Fittleworth Parish Council



APPROVED Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Council Meeting held

on

20th May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Pavilion Building.

Present: Chris Welfare (CW) Chair, Mike Allin (MA), David

Brittain (DB), Ed Brookfield (EB), Tony Broughton (TB), Jane Claxton (JC), Kerry

Coughtrey (KC), & Lee Scott (MF)

In attendance: County Janet Duncton (JD), District Councillor

Alan Sutton (AS) and Louise Collis (Clerk)

Members of public: 1

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action by
19-55	 To Elect the Chair of the Council and to receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office 	
	The RESOLUTION to elect Chris Welfare as Chairman was PROPOSED by MA and SECONDED by TB. (6 Councillors voted. Unanimous vote to pass resolution). CW was duly elected. CW then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.	
19-56	2. To Elect the Vice-chair of the Council and to receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office	
	No one put themselves forward. It was \textbf{AGREED} to defer the election until the next meeting.	June 19 PC meeting
19-57	3. To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the other Parish Councillors Following the Elections all councillors elected are required to Sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms. All elected councillors signed and dated the forms in front of the Clerk.	
19-58	4. Apologies for absence: None	
19-59	5. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising The minutes of the meeting held on 24 th April 2019 were approved as a correct record. The Minutes were PROPOSED by MA and SECONDED by TB. The minutes were then signed by CW.	
19-60	6. County Councillor report JD is now Chair of West Sussex County Council. In her role she has already attended 2 Chichester Cathedral events, various Citizenship events in Crawley and Chichester, plus the plaque un-veiling with Dr Brian May at Selsey for Sir Patrick Moore. WSCC received a poor Ofsted school report. WSCC are concerned with the report. All County Councillors are Corporate Parents and steps will be taken to ensure the situation improves. A decision is still yet to be made on the WSCC Highways contract. The County Council meeting has been webcast for many years. It was that a decision has been made to allow other committees to webcast as they wish. We think this can happen within the current contract charge but will review after a year.	

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Questions:

- a) JC asked about childcare in unregulated homes. JD explained that the Ofsted report does not go into detail. The Child Services team will be looking into this point.
- b) DB pointed out that following the recent works on the A285 near Upwaltham, the informal layby on the hill used by tractors has now been blocked off by large branches.
- c) MA pointed out that the Gully Clearing machine missed the gullies outside the Swan on the last visit. JD to report this to the relevant department.
- d) DB asked for an update on the Soft Sand Review. JD will report back with an update.
- e) LS asked for an update on the Local Plan and the Minerals Plan. JD sits on the SDNPA and it is hoped that both plans will be adopted by September 2019.

19-61

7. District Councillor Report

Fittleworth now has a new District Councillor. Cllr Alan Sutton. AS submitted the following report:-

"I am delighted to be elected as your District Councillor. After a long and varied business career this is my first political appointment. I hope you find me friendly, approachable and I am committed to be accessible and pro-active in my approach. There has been a reduction to 36 councillors in the council, which means that each ward is now considerable bigger – Fittleworth Ward has approximately 2800 electors and about 1400 households.

The District Council now consists of 18 Conservatives, 11 Liberal democrats, 2 labour, 2 greens, 2 Selsey Alliance independents and one further independent. Tony Dignum the leader has stood down and a new leader and team will be confirmed at the full council meeting on Tuesday 21st May – I will give details next time.

As the major party it is our commitment to work collaboratively with all members to the benefit of the whole district and I am fully committed to that myself as I believe that is the best way to achieve most for our beautiful area.

I am determined to provide improved communications between all levels of government in support of our ward. In my role as one of the Elected Governors for Chichester at the Western Sussex NHS foundation trust I am also a trained "knowing me Dementia Volunteer and Research Ambassador. I also have responsibility for improving communication between the hospital and the local Primary Care providers (Doctors surgeries) in this area. The trust covers Southlands, Worthing and St Richards Hospital and I have set up "drop in centres at locations including our Village stores and pub. I am happy to meet any resident to discuss any issues when available, even if they are not my direct responsibility I will signpost and advise when I am able."

