



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall, Ardingly

Present:

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

In Attendance:

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

Jennifer May representing Ardingly Twinning Association
Bill Sorrell and Michael Brookes representing CAGNE
One member of the public

Comments from the public:

Jennifer May representing the Ardingly Twinning Association spoke regarding the Associations request to put up 2/3 signs incorporating the French town of Beuzeville in Normandy with which Ardingly is twinned with. The Clerk had circulated the background information and designs of the signs to all members, which would be self funding.

Sarah Chapman commented on the issue that the Traffic Committee was currently looking at gateways and new signs and it would therefore be important to ensure that the Ardingly Twinning Association work with the Committee rather than as individual groups.

This above matter was then discussed further at item 692.

Bill Sorrell and Michael Brookes representing CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions) had been invited to the meeting to give a brief explanation of the aim of the group and they confirmed they were against the expansion of Gatwick Airport. The Parish Council was invited to join the group, a financial contribution would be welcome, but not a requirement to join. Other Parish Councils were members, mainly within the Horsham area. Information had been sent to the Clerk which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, however it was noted that if the Council required any additional information then CAGNE would be happy to give a longer presentation at a later stage. The matter was then discussed further at item 694.

	<p>a useful meeting to attend, subjects discussed included winter maintenance and Community Speedwatch. The next meeting is in February if any members are available to attend.</p> <p>684.2 District Plan Briefing – 27 October 2015 – DS/FR attended and were advised about further homes and another strategic site for 600 homes in Pease Pottage area. Birchen Lane development has currently been refused. DS noted that they were assured the Ardingly Neighbourhood Plan would not be changed.</p> <p>685.3 AirS AGM – 29th October 2015 – BS attended the meeting and advised the main discussions involved young people in rural areas being unable to find affordable housing and issues with transport links. It was noted that Parish and District Councils should do more to help.</p> <p>685.4 South East Water Meeting - 16th November 2015 – It was agreed the Clerk should attend this meeting relating to the Borde Hill road closure in January on behalf of the Council.</p>	
685.	<p>Allotments</p> <p>685.1 A discussion was held regarding the process of working with the Ardingly Community Allotment Association and how the Council can interact best to improve the relationship. It was AGREED that the original working party of WM/KM/MB with the addition of SN would meet with the Association formally on a twice yearly bases. The Clerk will write to the Association to invite them to set up a meeting and will ask for 4 representatives to attend the meeting.</p> <p>It was also AGREED a formal procedure should be put together for applications for plots and plot allocation. The Clerk advised that two plots remain unallocated and she is awaiting information from the Allotment Association so that leases can be sent out.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
686.	<p>Highways Cluster Group</p> <p>686.1 Steve Trice has confirmed to the Clerk that the contract remains in place for another 12 months, less pothole repairs. An invoice for the bench preserve will be sent in due course. Steve confirmed that HHTCIC will assist with refilling of grit bins in the winter.</p>	
687.	<p>British Legion</p> <p>687.1 No further progress on this matter.</p>	
688.	<p>Cinema</p> <p>688.1 The next film night is the 12th November 2015, 'Far from the Madding Crowd'. JA/RL offered to help on the evening. It was noted that the notice boards were not being used for advertising of the event.</p>	
689.	<p>Cricket Club</p> <p>689.1 KM had spoken to Nick May (Ardingly Cricket Club) and Nick had responded in an email to the Clerk. Nick felt the suggestion of running a further youth session would not be viable as the Club do not have the expertise or time to do this. It was also highlighted that the Club take children from a wide age range and social mix from within the village with sessions working out at about £2 a week for the season. If a grant was awarded the Club would spend it on junior equipment.</p> <p>The matters was discussed further and it was AGREED that offering a grant would be difficult as it then opens up the question of other Clubs in the village and supporting all of them and not just one.</p>	
690.	<p>Christmas Fayre</p> <p>690.1 KM/RC reported that a quote was being obtained for LED rope lighting in the tree, which would also involve additional electrical costs. Bartletts had offered to change the lightbulbs if this was required.</p> <p>Mrs Overy was happy for her electric supply to be used for the small Christmas Tree and the Council will reimburse her for the costs. MB will source the tree and RL will arrange to put the lights up around the 29th November on a timer system.</p>	<p>RC/KM</p> <p>RL</p>
691.	<p>Waste Freighter</p> <p>691.1 It was noted that the visit by the Waste Freighter was a success with around 200 people using it. It was therefore unanimously AGREED that the Council would bring the service back and book two visits per annum which would cost approximately £660 and this would be added to the budget for 2016/17.</p> <p>A letter of thanks was received from Honor Mansell and the Clerk had received several other positive comments following the visit.</p>	Clerk/RFO
692.	<p>Ardingly Twinning Association</p> <p>692.1 FR noted that the Traffic Committee were in the process of looking at Village Gateways which would involve new signage for the village and therefore it would be appropriate that the</p>	

