



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall

Present:

Mr. W. Meldrum (Chair)	Mrs. P. Dennis
Mr. M. Brixey	Mrs. R. Chalk
Mrs. F. Rocks	Mr. N. Moorey
Mr. G. Ruse	Mr. J. Aloof
Mr. D. Stutchbury	

Apologies

Mr. K. Monk, Mr. P. Simpson

In Attendance:

Mrs. R. Jarvis (RFO)
Mrs. S Mamoany (Clerk)
Councillor Bill Acraman
3 members of the public

Public Questions

Hilary Smith and Jean Mace wished to object to the planning applications at 65 College Road and expressed concerns on behalf of another neighbour with regard to parking.

Richard Greenwood from Benchmark Development Planning Ltd was present on behalf of the applicant of the planning applications at 65 College Road. He expressed his apologies over the incident with the ash tree which had recently occurred. He wished to bring to the attention of the Council that the engineering drawings were being prepared for the driveway and commented on several other issues.

The Chair advised these applications would be discussed at agenda items 385.2 and 385.3.

Councillor Bill Acraman was present to inform the Council about possible availability of a community bus to be discussed at agenda item 396.

379.	Procedural Matters 379.1 Apologies were received from Ken Monk and Peter Simpson. 379.2 It was noted by the Chair that Peter Simpson had not been in attendance at a meeting since	
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	<p>and discussions MB read out comments that were discussed and it was unanimously AGREED that the Council would approve the application on the conditions that the existing garden of number 65 was split to follow the lines of the existing buildings and gardens in that part of College Road and no future development on the gardens was permitted. In addition the Council was concerned about the plans for the driveway backing onto College Road.</p> <p>385.3. AR/14/02712/FUL Land rear of 65 College Road, Ardingly, RH17 6RZ – provision of single 3 bedroom detached dwelling and refurbishment of existing garage and drive. Following the Planning Committee’s site visit to the property and discussions MB read out comments that were discussed and it was unanimously AGREED that the Council would object to this application on the grounds it was overbearing to neighbours and out of character with the surrounding properties.</p>	
386.	<p>Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Committee</p> <p>386.1 The bench on the recreation ground that was in memory of Dr Whitfield has been damaged, although it was agreed that it had been in poor condition and claiming on the insurance was not an option. The Clerk advised that a replacement would be in the region of £650, although she had done limited research. The Chair offered to get some more prices and it was AGREED that an article should be put in the Village Voice to see if anyone wished to donate a new bench.</p> <p>386.2 It was noted that the Pavilion was being used by the Football Club recently when the facility had not been booked out with the Clerk. It was agreed that the appropriate charges should be made for additional bookings and the Clerk was asked to write to both Football and Cricket Clubs to remind them of the conditions of the agreement that was in place.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>
387.	<p>Emergency Planning Committee</p> <p>RC reported that a meeting will be held on the 23rd September.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Helen Card (WSSC) offering winter training on either the 10th September or the 1st October.</p> <p>The Winter Plan was approved at the last Emergency Planning Committee meeting with only minor changes.</p> <p>The Clerk was in the process of obtaining quotes from contractors for the gritting/snow clearing contract and asked if any members were aware of any local contractors that would be interested that they pass her the details so they can be invited to quote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
388.	<p>Youth Management Committee</p> <p>388.1 FR reported that unfortunately the summer sessions that were run in August were not very well attended which was disappointing. The reasons for this were unclear as they had been well promoted with a banner, posters and advertised in the local paper. FR requested that she was reimbursed for the cost of the printing of the posters and this was AGREED at £60.00.</p> <p>388.2 FR was concerned that the cost of the next term normally funded by the Parish Council would not be a good use of Parish Council funds as the numbers attending were low and it was felt that perhaps the need for a Youth Club is not there anymore and the young people want something different. It was AGREED that we would not run the Youth Club for the next term unless alternative grant funding could be found. In the meantime, FR would try and find out if the young people are interested in keeping it going or perhaps look at other projects. The Clerk has approached WSSC and will contact Affinity Sutton with regard to possible grants available. The Clerk was asked to check with the RFO what budget is remaining for the year for Youth Services.</p>	<p>FR/Clerk</p>
389.	<p>Training and Events</p> <p>3891. The Clerk attended the North Cluster Meeting held on the 16th July and reported that she has spoken with other Councils as to how they run allotments within their parishes and it appeared some did have Allotment Societies that managed the day to day running. The next meeting will be held on the 15th October and the Clerk encouraged members to attend if they are available.</p> <p>389.2 The next SSALC Clerks Networking Event is being held on the 7th October and it was approved that the Clerk could attend. The cost of this event is £60, plus VAT.</p> <p>389.3 PD and RC attended the Police Panel Meeting which was run by Erica Baxter the new PSCO. Erica is trying to encourage new members to the panel, residents or people that run a business within the village.</p>	

