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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE KING SUITE OF THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Bicknell; Bill Evans; Susan Francis (Chairman); Lee Hamilton-Street; Nikki Hamilton-Street; Norma Harris; Mike Hill-Smith; David Marsh; John Oldfield (Vice-Chairman); Roger Phelon; Peter Thompson.

**In Attendance:** Rob Martin, Parish Clerk; Paul Barley, Deputy Clerk; County Councillor Deborah Urquhart; 4 members of the public.

**Action**

**17/025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Paul Bicknell, Steven Mountain, and Roger Phelon (all personal business), and also from District Councillors Andy Cooper and Dudley Wensley.

**17/026 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillors Harris, Hill-Smith and Marsh declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 (minute 17/034) insofar as it related to the Rydon Homes planning application, as they occupied properties near to the subject site.

**17/027 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2017**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8 May 2017 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**17/028 THE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA**

- a) The Clerk referred to the updated action list previously circulated to members of the Council.
- b) The Clerk referred to comments in the Rydon application to their attendance at meetings of the Angmering Advisory Group. Councillors were reminded that this group had been set up at the behest of ADC in order to deal with the delivery of s106 mitigation measures for the Roundstone Lane developments. Its meetings were not held in public and it was therefore not the appropriate forum for developers to carry out any sort of consultation exercise. The Clerk advised that these points had been made with some emphasis to ADC, but had been disregarded by them.

**17/029 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman referred to her report, circulated before the meeting, and reproduced below:

"As I am writing the wind is howling round the house and, as if in a tantrum, it is throwing things around the garden. We have had beautiful sunny, hot

days with the threat of heading for a drought and now downpours and wind, well this is England after all!

"So what has been going on in the last few weeks?

"We were very pleased to welcome some of the school children from Ouistreham to St Margaret's School on 12th May. The members of the Twinning Association and members of staff at the schools made the visitors very welcome, including a quiz, playing time and lunch. The children arrived as strangers and left with new best friends. A good job done by all, this is the second visit and hopefully more will follow.

"On 23rd May I attended the Twinning Association committee meeting. They will be at the St Peter and St Paul's fair with information and encouragement for new members, the summer party will be on the 16th July, anyone interest please let me know. Of course the trip to Ouistreham in August is ready and everyone is looking forward to another successful time.

"On 24th May I was honoured to attend the late May Day celebrations at St Margaret's Schools. All the children performed dance, some designed by the class themselves. They all did brilliantly and the sun was kind to us again this year.

"May Day bank holiday the travellers arrived and took up occupation on land just north of the A259. At the time of writing, as far as I am aware they are still there.

"This coming Saturday 10th June I am judging the carnival at East Preston. I hope the weather is better than today."

Councillor Thompson asked whether the travellers on the A259 had now departed – it was confirmed that they had. It was noted that the ADC traveller updates were no longer being received by the Parish Office.

**17/030**

#### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Mr Hanmore wished to thank the Parish Council personally, on behalf of the Angmering Sports and Recreation Association, for the commitment to spend significant amounts on improvements to the recreation ground. This bucked the trend for local councils generally to cease to support sports facilities.

Mr Hanmore also wished to express concern that the matter of the lease on the recreation ground was still unresolved despite considerable efforts being made by the Clerk and others to get ADC to deal with this matter.

The Clerk noted that this concern was shared by the Parish Council and he would now take it up with the ward District Councillors as well as ADC officers. It was disappointing to note that the officers responsible were now not even responding to correspondence on the subject.

Councillor Nikki Hamilton-Street asked whether anything further had been heard with regard to the ADC open space strategy. The Clerk noted that this had rather been overtaken by the HELAA exercise, which unhelpfully had envisaged housing being put on some of the playing fields in the strategy, but that this would be followed up.

A member of the public raised concerns about the recent grant of permission for a non-material amendment in relation to the proposed extra care facility on the Broadlees site in Dappers Lane. It was noted that the Parish Council was already well aware of the matter and would be raising

its concerns with ADC as a matter of priority, as the amendments proposed could not, in all conscience, be described as minor.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council felt disadvantaged by the absence of ADC and WSCC representatives at its meetings. The Chairman noted that WSCC and ADC representatives were generally to be found in attendance at more than half of the Parish Council's monthly meetings, but it was clearly less than advantageous when neither of the ward District Councillors were unable to attend.

Mr Henderson noted that the Merry England Nursery site in Dappers Lane was being offered for sale "with planning permission" when in fact the Section 106 agreement attaching to the application had not yet been finalised, and asked whether this was permissible. The Deputy Clerk noted that as the ADC Development Control Committee had approved the application, and this was now on the public record in the minutes of the Committee's relevant meeting, it was not inaccurate to state this.

*The meeting reconvened.*

**17/031**

**REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Urquhart noted that WSCC business had only recently reconvened following the recent elections. She had been promoted into the Cabinet as the member responsible for Environment. She noted that the Traffic Management Scheme would hopefully go before JEAAC in July for final approval.

A member of the public asked whether there was an update with regard to the A259 route improvement scheme. County Councillor Urquhart noted that land acquisitions and compulsory purchase requirements were being dealt with at present.

