

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st October 2019 at 7.30pm in Crowhurst Village Hall

Present: Councillors, Mrs R Day (Chair), Ms S Plato. Mrs H Langdon. Mrs T.Hoad.
Mr K Robertson (Clerk),
District Cllr Mr G Curtis.

No	Item	Action
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Public Questions –

Recreation Ground – what procedures are there to manage access on to the grass by vehicles when the grass is waterlogged? The Clerk noted that users of the ground with access need to use their best efforts to assess if the ground is suitable for access by vehicles. Users of the Youth Hut will also be reminded to take care.

Drains – leaking drain near to the Village Hall entrance – The Clerk asked that this be logged with ESCC highways the reference numbers be sent to him to enable any follow up actions needed.

Parking near the Church – noted and deferred to the next meeting.

Apologies. County Cllr Kathryn Field.

17422. Disclosure of Interests – Cllr Plato Environment Group item 17411 & 17419.3

17423. Councillor membership.

17423.1. Resignation It was noted that Cllr Alan Stainsby has resigned from the Council. Members noted his long and valuable service to the Council and agreed to thank him for all of his work supporting Crowhurst.

17423.2. Co-option of new members. Following from the resignation of Cllr White in September and proper notices being published the Council received an application from Mrs. T. Hoad to re-join the Council. Cllrs agreed to Co-Opt Mrs Hoad who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

17424. Representations from Cllrs

17424.1. District Cllr Curtis reported that he continues to engage with and support Speedwatch and the initiatives to tackle speeding in Rother and that RDC is reviewing the licencing criteria for taxi cabs.

17425. Minutes of Last Meeting. The minutes of meeting on 16th September were agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

17428. Planning

17428.1. Applications received.

- 17428.1.1. **RR/2019/1962/PN3** The Sussex Barn, Bynes Farm, Royal Oak Lane, Crowhurst TN33 9BY Notification for Prior Approval of Change of Use from Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse and Associated Operational Development. Cllr Plato reported that she had visited the property. There were no objections from Neighbours spoken with and the development was a positive contribution to the Village. **Members resolved not to object.**
- 17428.1.2. **RR/2019/2274/P** Fordlands, Crowhurst Road, Crowhurst TN33 9BT. First floor extension and patio. Cllr Day reported no adverse comments from neighbours on the alterations to the property. **Members resolved not to object.**

17428.2. Planning Notices received - None

17428.3. Other Planning Items

- 17428.3.1. **To note appeals** re refusal by RDC of RR/2019/350/P RR/2019/1236/P/ Fordlands, Crowhurst Road. RR/2019/1897/TN

17429. Clerks report. Noted

17430. Recreation Ground & Playground

- 17430.1. **To receive a report of Councillors Weekly Inspections.** Cllr Langdon reported that the moles are active – it was agreed to review again in the spring. The Brambles by the Pavilion decking need attention – Woodchips in the playarea are low and will be topped up by the Spring. **Clerk to action.**
- 17430.2. **To receive a Summary of Items logged – Noted**
- 17430.3. **To consider repairs to the notice board in the recreation ground.** Quotes for a replacement board were considered too high. The Clerk will ask contractors if repairs or alterations to the board are possible. **Action Clerk.**
- 17430.4. **To approve the installation of Solar Lights.** Members agreed to the purchase of 12 solar lights for the pathway to the Youth Hut. **Action Clerk.**

17431. Reports back from meetings.

17432. **RALC Speeding Workshop 26th Sept.** The Clerk reported as a member of the RALC executive committee he hosted a speeding workshop. Representatives from 24 Parish Councils (Cllr Day attended for Crowhurst) attended along with some District Cllrs and Speedwatch Co-Ordinators from several villages. The outputs from the meeting will be reviewed at the next quarterly RALC meeting on 23rd Oct along with presentations from the Police, ESCC Highways, SSRP and Speedwatch. The aims will be to define what we can do to further tackle speeding throughout Rother.

17433. Neighbourhood Plan

- 17433.1. **To consider** the setting and the Terms of reference for a group that will advise and assist in the delivery of the objectives set out in the Neighbourhood Plan. **Members agreed the ToR and agreed to set up a working party** (The Crowhurst neighbourhood Plan Advisory and Monitoring Group) to do this.
- 17433.2. Equipment Storage. **Deferred to Nov**

17434. Road and Verges

- 17434.1. Urban Verge Cutting.** Cuts for 2020-21 can be made by ESCC or by suitable contractors employed by the Parish Council. The definition of what is to be cut and how often must first be agreed. Members resolved to agree the specification of the work before deciding on who will cut the grass and the costs to be considered. **Reports to be reviewed again at the November meeting.**
- 17434.2. Rural Verge Cutting.** Cuts now and for 2020-21 are expected to be carried out by ESCC except for verges defined as wildflower verges.
- 17434.3. Wild Flower Verges.** Cllr Plato reported that the Crowhurst Environment Group have received generous donations of seeds and have been preparing these verges for planning with new seeds.

17435. Information for Councillors (for noting or inclusion on future agenda)

- 17435.1. Flooding station road** – further reports to be received in November. **Action TH**
- 17435.2. Rother Rural Trust** – to note grants available and to request a donation from the Council – review in Nov
- 17435.3. To consider Emergency Planning.** Deferred to November. **Action TH**
- 17435.4. Landfill / Haulage.** ESCC reviewing. If there are any specific road haulage concerns district Cllr Curtis will attend any meeting arranged by the Council.
- 17435.5. Village Grants** – Noted an application received from the School and enquiries from Pre School to be considered at the Nov meeting.
- 17435.6. Village Award** – Nominations to be voted on at the November meeting.
- 17435.7. Remembrance Day Wreath.** A donation toward the wreath will be made to the Poppy Appeal with approval at the Nov meeting.

17436. Next Council Meeting – 18th November 2019 Village Hall 19.30pm.

Meeting Closed 10 pm

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