	<p>The Chairman informed Councillors that they must try to attend outside meetings if available. It is important that Ardingly is represented at outside meetings and events and the Clerk forwards details of all these opportunities to all members.</p> <p>The SALC AGM is to be held on the 3rd September, apologies will be sent as no one is available to attend.</p> <p>GR will attend the AIRS AGM on the 9th October.</p>	
390.	<p>Highways Cluster Group</p> <p>391.1 It was noted that some pothole work had been completed in Copyhold Lane, although the road was still in poor condition.</p> <p>391.2 FR raised concerns that the Highways are not doing anything to improve the road surfaces of Balcombe Lane (Westhill), College Road and Copyhold Lane, despite the Clerk chasing this with Highways. The roads are becoming dangerous and we are approaching another winter. The Clerk was requested to write to Adam Bazley at WSCC Highways to ask for an update on the situation.</p> <p>It has been confirmed by Highways that the gas main work will continue into November in College Road.</p>	Clerk
391.	<p>106 Agreement – Standgrove</p> <p>The Clerk is in the process of arranging a meeting with officers at MSDC regarding the allocation of the 106 monies and is awaiting a response.</p>	Clerk
392.	<p>Summer Fayre</p> <p>The Summer Fayre will be held on the 7th September between 12 and 4 pm. All welcome.</p>	
393.	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Following on from the meeting held with Paddy Jackman at Ardingly College on the 17th July with WM, MB and the Clerk, the Council has received confirmation that we can promote the allotment site. An article will be put in the Village Voice for people to come forward if they wish to have a plot. In addition, the current waiting list will need to be checked.</p> <p>It was agreed a small sub-committee should be set up. WM/MB agreed to be on the Committee and the Clerk will ask if KM wishes to be involved as well.</p>	Clerk Clerk
394.	<p>Christmas Tree Lights</p> <p>The Clerk is in the process of trying to obtain quotes, however the quantity of lighting needs to be established first. The lights were not taken down last year and were checked and are still currently working. It was agreed we would look at prices for replacing next year.</p> <p>It was noted we need to purchase some lights for the smaller tree.</p>	RC/Clerk
395.	<p>Cinema</p> <p>FR confirmed that the film will be 'The Book Thief' showing on the 23rd October.</p> <p>The running costs of the cinema were discussed and if all the tickets are sold a profit should be made. However, if a loss was incurred the Parish Council AGREED to fund this to the sum of £300.</p> <p>PD suggested she could help make a banner with the assistance of JA.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Sarah Chapman for the work that she has put in to set up the first cinema evening. The next one will be held on the 6th December and it was suggested that a Film Club is set up to run these evenings in the future if they are a success.</p>	PD/JA
396.	<p>Bus Services in the Village</p> <p>The Clerk had been advised of an additional service that Metrobus have put on in the village, which has been promoted on the notice board, website and Village Voice.</p> <p>The Clerk was informed today by residents that Southdowns Bus Company have put on another service, but it runs at very similar times to Metrobus.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Bill Acraman advised that he is meeting with Bluebird with regard to setting up a service in Handcross as they have a similar problem to Ardingly. The Council need to establish how many residents require this service, at what times and how many times a week. This is needed for the company to ascertain if it is viable to set up a service within the village. They cannot run a service if no one uses it. Councillor Acraman will report back to the Clerk with further details following his meeting with Bluebird so that the Council can liaise direct with them. Councillor Acraman was thanked for his support with this matter.</p>	Clerk
397	<p>Royal British Legion NM advised that the notes of the meeting held on the 3rd July with David Arnold (Branch), Club Representatives and Parish Council Representatives (GR/DS) had been circulated to Councillors.</p> <p>A discussion was had concerning the current arrangement and how the Branch wish to come out of the lease as they cannot fulfill their charity obligations with regard to the commercial rent. The Club and the Branch are separate legal entities however this was not always the case. The situation as it stands is that there is a Royal British Legion Club Ltd in occupation, however there is no underlease and indeed there is no ability in the head lease to allow an under letting by the Legion.</p> <p>The options were discussed and concerns were raised that the Parish Council must ensure that they look at all the liabilities and issues surrounding the possibility of making amendments to the current arrangements. The condition of the building was discussed and concerns were raised about this; the current lease is a fully repairing lease and it was suggested that a survey should be carried out in the interests of the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was noted that any decisions made must be for the long term and the issue needs to be sorted out properly now so we do not leave any problems for the future.</p> <p>NM and GR are members of the Ardingly Legion and therefore did not vote. It was AGREED unanimously by the rest of the Council that it should consider taking back the lease, however further research and understanding needs to be obtained prior to proceeding any further and the condition of the building needs to be ascertained.</p> <p>It was agreed the WM and DS would meet with the Chairman of the Ardingly Legion to discuss the matter further and a meeting will be scheduled in September with the Branch.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to the Branch to confirm the current situation.</p>	WM/DS Clerk
398.	<p>Consultations 398.1 Minerals Local Plan (background papers) - It was confirmed the Clerk had sent a response that was agreed via email due to the response date. 398.2 The Gypsy and Traveller Sites consultation was circulated, no comments were made. 398.3 The Anti-Social Behaviour (Police Commissioner) Consultation was circulated, no comments were made.</p>	
399.	<p>Correspondence The Clerk reported that she had received an offer from Gill Clark of some plastic chairs that could be used in the pavilion. It was agreed that they would be useful and the Chair offered to collect these.</p> <p>Worthing Cycling club wrote to inform the Council of a cycle ride taking place on the 14th September that will pass through the village.</p>	Chair
400.	<p>Matters arising or for future inclusion on agenda JA reported that he had contacted the Footpath Ranger and offered to be of assistance with the local checks they are making on the footpaths within our parish which the Clerk had been informed about.</p> <p>FR advised that there would be a possibility of some grant funding available and if the Council had a project in mind an application could be put forward to MSDC, ie exercise machines.</p> <p>PD requested that a letter was sent to the History Society to thank them for the wonderful WW1</p>	

	Exhibition they had put on in August. Christmas Fayre to be added to the next agenda.	Clerk
401.	Future Meeting Dates Tuesday, 7 th October – Planning Committee Meeting at 7.00 pm Tuesday, 7 th October – Parish Council Meeting at 7.45 pm	

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55 PM