

ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting of Ardingly Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 1 March 2011 in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall from 7.30pm.

MINUTES

Present:	Mr G Ruse (Chair) Mr M Brixey Mrs R Chalk Mrs S Chapman Mr D Hadden Mr T Clement In attendance: Mrs A Rumble (Clerk) Mr B Acraman – County Councillor Mr M Curtis – Sports & Social Club	Mrs P Dennis Mr K Monk Mrs F Rocks Mr D Walker Mrs R Jarvis, RFO(part)
219.	<p><i>The meeting opened.</i></p> <p>Questions/comments from members of the public.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Mr Acraman to the meeting.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed.</i></p> <p>Mr Acraman reported on proposals for the management of speed through the village. Specifically, to introduce a 40mph buffer zone on the B2028 alongside the South of England Agricultural Showground north of Ardingly; in addition, a buffer zone on the B2028 Lindfield Road south east of Ardingly; the introduction of a 30mph speed limit and a “school safety zone” on College Road by the school, together with an extension of the 40mph speed limit. Councillors recommended that consideration be given to replacing the broken white lines on the B2028 Lindfield Road close to the centre of the village with double white lines to prevent overtaking. Councillors welcomed these proposals. Included in his address to the Parish Council, Mr Acraman explained the process of Traffic Regulation Orders and gave details with regard to S106 applications.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Mr Curtis to the meeting. Mr Curtis updated Councillors on progress with the village fete. Grant information from the Better Mid Sussex fund, including criteria by which applications are evaluated had been circulated to Mr Curtis.</p> <p><i>The meeting opened.</i></p>	
220.	<p>To accept apologies for absence</p> <p>Will Meldrum.</p>	
221.	<p>Declaration of Interests</p> <p>Mr Hadden, Mrs Dennis and Mrs Chalk declared an interest in Planning Application AR/10/02555/COU (item 223). Mr Brixey declared an interest in Planning Application AR/11/00372/EOT South of England Agricultural Society (item 232.2).</p>	
222.	<p>To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 February 2011</p> <p>Chair called for approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 February 2011. With four alterations these were AGREED and the minutes were signed by the Chair as being a true record of that meeting.</p>	
223.	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <p>It was RESOLVED and AGREED that Mr Walker will attend the North Area Planning Committee meeting on 10 March to express the Parish Council’s concerns on Planning Application AR/10/02555/COU .</p>	DW
224.	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>224.1 Any grant/donation requests – donation received. A sum of £1,000 had been received from children of parents who had lived in the village for a memorial to them. As discussed at the January meeting, Councillors decided that an oak tree to replace the tree felled last year at Oaklands, would be an appropriate memorial to them. The remaining balance be used for the benefit of the village as recommended by the children. It was AGREED that this money be held in reserve and ring fenced for a future initiative. Councillors ACCEPTED a donation of £2,500 from WSCC Community Initiative Fund to</p>	Environment Committee