19-62

8. Public Questions -

a) A member of the public asked if the grass on the Recreation Ground will have any reconditioning work done on it. The success of the Community Shop and Playground has resulted in up to 40 children playing on the Recreation Ground during the summer evenings. It was Agreed that the Clerk will contact Grasstex to carry out a site visit, prepare a report of recommendations and provide a quote for the proposed solution.

Clerk

JD

JD

b) Inconsiderate parking on the road was reported. This should be reported on the Love West Sussex App.

	c) Fly Tipping has occurred on Hesworth Lane. The incident has been reported to						
	CDC, however if anyone sees further fly tipping please report to CDC as soon as						
	possible. https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/27780/Report-a-problem The Clerk						
	will put the link on the website.						
19-63	O. Co-Onting a New Parish councillor						
19-03	9. Co-Opting a New Parish councillor Following the election the Clerk publicised the two vacancies on the Parish Council.						
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	At the meeting The Parish Council could now co-opt 2 new Parish Councillors. CW informed the meeting that 1 parishioner has put himself forward – Mr Ed						
	Brookfield. JC declared a pers						
	•	_	bout himself and reasons why				
	he wanted to join the Paris	h Council. The candidat	e left the room and a vote				
	(excluding JC) was taken.	DDODOGED by MA and	CECONDED by I/C. The yeste				
	Mr Eu Brookileid was was unanimous.	PROPUSED by MA and	SECONDED by KC. The vote				
		ne nosition and the releva	nt nanerwork was completed				
	The candidate accepted the position and the relevant paperwork was completed. CW welcomed the new Parish Councillor to the Parish Council.						
19-64							
	Working Groups, Sta	aff, other Local Authori	ties and bodies				
	The following changes to the Committees and Working Groups were AGREED.						
	Finance Committee – To be removed. All Financial decisions are made						
	 during the Parish Council Meetings Planning Committee – Review new planning applications, appeals and 						
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	Enforcement issues. At the Public Planning Committee meetings, applications, appeals and Enforcement issues are discussed and comments to						
	be submitted to CDC to be agreed.						
	Highways & Traffic Working Group – Meet regularly with members of						
	other groups within Fittleworth to discuss possible solutions to speed related						
	issues and monitor Highway maintenance issues.						
	Communication Working Group – To maintain and develop the website and other social media platforms and review and update GDPR compliance						
	procedures when required.						
			& Youth Group - Through				
		- ·	and other tools the working				
		_	fit the community. The Group				
	•		oon the information as well as				
	help the Youth of Fittle	worth flourish in the com	munity.				
	Hesworth Common Working Group – to maintain the Common Footnoth Working Group Identify report and manitor issues						
	Footpath Working Group – Identify, report and monitor issues The Delegation arrangements to Committees and Working Groups were PROPOSED by KC and SECONDED by TB						
19-65	by KC and SECONDED by TB. 11.Review of Terms of Reference for Committees						
19-03	It was AGREED that the following terms of Reference will be used:-						
	Planning Committee – Terms of Reference SALC Planning Protocol Dated April 2018.						
	However, during the year The Planning Committee will draft the Fittleworth Planning						
	Protocol Document.						
	The Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee was PROPOSED by LS and						
10.55	SECONDED by MA						
19-66	12.Appointment of members to existing Committees & Working Groups						
	PLANNING COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION						
	Mike Allin - Chair COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP						
	David Brittain, RESILIENCE, CRIME Margaret Welfare,						
	Tony Broughton,	& YOUH GROUP	Kerry Coughtrey				
	Lee Scott David Brittain Clerk						