	<p>Twinning Association were involved in these discussions and they would be welcomed at meetings.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to invite Jennifer May to the next Traffic Committee Meeting so that further discussions could be held. It was noted that the Twinning Association have an event in July when they would ideally like to have the signs in place.</p> <p>It was noted that it was disappointing the WSCC had not made Jennifer aware of the Parish Councils discussions regarding signage.</p>	Clerk
693.	<p>Remembrance Day</p> <p>693.1 The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Reverend Crutchley regarding the Parish Council laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service and he welcomed the Parish Councils involvement in the service. BS offered to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council and will contact the Reverend regarding the arrangements for the service.</p> <p>It was AGREED the Council would lay a wreath next year.</p>	BS
694.	<p>Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions (CAGNE)</p> <p>694.1 A discussion was held regarding if the Council wished to support CAGNE and become members, it was AGREED that enough information was not available to make an informed decision. The Clerk was asked if the updated materials could be forwarded for circulation and the matter will be added to the agenda for further discussion.</p>	Clerk
695.	<p>The Oak Inn</p> <p>695.1 It had been brought to the Council's attention that the Oak Inn has been put on the market for sale as well as for let and it was AGREED (10 for – 1 against) that the Council would submit a representation to MSDC confirming that the Council support the Policy AR15 relating to this site and a copy will be sent to District Councillors.</p>	Clerk
696.	<p>Community Asset Register</p> <p>696.1 The Chair confirmed that he was in the process of completing the necessary paperwork to register the Oak Inn as a Community Asset.</p>	Chair
697.	<p>Involvement of residents in Parish Council activities</p> <p>FR noted that it would be beneficial to have a list of volunteers who were interested in getting involved if any help was needed with events such as the Waste Freighter.</p> <p>JA advised that the Emergency Planning Committee had discussed volunteer lists see item 682. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of Bolney Parish Council to check how they covered volunteers on insurance.</p>	JA/Clerk
698.	<p>Consultations</p> <p>It was noted that Haywards Heath Draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation has commenced with comments required by the 14th December.</p> <p>It was noted the Clerk had circulated a consultation regarding Primary Schools in the Crawley and Mid Sussex area, no comments were made.</p>	
699.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A complaint regarding the condition of the Public Toilets had been received by a resident. The Clerk confirmed that a contractor was due to carry out some maintenance works which should be completed by the end of the week. In addition, the sink had been leaking, which has now been repaired. The Clerk will also arrange for the cleaners to carry out a deep clean of the toilets following the maintenance works being completed.</p> <p>The Chair requested that members go and visit the facilities so that a further discussion can be made regarding any further works that need doing to the building.</p> <p>A letter had been received from a resident about the Oak and the condition of the garden, the Clerk had contacted the agent who was getting some quotes for his client, but could not confirm if any work would be done.</p>	Clerk Councillors
700.	<p>Matters arising or for future inclusion on agenda</p> <p>DS noted that a meeting with Hansons had not been made the Clerk advised she had chased this, but would do so again.</p>	Clerk

701.	Future meeting dates Emergency Planning Meeting – 20 th October 2015 at 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting – 3 rd November 2015 at 7.00 pm Parish Council Meeting – 3 rd November 2015 at 7.30 pm Finance Meeting – 11 th November 2015 at 7.30 pm – it was noted all Parish Councillors are invited to attend this meeting.	
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MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 PM