	<p>Ardingly Living Streets Group towards a professional traffic impact study.</p> <p>224.2 Schedule of Payments - Schedule of payments circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by Mr Hadden, seconded by Mr Monk and AGREED that payment be made.</p> <p>224.3 WSCC Pension Fund FRS 17 and IAS 19 Reports 2010/11. It was AGREED to request the report for alternate years, as a statement had been received for 2010, a copy will not be required for 2011.</p> <p>224.4 St Peter's Parish Mag. subscription. AGREED that payment of £6.50 be made.</p>	
225.	<p>Councillor Training</p> <p>Training dates arranged by SALC. These were noted. AGREED that all councillors will attend training following elections in May.</p>	
226.	<p>Elections 2011</p> <p>Councillors were reminded of the timetable for elections.</p>	
227.	<p>Hapstead Hall</p> <p>Mr Monk reported that discussions had been held with the Hall Clerk on an employment issue. It was reported by Mr Monk that installation of lights to the front exterior of the hall had been completed. Mr Monk reminded councillors that the Chalkfoot Theatre is making a welcome return on the 22 March 2011.</p> <p>Hapstead Hall landscaping – AGREED that an underspend of £290 from MSDC grant be ring-fenced for future landscaping outside the hall. Proposals will be discussed at the next meeting of the Environment Committee.</p>	
228.	<p>Village Plan</p> <p>228.1 Report from Monitoring Committee was received. Amended table of Summary of Actions, showing proposed committee responsibility for implementation of Aims and Actions in the Village Plan were discussed and changes made.</p>	SC
229.	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>229.1 Pavilion Refurbishment Working Party RESOLVED and AGREED that a financial contribution towards funding of a Feasibility Study of up to £2,000, be supported by next year's unused allocation for a pavilion loan, if grant applications are unsuccessful. Proposed by Mr Ruse, seconded by Mr Hadden.</p> <p>229.2 Update on Winter Damage – insurance claim The Committee received a report from Mr Brixey on a break-in at the pavilion. Copper piping and a water tank had been removed and the incident had led to further damage to the building. Contractors were nearing completion following repairs caused by burst pipes and inevitably, this will postpone the re-opening of the changing rooms. The Police and the Parish Council insurer's have been notified.</p> <p>229.3 Section 106 Proposals submitted prior to the meeting were considered. It was RESOLVED and AGREED to ACCEPT the proposals in order of priority; pitch drainage/improvements to path; sports storage and tennis hut. It was AGREED that a quorum of councillors be established for managing and authorisation of the Recreation Ground works.</p> <p>Reported that a meeting be arranged with contractors to evaluate maintenance of the recreation ground and open spaces, including the churchyard. Ms Chapman stated that to protect and conserve the natural habitat found in a churchyard, it was important that no chemicals be used.</p>	DH/GR/KM/ SC/TC/MB
230.	<p>Environmental Issues</p> <p>230.1 Eco Fair – Ms Chapman reported on the promotion of the fair. Refurbishment of the fingerposts will be undertaken in the spring.</p>	
231.	<p>Traffic Committee</p> <p>231.3 To consider a draft response to a Permanent 40mph speed limit order in Ardingly - TRO/CMS/018. Councillors endorsed the report and for a copy to be sent to Mr Acraman.</p>	Clerk
232.	<p>To consider planning matters</p> <p><u>MSDC</u></p> <p>232.1 <u>Decisions</u></p> <p>AR/10/03726/FUL 4 Munnion Road</p>	

	<p>two storey rear extension – GRANTED. AR/03503/FUL Ardingly College, College Rd Erection of new fire escape stair, widening of current window opening to accommodate new fire door on 3rd floor, rearrangement of ablutions on 3rd floor, new partition wall on second floor. – GRANTED.</p> <p>232.2 <u>Applications</u> AR/11/00299/FUL - Wakehurst Place , Selsfield Road, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, RH17 6TN Installation of two Heating Oil Storage Tanks with retaining wall and fencing next to the Service Area of the Millennium Seed Bank, allowing the termination of the existing piped supply which has become fragile and a risk to the surrounding environment - RECOMMEND APPROVAL. AR/11/00360/ADV Wakehurst Place, Selsfield Road – Extension to existing roadside entrance boards provide additional space for public information and event dates - RECOMMEND APPROVAL. AR/11/00372/EOT South of England Agricultural Society, South of England Centre, Selsfield Road. Create a rainwater harvesting pond large enough to be an attractive habitat for wildlife. The Planning Committee to consider and report back to the Parish Council.</p>	
233.	<p>Village Guide Mrs Dennis reported that progress was being made.</p>	
234.	<p>Youth Activities 234.1 Multicourts – A brief report was received. AGREED that this year's funding for a youth worker, c. £980 which has not been used, be held in reserve to support the Parish Council's offer to WSCC Youth Services of a contribution to cover the cost of a neighbourhood youth worker.</p>	
235.	<p>Sports and Social Club 235.1 Better Mid Sussex Fund – supporting community events (see item 219 above) 235.2 Village Fete (see item 219 above). Councillors noted the date of the village fete 10 September 2011.</p>	
236.	<p>Reports from representatives on outside bodies Mr Hadden and Mr Ruse confirmed their attendance at a recent meeting of MSALC.</p>	
237.	<p>Reports from committees The minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on 23 February 2011 were noted by Council.</p>	
238.	<p>Correspondence There was none.</p>	
239.	<p>Chairman's announcements Items for information – Mrs Dennis questioned whether Councillors were aware of the general feeling in the village? Ms Chapman reported on the Localism Bill which contains a number of significant changes to the planning system. Review of the Terms of Reference for each committee will be undertaken by Mr Hadden.</p>	
240.	<p>Future meeting dates Pavilion Refurbishment Working Party – 29 March 2011 Emergency Planning Committee – to be advised Ardingly Parish Council – 5 April 2011 Annual Parish Meeting – 3 May 2011 AGM Parish Council – 10 May 2011 Recreation Ground Committee – to be advised Environment Committee – 13 April 2011 Finance Committee – April 2011 Traffic Committee – to be advised</p>	

CONFIRMED MINUTES

SIGNED

DATED