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	Jane Claxton	Kerry Coughtrey		
		Alison Welterveden		
		Chris Welfare		
		Ed Brookfield		
		Robin Dunstan (Non		
		PC member)		
	MATRITENIANICE	,	LIECWORTH COMMON	
	MAINTENANCE	FOOTPATHS	HESWORTH COMMON	
	Coordinator	WORKING GROUP	WORKING GROUP	
	Tony Broughton	All councillors -	Mike Allin - Chair	
		footpaths to be	Chris Welfare	
		allocated to specific	Ed Brookfield	
		councillors	Lee Scott	
	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN		HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC	
	STEERING GROUP		WORKING GROUP	
	(not a Parish Council		Kerry Coughtrey - Chair	
	Working Group)		Lee Scott	
	Mike Allin		Tony Broughton	
	Shelagh Morgan		Adrian Webb	
	(Non PC member)		(Non PC member)	
	Chris Welfare		Sally Tanner	
	Charles Clark		(Non PC member)	
	(Non PC member)		Christine Parker	
	Adrian Webb		(Non PC member)	
	(Non PC member)		Helen Cowper	
	,		(Non PC member)	
	The appointment of members	to Committees and Work	king Groups were PROPOSED	
	by LS and SECONDED by TB.		-	
19-67	13.Appointment of any	new Committee - Non		
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19-71	17.In an election year, to make arrangements with a view to the Council becoming eligible to exercise the general power of competence in the future					
	CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administrat has not enough time to take the course. There exercise the general power of competence in t	efore, the counci				
19-72	18.Review of inventory of land and as equipment	ssets including	buildings and office			
	This will be discussed in the Finance item late	r on in the meet	ing.			
19-73	19.Confirmation of arrangements for insured risks					
	The Parish Council undertook a full review of the insurance cover in September 2018					
	when the 3 year agreement expired. The curre					
	council. Whenever there is a change in the Pa					
	informs the insurance broker and the policy is					
19-74	20.Review of the council's and/or sta	ff subscription	s to other bodies			
	NALC/SALC – Annual Subscription – £297.13 - Paid 18/3/19 SLCC – Annual Subscription – £136.00 - Paid 18/3/19					
	It was AGREED that the current Subscriptions are adequate.					
19-75	21.Review of the council's complaints	procedure				
	Adopted on 4 th February 2019. No review required.					
19-76	22.Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect					
	of its obligations under freedom of	of information	and data protection			
	legislation					
	Adopted on 4 th February 2019. No review requ					
19-77	23.Review of the council's policy for dealing with the press/media					
19-78	Adopted on 4 th February 2019. No review required. 24.Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures					
19-70	Adopted on 4 th February 2019. No review required.					
19-79	25.Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local					
	Government Act 1972 or the gener					
	Annual donations made in 2018/19 - Approve	d at the Parish (Council meeting on 21s			
	January 2019:					
	Annual donations:					
		2017/18	2018/19			
	S.137 payments	(Actual)	(Actual)			
	Air Ambulance	£100	£100			
	Burton & Coates PCC	£100	£100			
	Fittleworth Over 60s club	£150	£150			
	Fittleworth PCC (includes £50 for	£300	£300			
	Village Magazine)					
	Fittleworth Playgroup	£100	£100			
	Community Minibus Association	£100	£100			
	Petworth Nursing Home	£50	£50			
	Purple Bus	£100	£100			
	Total	£1,000	£1,000			

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£71.60

COIF Annual interest paid to the Parochial Church Council

£60.38

One off donations:- Paid during the year 2018/19 and ratified at the Parish Council meeting on 21st January 2019:

	2017/18 (Actual)	2018/19 (Actual)
S.137 payments		
Fittleworth Community Shop paid	£1,500	
Royal British Legion – Wreath Nov		£50
2018		
Silent Soldier		£250
Total	£1,500	£300

Total donations for 2018/19 £1,300 & COIF interest £60.38

For the year ended 31 March 2019, the Parish Council can make a total s.137 payments of £7.86 per elector. Therefore, a total sum of £5,957.88 for s.137 payments is allowed based on the total number of electors for Fittleworth of 758 for 2018/19.

19-80

26.Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the full council up to and including the next annual meeting of Council

Meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month, except for August, when a meeting is not held. Please note that the exceptions this to rule are marked in red. The following meeting dates were AGREED. All meetings are held at the Sports Pavilion at 7pm.