The Chairman asked whether the A284 Lyminster bypass scheme was any further forward. County Councillor Urquhart noted that Persimmon Homes were still in discussions with Southern Water with regard to foul drainage from the North Littlehampton development and as a result matters were no further forward. Councillors were reminded that it was the Section 106 agreement for the North Littlehampton development that was providing a large proportion of the funding for the A284 scheme, and so the scheme could not progress while this remained unresolved.

**17/032**

**REPORTS FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

There were no District Councillors present at the meeting.

**17/033**

**JUDICIAL REVIEW**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the adjourned hearing had now been re-fixed for 11 July 2017, and that 90 minutes had been allowed for all arguments to be put forward. The recent Supreme Court decision in the Suffolk Coastal DC v Hopkins Homes case was considered to have significant implications both for this matter and for future planning decisions involving the application of Neighbourhood Plan policies.

**17/034**

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

The Chairman referred to the final letter sent as a response to the Local Plan consultation and noted that the Parish Council needed to consider the way forward in terms of its response to the application by Rydon Homes for the site south of Water Lane (A/99/17/OUT).

It was noted that this site had been repeatedly rejected in successive land availability assessments as it was considered unsuitable for development.

There were significant concerns with both the application itself and the manner in which it had been brought forward, with the revised Arun Local Plan due to commence examination shortly.

It was noted that the Parish Council was liaising with the CPRE, and the SDNPA with regard to the application, and that Rt Hon Nick Herbert MP was also being made aware of it.

With regard to the Angmering Advisory Group, and further to the comments made by the Clerk earlier in the meeting, it was noted that the Chairman and Councillors Mountain and Oldfield currently attended the Group's meetings. The concerns regarding the misapplication of the Group's terms of reference were repeated; County Councillor Urquhart noted that she shared these concerns, and that in her view potential developers had no place at these meetings.

The Chairman noted with concern that some significant amendments to the proposed Broadlees extra care facility scheme had been approved by ADC, without notice to the Parish Council, under the non-material amendment process. It was noted that the scale of the amendments requested could not in all conscience be described as non-material and appropriate representations would now need to be made to ADC.

**17/035**

**MAYFLOWER WAY TELECOMS MAST**

The Chairman referred to the report prepared by the Deputy Clerk, and circulated prior to the meeting, regarding a request by JW Stratton Ltd to regularise the Land Registry records for the plot of land they owned in Mayflower Park, on which was situated a telecoms mast.

Following brief discussion, matters proceeded to a vote, as follows:

- 1) On a proposal by Councillor Lee Hamilton-Street, seconded by Councillor Hill-Smith: That the Clerk and his staff take such steps as are necessary to investigate the position with regard to the request from J W Stratton Ltd, including the appropriate level of consideration and contributions to the Parish Council's legal costs – unanimously **AGREED**
- 2) On a proposal by Councillor Lee Hamilton-Street, seconded by Councillor Hill-Smith: That, if satisfied that it is in order to carry out the request, that the Clerk and his staff take such steps as are necessary to rectify the Land Registry title WSX318768, including collection of monies due to the Parish Council in relation to the proposed rectification, with the final Deed being executed by two Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 14 – unanimously **AGREED**

**17/036**

**COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman noted that an application for grant had been received from 1<sup>st</sup> Angmering Guides in the sum of £300.

It was noted that the papers submitted in support of the application did not make it clear what costs were being incurred as part of the project for which grant assistance was being sought.

Following discussion, the matter proceeded to a vote, as follows:

On a proposal by Councillor Lee Hamilton-Street, seconded by Councillor Thompson: That the grant be awarded in the requested sum of £300, on condition that a proper explanation of the cost be provided by the applicant

before any funds are disbursed – **AGREED** by 8 votes in favour, one vote against, and one abstention.

The 2017/2018 budget for Community Grants was £3,300 and grants allocated to date amounted to £625, leaving a balance available of £2,375 from which to fund grants.

**17/037**

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Clerk referred to his report on a proposed investment strategy for the coming year, by which deposits would not exceed the FSCS limit of £85k.

Councillor Thompson asked about the outlook ratings for the proposed investments. The Clerk noted that investments would in each case be covered by FSCS scheme in any event. There was no mechanism by which banks were compared against a standard.

Councillor Lee Hamilton-Street noted that UK banks had been stress-tested in the last 18 months and had passed.

Councillor Thompson noted that financial institutions that did not deal with charities and not-for-profit organisations should possibly be excluded.

The matter was put to a vote, as follows:

On a proposal by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Hill-Smith: That the investment strategy as proposed by the Clerk be adopted – unanimously **AGREED**.

**17/038**

**QUESTIONS ON THE ALREADY CIRCULATED NOTES OF MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

It was noted that the next JEAAC meeting would take place in July 2017; its Highways and Transport Working Group would meet in the near future.

It was noted that Councillor Harris would attend the next ASRA meeting in place of Councillor Phelon.

**17/039**

**QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

An opportunity to ask questions resulting from the already circulated minutes of the meetings of the following Committees:-

- a) The Housing, Transport & Planning Committee meetings held on 16 May and 5 June 2017.

Councillor Thompson noted that the Local Plan Sub-Committee's next meeting on 3 July 2017 would be attended by him and various other Councillors.

**17/040**

**2016/2017 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The reports were noted.

**17/041**

**TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA**

None.

**17/042**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled to be on Monday 10 July 2017, at 7.30pm in the King Suite of the Angmering Village Hall.

**The meeting finished at 21:35.**

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Chairman

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