



## **ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm at Hapstead Hall**

#### **Present**

Councillor C. Hotblack (Chairman)  
Councillor R. Chalk  
Councillor L. Davis  
Councillor J Horsman  
Councillor M. Meldrum  
Councillor MCcaig  
Councillor Port

In Attendance Mr. R Wheatley (RFO)

**Councillor Chalk acted as Clerk for the meeting**

#### **0122.1 Public Questions**

Fiona Rocks raised the following items with the Council

Site application of DPD; Did the PC know the main modifications and responses had to be submitted by Monday 24 January 2022

Why hadn't the PC had a public meeting to discuss the main modifications

Environmental Policy; She felt it should have been an agenda item as there were time sensitive issues involving budget and planning

**No responses to the aforementioned points/questions were recorded**

<p><b>0222</b></p>	<p><b>Procedural Matters</b></p> <p><b>0222.1 To accept apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Councillors Stutchbury, Strutton, James and MCcaig offered their apologies</p> <p><b>0222.2 To accept any declarations of interests</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received</p> <p><b>0222.3 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 were duly <b>APPROVED</b> by the Council and the Chairman will sign a copy of the same as a true and Accurate record of the proceedings</p>	
<p><b>0322</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>0322.1 To receive and approve the schedule of payments since the last meeting</b></p> <p>The schedule of payments since the last meeting was accepted and <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>0322.2 To receive the Finance Report</b></p> <p>The Finance Report was accepted and <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>0322.3 To review and approve the Ardingly Parish Council draft budget for 2022/23</b></p> <p>The Finance Committee recommended the draft budget for approval by the Council. This budget would increase the precept by 2.2%, which the Finance Committee hoped would manage expectations of the Parishioners.</p> <p><b>JH</b> asked when would the Council receive the precept?</p> <p><b>RW</b> explained that this focused meeting had been called to approve the draft budget for submission to MSDC by 31 January 2022. Once approved by MSDC we could expect the first payment in April 2022.</p> <p><b>DP</b> asked to discuss:</p> <p>The contract with Barcombe Landscapes re weedkilling</p> <p>The PWLB commitment of APC</p> <p>He was advised by the Chair that these items should be referred to the next agenda for discussion.</p> <p>A unanimous roll call was held to confirm all Councillors present were happy to adopt the budget and precept figure.</p>	

	<p>The Council budget for 2022/23 was unanimously approved</p> <p><b>0322.4 To review and approve the recommended precept figure for 2022/23 to be submitted to Mid Sussex District Council</b></p> <p>The precept figure for 2022/23 to be submitted to MSDC was unanimously approved</p>	
<b>0422.2</b>	<p><b>Planning Committee</b></p> <p><b>To consider planning applications as below and any others which may arise in the meantime</b></p> <p>To make members of the Planning Committee quorate for the purpose of deliberation, <b>MM</b> and <b>LD</b> were co-opted to the committee</p> <p>All planning applications listed on the agenda were thoroughly discussed and comments of NO OBJECTION were UNANIMOUSLY approved</p>	
<b>0522</b>	<p><b>Matters of public urgent importance or matters to be considered under the scheme of delegation</b></p> <p><b>0522.1 MM</b> reminded Councillors that Commonwealth Day was being celebrated on Monday 14 March 2022. She requested that funds (£100) be allocated to refreshments for this event being organised by the Wellness Committee.</p> <p><b>RC</b> observed that as it was not an agenda item, funds from public purse could not allocated this way</p> <p>It was suggested that on this occasion, perhaps funds could be allocated under the scheme of delegation held by the Chair and Clerk to the Council. No decision/outcome was recorded on this matter</p>	
<b>0622</b>	<p><b>Future meeting dates</b></p> <p><b>0622.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 at 7pm</b></p>	