<u>2019</u>	2020
Monday 17th June	Monday 20 th January
Monday 8th July	Monday 17th February
Monday 16th September	Monday 16th March
Monday 7th October	Monday 20th April
Monday 18th November	Monday 18th May
Monday 16th December	(Annual Meeting of the Council)

19-81

27.Declaration by Council members of personal or prejudicial interest

JC declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9 – Co-opting a new parish councillor – the candidate. Ed Brookfield, is her brother.

LS declared a Prejudicial interest in Agenda item 31 – Planning - the planning application appeal for Fitzleroi Farm

DB declared a personal interest in Agenda item 31 – Planning - the planning application for Fitzleroi Farm

MA declared a personal & Prejudicial interest in Agenda item 31 – Planning - the planning application for Gorseland Wyncombe Close

MA declared a personal, prejudicial and Pecuniary interest in Agenda item 31 – Planning – Pre-Application - Erection of 15 dwellings with associated access and landscaping- Limbourne Lane.

19-82

28.Update on on-going matters not covered elsewhere

a) Meetings: Attended and upcoming meetings

Meetings	None	
Up-	North Chichester CLC, Compton -11 th June	DB possibly
coming	2019	
meetings	SALC New Councillor Training Day – 27th June	JC
	SALC Planning Training Day – 18th July	JC
	All Parishes Meeting – Monday 15 th July 2019	
	SDNPA Pathwatch - September 2019	

SALC AGM - Thurs 3rd October 2019, Avisford, North Chichester CLC -12th November 2019 North Chichester CLC -17th March 2020 29. Urgent Items for Discussion 19-83 a) Consultations - None b) Neighbourhood Plan update CW reported that the Independent Examiner has made some initial comments. The comments need a response, however the comments do not need the approval of the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be informed of the comments submitted. The Referendum is unlikely to be held until October 2019. c) Parish Council Strategic Plan The current Plan (dated 2017) was circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting. Sept 2019 It was suggested that the plan should be updated to reflect the completion of the shop project and formulate a strategy for the new Parish Council in the updated PC document. Deferred to the September 2019 Parish Council Meeting meeting d) Parish Member appointments to the National Park Authority 2019 No-one put themselves forward as a candidate for the SDNP Board. e) Councillors Training -JC to attend a New Councillor Training Day and Planning Training. 19-84 30. Working Group Reports a) Community / Youth/ Crime Prevention - Nothing to report b) Hesworth Common / Birchwalks Wood The minutes of the 29 April Hesworth Management Committee meeting have been issued. The next meeting is 23 Sept 2019. Funding application for 2019/20 has now been submitted. Worthing Volunteers Working Party - 18/8/19 Birch Walk Woods Scouts and Cubs conservation work - 23/5/19 c) Traffic Working Group Report -No meeting has taken place since the last parish council meeting. Currently looking into examples of signage. d) Highways & Footpaths

- i) Stretch of Pavement in Upper Street outside The Glebe no update available.
- *ii)* School Close Footpath, Speed sign and condition of road Condition of road the road has been patched up.

Fallen Speed sign – WSCC have acknowledged that the sign needs to be secured into position. However, they will do it once they have along enough job list to warrant a team to go out and carry out the jobs.

iii) Road Safety Issue – Lower Street Near St Richards Cottages

The Clerk replied to the resident who had raised some issues. A response was received.

iv. <u>Other Highway & Footpath issues</u> No additional issues reported

e) Maintenance

i) Recreation Ground Culvert

no update available

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ii) Sports & Social Pavilion Annual Electrical Checks -The electrician has carried out the work and invoiced the council. He will release the certificates and recommendations once he has been paid. iii) <u>Monthly Review – Outstanding Maintenance Work</u> KC and Clerk met to discuss issues. A full review of all issues and the annual review of the Fixed Assets will take place before the next meeting, the jobs will be KC/LC prioritised and then a proposal presented to the council at the next meeting. iv) Playground/ Youth Area Table Tennis table damage MF reported that the replacement has been ordered and awaiting delivery. g) Village Hall Village Hall Committee Update The Village Hall roof is to be looked at by Feltfix Roofing. Community Shop - Proposal to landscape area outside Shop The meeting with the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council and the Shop Committee to discuss landscaping outside the shop, around the Village Hall and carpark was scheduled for 22 May. 31.Planning 19-85 a) Status of recent applications **NEW APPLICATIONS & DECISIONS - SEE APPENDIX 1 - MA went through the** Planning Committee comments submitted since the last meeting and the SDNP Decisions. The comments are set out on Appendix 1. b) Approval of the Planning Committee Minutes No minutes presented for approval c) Other Planning matters Bognor Quarry, Stretch Hill - No update available. Quarterly inspection by SDNP Enforcement has taken place but no report issued as yet. ii) Lithersgate Common, Bedham Lane, Fittleworth - SDNP/17/00755/COU - BMX <u>Track Appeal</u> – Awaiting commencement of Appeal. <u>Douglas Lake Farm farm/ light industrial buildings change of use</u> - This has iii. been reported to CDC Enforcement. An investigation is in progress. A site visit will be conducted in accordance with CDC Enforcement Strategy. Pre Application- Erection of 15 dwellings with associated access and iv. landscaping- Limbourne Lane. The Planning Committee will be discussing the application at the Planning Committee meeting on 23 May 2019. 32. Correspondence - The list of Correspondence was considered. 19-86 19-87 33. Finance - Income & Expenditure Account Summary Year ended 31 March 2019 - approval by resolution The **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the Expenditure Account Summary for the Year Ended 31 March 2019 was **PROPOSED** by LS and **SECONDED** by TB. 34. Finance - Annual Return - 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement -19-88 approval by resolution The **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the Annual Return - 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement was **PROPOSED** by LS and **SECONDED** by TB. The motion was carried. The Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 was then signed by the Chairman

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DS	S	Sports Pavilion electrical checks		£385.00
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1 1	ulberry	Internal Audit 2018/19		£125.28
	Со	(Cheque No. 2478)		
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c) VAT Claim Year for the period to 31 March 2019

The claim for the period 1/12/18 to 31/3/19 has now been submitted. The total claim is £136.44. The Total VAT Claim for 2018/19 - £19,742.48

d) Fixed Asset Register Review

e) Any other financial issues - None

KC and LC to carry out prior to June Parish Council Meeting.

KC/Clerk

19-92

38.Health & Safety: Update of new and on-going items

a) Receive the following reports in accordance with the reporting cycle and updates on work carried out since the last meeting.

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	Location	Next Report date	Location	Next Report date	
	Centenary Garden & Arch & Sandpit (every 6 months) – last report 16/3/19	Sept 2019 MA	Recreation Ground & Bus Shelter (every 3 months) – last report 16/9/18	May 2019 LS	
	Hesworth Common / Birchwalks Woods (every 3 months) – last report 10/3/19	June 2019 CW	The Triangle (every Month) – last report 19/5/19 –	June 2019 MA	
	Sports & Social Pavilion (Monthly) – last report 18/3/19 -No new issues reported	May 2019 TB	Village tree inspection	When required	
	Playground Youth Area & Gym Equip - Fortnightly - last report 20/5/19 - Table tennis table to be replaced. On Order - Adult equipment going rusty	3/6/19 KC	Bowls Pavilion (Monthly) last report dated 7/5/19 -3/4 shiplap wooden strips need to be replaced	June 2019 TB	
	 New Key points not covered elsewhere in the minutes b) Sports Pavilion - Fire Risk Assessment - Follow up visit to take place on 24 June 19. 				
19-93	39.Items for inclusion on the May Agenda Election of Vice-chair Co-opting 1 Parish councillor Winter Management Plan update Maintenance Work proposal Financial Regulations update				
19-94	40.Date of next Parish m Monday 17 th June 20		m in the Pavilion Building		

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