cllr Fillmore will propose a response to this consultation after he has attended the GATCOM meeting on Thursday. This will be circulated by email for Members to give their views. The response will be submitted by Cllr Fillmore early next week.

Cllr Kitchen arrived

14. Reports from other Authorities (cont.)

Cllr Kitchen reported that WSCC is looking at going out to consultation on whether to introduce an appointment system at refuse sites.

15. West Sussex Association of Local Councils

- a. Cllr. Cooke's report was noted.
- b. **It was RESOLVED** that Cllr. Cooke should support the additional resolutions on the WSALC AGM agenda.

16. Rusper Village Hall

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Bender to sit on the Rusper Village Hall Committee as a representative of Rusper Parish Council.

17. Donations

It was RESOLVED to approve the following donations:-

- a. £200 to Rusper Village Hall
- b. £200 to Rusper Parish News

18. Rusper Help website

It was RESOLVED to approve payment of the domain at a cost of £32.39. This is due to Mr Allen.

19. Reports from representatives

- Cllr Bender has noticed some work taking place on the pine trees on the Martin Grant development and wanted to ensure that these cannot be removed. The Clerk will ask HDC if it is possible to have Tree Preservation Orders put on these and the oak trees in the site.
- Cllr Bender reported that a stile is missing on a footpath in Ifield Wood. The Clerk has reported this to WSCC, who are liaising with the relevant landowner.
- Cllr Bender has noticed someone litter picking with their child in Ifield and many people throughout the parish have been collecting litter. The Council is grateful to these members of the public and the Clerk will publish thanks on the website/social media.
- Cllr Cooke reported that there have only been two requests for help collecting prescriptions via the Rusper Help hub. It was noted that residents have been extremely grateful for this service.
- Cllrs Gatt and Adams attended the North Horsham PC Liaison meeting. More parking and electric charging points were requested. They raised the point about speed limits within the estate and were told that if it is unadopted it can be any speed. Most of the roads are planned to be unadopted. The single lane closure on the A264 was completed within 4 days. The refuse collection points were also raised as there was a concern about how the big lorries would get into the estate. This has been digitally tested for a fire engine so it shouldn't be an issue. The developers haven't finalised the street light plans.
- Cllr Fillmore is now a trustee of the Courage Dyer Recreational Trust.
- Cllr Sallows is trying to arrange a meeting with the Sports Club.
- Cllr Sallows reported that local woodlands are being damaged by the amount of walkers using them and so is trying to set up a conservation project with local landowners. Cllr Sallows will bring more information to the next meeting.

20. Correspondence

The following was noted:-

- a. Newsletter from No Incinerator for Horsham.
- b. An email was received from a member of the public to advise that HDC has changed the rights of members of the public to make statements at their full council meetings. This has been added to Horsham Association of Local Councils agenda to be discussed.
- c. Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions has sent information about easterly departure route 5.

21. Clerk's report

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- The meeting with the PCSO will be held on Friday 26th at 12 pm.
- No part of the Recreation Ground appears to be registered.
- A S106 funding application has been made for the ground sockets.
- No election has been called so the vacancy for a councillor will now be advertised and co-option can take place at the next meeting.

22. Bank reconciliation (document 10)

It was RESOLVED to approve the reconciliation as shown in the report. This was verified by Cllr Fillmore.

23. Schedule of payments (document 11)

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:-

Payee	Reason for payment	Amount due
Various	Salaries	1,022.55
L Bannister	Office 365 subscription	59.99
Scribe	Accounts package	345.60
R Allen	Rusper Help Domain	32.39
Rusper Village Hall	Donation	200.00
Rusper Parish News	Donation	200.00
Rusper Parish News	Advertising fee	110.00
	Total payments	1,970.53

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm