



Minutes of Full Council held on 10th July 2019

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Minute		Action
3140	Attendance: Cllrs Godley, Baxter, Mear, Nicklen, Mansfield, Holland, Mr Coates WSCC – item 9a on the agenda. Cllr Glynn Davies arrived 7.10pm, Cllr Boggis arrived 7.30pm, Cllr Thornton arrived 7.33pm Apologies : Cllrs Aulton, Derham Members of the public : 1 Mr Vimpany Clerk : C. Stephenson	
3141	It was agreed to bring item 9a on the agenda forward to allow Mr Coates to leave after that item	
3142	Halewick Lane – battery storage project – Mr Coates updated councillors on progress being made with this project. A number of land ownership issues have been identified resulting in some land now known to be in the ownership of the Crown Estate which WSCC have agreed to take over the freehold of. This will give WSCC greater authority to enforce obligations on others inc drainage matters etc. Exact cabling route running from Brooklands sub station still to be agreed and involving discussions with Sompting Estate. WSCC are supportive of better footpaths and bridleways in this area. WSCC confirmed they have no powers or responsibility for the dilapidated barn on an adjoining site. Cllr Glynn Davies advised she is pursuing this with Adur District Council seeking a Dangerous Structure Notice as there are serious concerns about its condition and the large amounts of asbestos in its construction. Mr Coates to reply to Clerk with responses to – are WSCC taking any mitigation steps to protect residents in the locality, what risks have been identified and steps to mitigate those risks, has WSCC taken advantage of Operation Watershed, what screening is planned for the site. Mr Coates to be invited to next Council meeting in September for ongoing update.	CGD Clerk
	7.33pm Mr Coates and Cllr Nicklen left the meeting at this point. Cllr Nicklen returned at 7.35pm	
3143	It was agreed to bring item 8 forward at this point	
3144	Councillor Co-option Vacancy – Following a presentation by the applicant and subsequent question and answer session, Cllr Mansfield proposed and Cllr Godley seconded that Mr Vimpany be invited to accept this position and join Sompting Parish Council. Agreed by all councillors except Cllr Mear who abstained. Mr Vimpany accepted, signed the	

Acceptance of Office form and joined other members on the Council at that point.

- 3145 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3146 **Request for DPI Dispensations:** None
- 3147 **Policing Matters** – There were no up to date statistics available on the Police website to bring to this meeting. Cllr Godley has met with another PCSO today – see minute 3153(f) below.
- 3148 **Report of District and County Councillors** – Cllr Barton was not present.
Cllr Boggis advised :
Adur District Council has recently agreed its Climate Emergency position.
Airport development i.e. Monks Farm has not been “called in” by the Secretary of State
IKEA have confirmed they are still intending to go ahead with their application.
- 3149 **Minutes of meeting held on 12th June 2019** – Councillors **agreed** the minutes are a true record of that meeting and they were duly signed.
- 3150 **Public Participation :** None
- 3151 **Halewick Lane – Flooding :** Cllr Glynn Davies advised no further update on this at present other than no reported problems following recent rainfall.
- 3152 **Committee minutes, reports, recommendations from Committees and Working Groups :**
a **Amenities and Environment Committee 22.5.19 – Noted**
b **Finance Committee 5.6.19 - Noted**
- 3153 **Report representatives to other bodies :**
a **Adur County Local Committee** – Cllr Glynn Davies - nothing to report
b **Sussex Association of Local Councils** – Cllr Nicklen – next meeting 30.7.19.
c **Adur District Conservation Area Consultative Group** – Cllr Godley – nothing to report.
d **Sompting Big Local** – Cllr Glynn Davies – Sustainable Sussex are now working closely with SBL on various projects. Concerns on Facebook concerning spending of SBL funds and projects being undertaken. Add item to next agenda for Amenities and Environment Committee for councillors to compile list of projects to approach SBL for assistance with funding on behalf of residents. All councillors to send any suggestions to Clerk and Cllr Glynn Davies to be added to agenda for consideration.
e **A27** – Cllr Nicklen advised recent statement issued by Highways England suggests they are still looking for a solution and are considering all options. **A27 Bypass Group** – Cllr Baxter advised no update
f **Multi Agency Parking Group** – Lancing Parish Council have advised that they are still willing to support this initiative but would prefer “postcard” size flyers which they are currently designing for placing under windscreens instead of previously agreed A4 posters. These have already been discounted at previous meetings. Cllr Godley proposed, seconded by Cllr Baxter that this council goes ahead with the A4 posters in Sompting, to be displayed as previously agreed with WSCC and the Police. **Agreed.** Lancing Parish Council to be advised of this decision. Cllr Godley met with a different PCSO who has agreed to help monitor the speed levels in West Street, Sompting. Clerk to forward to him a copy of the recent traffic survey results. If it is found there is a significant

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	problem, he will look to issue tickets. He has suggested if anyone spots an HGV where it shouldn't be, to take photographs and write to company involved. Clerk to add to website and Facebook	Clerk
g	Air Raid Shelter Group – Cllr Godley advised grant application has been refused. Unfortunately, the Heritage Lottery Fund felt there was lack of evidence supporting the application e.g. the engineers report for the renovation work and quotes for the work. However, following a conversation with them, they have agreed to accept a revised application with emphasis on equality of accessibility etc. Cllr Godley has confirmed the council is able to apply in its own right and will take this forward.	AG
h	Sompting Festival Group - Cllrs Holland advised arrangements progressing well. Stalls still available for Sat 17 th August. Still seeking volunteers to help. Next meeting 23.7.19. Cllr Godley advised of sponsorship that has been secured from a number of organisations across Sompting for which we are extremely grateful.	
i	Harriet Johnson Community Hub/café – Cllr Godley advised no further update	
j	EPIC – Cllr Glynn Davies advised project going well and of site meeting next week to which all councillors have been invited – see email from EPIC.	ALL
k	Community in the Countryside inc Malthouse Meadows – Terms of Reference agreed. Next meeting 16.7.19. Volunteers are still needed. Clerk to forward new Community in the Countryside email address.	Clerk
3154	West Area Capital Funding Board – Cllr Boggis advised the council to submit any applications for funding to the Board for consideration. All Councillors are asked to consider if there are any projects/initiatives this council can put forward and to advise Clerk. Possible projects – Air Raid Shelter, changing rooms/HJC extension. Clerk to add item to next Amenities and Environment Committee agenda for further discussion.	ALL Clerk
3155	No 16 Bus Survey and Bus Survey Results – The council received 51 survey form responses and 20 via online survey. From results received and very low response rate, the council felt it was unable to support the continuation of this service and the costs involved. Instead, the council agreed to ask to meet again with another community transport provider and possibly SBL to see if a more “tailored” service can be provided to users instead. Cllr Holland to join team. Lancing Parish Council and provider of No 16 bus service to be advised of this decision.	SH
3156	Sompting Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Godley advised currently with Adur District Council – no further update.	
3157	Business Planning – Cllr Godley would like to take this forward to reflect council priorities, risks, Neighbourhood Plan etc. and future budget considerations. Agreed to set up a group to take this forward – Cllrs Godley, Baxter, Mear, Nicklen; Cllr Baxter to create google document for ease of entry/updates etc; Clerk to arrange meeting for September	AG,CB, BM,TN Clerk
3158	Climate Emergency – Cllrs agreed the motion put forward “That this council has a special responsibility to protect the area in which we live and work and that we must therefore make a commitment to reduce our carbon emissions for the council as a matter of urgency” therefore the Parish Council declares a 'Climate Emergency' and commits to all actions taken will work towards carbon neutrality, conservation, sustainability for the future of Sompting and its locality. Cllrs Godley, Glynn Davies, Baxter,	AG, CB, BM, TN, CGD

Sompting Parish Council's mission: “ To help foster a Sompting community which gives people a reason to be proud and engaged with the area we all live in”

Mear, Nicklen, Holland to join Lancing Parish Councillors at their meeting at 7pm on Monday 15th July 2019 at The Crabtree PH.

- 3159 **Groundsman/Conservation Officer capacity** – After much discussion and varying views, councillors **agreed** that a commitment of 3 hours on the first Sunday of the month would be allocated as a priority to the Malthouse Meadows project. The rest of officer time would be spent maintaining the flower beds across Sompting, the Harriet Johnson Grounds, bus shelters etc. Clerk, Cllr Nicklen, Groundsman/Conservation Office to meet to discuss how this can be managed and monitored and taken forward without detriment to the community.
- 3160 9.22pm - Cllrs Mansfield and Vimpany asked to leave the meeting at this point - **Agreed**
- 3161 **Signpost** – Cllr Glynn Davies already has responsibility for proof reading editions before they go to print. In future, all councillors will be copied in to draft for comment before printing. Clerk advised this may mean shortening the deadline for entries to be submitted from councillors. Dates previously agreed with printers and for delivery will remain unchanged. **ALL**
- 3162 **St Marys Church** – Cllr Baxter advised of meeting next week.
- 3163 **Millfield** – Cllr Mear advised of outcome of recent site meeting and expressed some concern of current plans by Adur District Council regarding the land surrounding the flats. Cllr Boggis advised of some potential issues surrounding the funding for the repairs to Millfield. Clerk to ask that Cllr Baxter be added to the mailing list for future meetings and join this group. **Clerk**
- 3164 **Men in Sheds** – Following a meeting with Men in Sheds with Cllr Godley and the Clerk, alternative sites have been suggested for the proposed location of a new shed and venue. Men in Sheds agreed and are now exploring these options. No further action required by this council. **Noted**
- 3165 **Awards Ceremony** – Cllr Godley proposed this year's Awards Ceremony be held on Weds 9th October 2019 in lieu of previously agreed Full Council meeting. **Agreed** **Clerk**
- 3166 **Use of rooms in Harriet Johnson Centre by EPIC project** – Clerk advised following discussions with EPIC, a proposal for a 50% reduction of hire fees is suggested in line with other groups hiring rooms in the Centre of £10 per session. This is acceptable to them. **Agreed.** **Clerk**
- 3167 **Communication with Lancing Parish Council** – All items discussed are referred to above in these minutes
- 3168 **Date of next meeting : 7.00pm on 11th September 2019. Please note start time.**
- Meeting closed at 9.35pm**

Signed Chairman of the Council

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