



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall

Present:

Mr. W. Meldrum	Mrs. P. Dennis
Mr. M. Brixey	Mr. D. Stutchbury
Mr. K. Monk	Mr. J. Aloof
Mr. S. Noel	Mrs. R. Chalk
Mr. B. Strutton	Mr. R. Lawson

In Attendance:

Mrs. R. Jarvis (RFO)
Mrs. S Mamoany (Clerk)

John Jesson – Lindfield Preservation Society
1 member of the public

A minute's silence was held in memory of Patrick Molony. The Chairman noted he was Chairman of the Parish Council from 1983-1995. Pam Dennis will attend the funeral on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was noted that Joe Overy had sadly passed away this week.

John Jesson from Lindfield Preservation Society had been invited by the Council to attend the meeting to explain the information regarding the Traffic Regulation Order that they are trying to put in place relating to HGV weight limits and movements. John explained that the Society was concerned about large HGV's using B/C class roads which are not suitable for 32 tonne vehicles. They were trying to gain support from all Parish Councils in the area which they hope will strengthen the case to the CLC. Questions were asked about how the movements would be policed and it was confirmed the Police do not have resources available, so it would be down to community efforts and signs would hopefully be a deterrent. The Chairman thanked John for attending the meeting and the matter will be discussed further on item 616.3.

Comments from the public

Sarah Chapman noted that she was in support of the work of the Lindfield Preservation Society regarding protection from Heavy Goods Vehicles.

	guidelines. With this particular application it was felt that the plot lent itself to taking one dwelling. A vote was taken and 6 members AGREED to accept the Planning Committee's recommendations to make no objection and recommend approval; 1 voted against with 3 abstaining.	
618.	Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Committee 618.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 th June 2015 had not been circulated. 618.2 It was noted that the annual costs for running the Public Toilets were in the region of £2,800. DS had recently put a list of maintenance work that is needed on the building/facilities and it was suggested that perhaps grant funding would be available for this. 618.3 The Clerk had received a request that a plaque could be placed on Oaklands in memory of a young man that used to live in the village and had passed away. The Committee felt that perhaps a plaque was not appropriate and perhaps a bench or a tree would be more suitable as a plaque might be easily damaged by mowing machinery. The Clerk will contact the lady who made the request.	Clerk
619.	Emergency Planning Committee JA and the Clerk attended the EPLG Meeting held on the 25 th June on behalf of the Council.	
620.	Youth Management Committee Nothing to report.	
621.	Training, events and attendance at outside meetings 621.1 FR/DS attended the CLC Meeting held on 23 rd June. DS reported that grants were available and noted that applications could not be made for retrospective work/activities.	
622.	Allotments 622.1 The Clerk is in the processing of sending leases. The water supply is now on site. 622.2 The Council had received a letter from the contractor regarding the hardstanding advising that an error had been made on the quote. The Council AGREED that as the original quote had been accepted in writing and a certain budget was available, that the sum of £2,680 plus VAT would be paid to the contractor, but the Council was not in a position to pay more. The Clerk will write to confirm and request a revised invoice. 622.3 The final figures cannot be confirmed as although the water supply is installed we need to obtain quotes for water troughs as water pressure is an issue. The Clerk will arrange for a quote for two plastic troughs to be installed. 622.4 A further discussion was held regarding the name of the Allotment site as the Chair of the Ardingly Community Allotment Association was not in agreement with the suggested wording. It was AGREED following lengthy discussions that the Chairman would have further discussions with Karin Alton to confirm if this was the majority view of the Association.	Clerk WM
623.	Highways Cluster Group 623.1 HHTCIC team are treating the benches in the Recreation Ground and around the village and will also give the Oaklands borders a good tidy. The Council will pay for the preservative and the Clerk was asked to request the costings. No update as yet on the future of the Cluster arrangement from Steve Trice.	Clerk
624.	Standgrove Field Development 624.1 Millwood Designer Homes had contacted the Council for some suggestions for road names. The Council AGREED unanimously to put forward the names of Clive Izard and Ken Monk to appreciate their work for the village over the years. Monk's Meadow was suggested as a name. The Clerk will forward these suggestions to the developer.	Clerk
625.	Fly a Flag Event 625.1 The Clerk had circulated information relating to the event to celebrate Commonwealth Day on 14 th March 2016. It was unanimously AGREED that the Council would support this event. The appropriate flag will need to be purchased, costing between £23.30 and £38.00 and the matter would be discussed again nearer the time. It was noted the British Legion have a flag pole that could perhaps be used.	Clerk
626.	Community Awards 626.1 The Council unanimously agreed to put forward Joyce Topping and George Ruse as nominees for the MSDC Community Awards for the work they have done in the village.	Clerk
627.	South of England Agricultural Show It was noted that Iain Nicol CEO of the SEAS had sent a letter of apology to residents to the Council which had been posted on the website and on the Council noticeboard regarding the noise issue that occurred on Wednesday evening prior to the Show.	

	It was AGREED that MB would put a list together of ways the SEAS support the village of Ardingly and an article will be written for the Village Voice to make people aware of what they do for the village.	MB
628.	<p>Parish Council Profile It was AGREED that all members would write a profile article about themselves and what they do for the Council in the Village Voice so that residents were more aware of the activities and people that are members of the Parish Council. WM and SN will write articles for the next issue due to be printed in September.</p> <p>It was AGREED that SN would set up a Twitter account for the Parish Council and would be happy to manage this on behalf of the Parish Council. Access will also be given to another member and the Clerk.</p> <p>A 'Meet the Council' evening was also suggested.</p>	WM/SN SN
629.	<p>Summer Fayre This event will be held on the 9th September on the Recreation Ground. WM will contact Phil Payne regarding a Fun Run and the Tennis Club to involve them with the event.</p>	WM
630.	<p>Consultations 6301. The Clerk was asked to circulate comments relating to the Pre-sub Mid Sussex District Plan consultation that FR had made and request comments from members. A response would then be put together prior to the 24th July.</p>	Clerk
631.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Chairman had received a letter of thanks from David McCaig following the Planning Committee's site visit regarding the planning application he had submitted for a new workers dwelling at Many Waters.</p> <p>The Clerk had received a phone call from Graham Turner from the Lindfield Preservation Society regarding vehicles that come from the sewage plant located near to Lodgelands and that they are going through Lindfield and suggested there is a problem with the treatment plant. Councillors are aware that the capacity of the facility cannot cope sometimes and sewage needs to be removed and treated elsewhere. It was AGREED that the Council would monitor the situation and no residents had made any complaints regarding this matter.</p>	
632.	<p>Matters arising or for future inclusion on agenda</p> <p>The noise from Ardingly College during the Art Festival was discussed, however it noted that the College would be subject to all the necessary checks and licences with regard to the public events that are held on the site.</p> <p>PD requested that Running Race events were added to the next agenda.</p> <p>The Chair noted no meeting will be held in August.</p>	
633.	<p>Future Meeting Dates Planning Committee Meeting – 8th September 2015 at 7 pm Custodian Trustees of Hapstead Hall – 8th September 2015 at 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting – 8th September 2015 at 7.45 pm</p>	

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM