

East Lavington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022 at 6.15pm in
The 6th Form Café Hollington Centre Seaford College Lavington Park.

The meeting started at 6.18pm

Present: Cllr Charles Britton, Cllr Barry Gosden, Cllr Will Yates, Cllr Simon Longman & Cllr Patrick Limpus.

In Attendance: Amy Harte (Clerk), Cllr. Tom Richardson (County Councillor)

1. Welcome

120/22 Cllr Britton welcomes all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

121/22 Cllr. Alan Sutton (District Councillor),

3. Declarations of Interest

122/22 None

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

4.1. Approval of September 2022 meeting and October 2022 Planning Meeting Minutes.

123/22 The minutes of the meeting of **26th September and 31st October 2022** were RESOLVED to be approved. Draft copies of the minutes were signed by Cllr C.Britton.

4.2 Report on action points from the last meeting.

124/22 **4.2.1. Website address issue (Action - S.Longman)** Simon has got the website back up and running however, this still requires updating and the domain renewing. Cllr Longman stated that the hosting cost has risen by £40 and he has taken over as site admin. There is still some further work to be done. (ACTION A.Harte & S. Longman).

Cllr Tom Richardson joined the meeting (6.27pm)

125/22 Cllr Limpus shared a complaint from a parishioner regarding the website with the Council that he received via his personal mobile number.

126/22 **4.2.2. A.Harte has contacted Ralph Restorations** regarding renovation of the Fingerpost and is waiting for a response.

127/22 **4.2.3. Footpath Finger Post at Norwood Lane (B. Gosden)** The finger post has been put back into the ground but is not at the correct height. Beechwood lane post also needs replacing but these issues should have been picked up during the inspection by the ranger.

4.2.4. All other action points carried out.

5. Visitors' Questions:

128/22 None

6. County Councillor's Report (Cllr. Tom Richardson)

129/22 Cllr Richardson informed the Council that the speed limit policy was presented to the committee and approved. It will now go forward to be adopted by the cabinet member. This new policy reduces the national speed limit on rural roads from 60mph to 50mph and on unclassified roads down to 40 mph, 20mph outside of Schools. The policy allows Parishes to apply for reduced speed limits more simply and easily. The community highways team will assess all applications and Parishes can fund the changes if they wish to bring them in more quickly. Cllr Richardson stated that they were trying to reduce the number of signs on posts, replacing these with painted limits on the highway surface as it is more cost effective. They are also looking at improvements to drainage and general road safety measures.

7. District Councillor's Report (Cllr. Alan Sutton)

130/22 Cllr. Sutton sent his apologies via Cllr. Richardson.
Cllr. Richardson left the meeting 6.48pm

8. Planning Issues : New / Recent / Ongoing

8.1. **SDNP/21/04334/FUL Seaford College.** Proposed zip wire and low and high wires. Invited to comment by 5th October 2021. The application was discussed and RESOLVED to submit a 'No Objection' response. **Application still in progress...no further correspondence since 18th January 2022**

8.2. **SDNP/21/02886/FUL Seaford College.** Proposed new woodland and ecology centre. (Approved in principle by 60/22 SDNP). ELPC raised no objection. Still in progress. SDNP comments 13th April 2022...**some concerns remain unresolved**

8.3. **SDNP/22/02855/HOUS. Eastwood Farm.** Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new building comprising of pool, gym and garden store. ELPC resolved to raise no objection. **Still in progress. The case officer is still concerned about water neutrality and light spill.**

8.4. **SDNP/22/04552/HOUS and 04553/LIS. Barnett's Farm.** Restoration of dwelling and replacement of windows. 131/22 ELPC recommended approval of the application. **Application in progress.**

8.5. **SDNP/22/04467/FUL. Seaford College.** Eight new tennis courts and replacement of existing tennis courts with 132/22 new all-weather hockey pitch and new car parking. ELPC raised no objection. **Application in progress**

9. Finance

9.1. Approval of accounts to 21/11/22

133/22 Accounts were reviewed and RESOLVED to be approved for period ending 21st November 2022

9.1.1. Approval of Clerk's Salary and Expenses:

9.1.1.1. 24 hours @ £16.10 = £386.40 + £40 office allowance £426.40

134/22 Salary and Expenses RESOLVED to be approved.

9.1.2. Income/expenditure

135/22 9.1.2.1. CIL SDNP £1345.51

9.2. Budget Setting

136/22 The Clerk provided a draft budget for 2023-2024 which would indicate a spend greater than the precept. This would be covered by the CIL or may require an increase in precept. This needs to be further investigated using figures provided by CDC on the taxbase. **(ACTION A.Harte & C. Britton)** The Chair and Clerk will circulate the calculations on an increase in precept for review.

9.3. Other Financial Issues

9.3.1. CIL Funding proposals

137/22 None suggested as discussed with the budget setting agenda point.

9.3.2. Pay scales – clerk

9.3.2.1. Increase on SCP26 from £16.10 to £17.10 backdated to 1st April 2022. (33 weeks).

138/22 The council RESOLVED to approve the increase to be backdated and requested that the shortfall of £99 be invoiced and paid. **(ACTION A.Harte)**

10. Correspondence & Invitations received since the last meeting

10.1. **WSALC AGM & Conference 10.00am on Friday 25th November 2022 at Billingshurst Community Centre.**

139/22 Cllr Britton is unable to attend, Cllr Gosden to check to see if he could attend. **(ACTION B.Gosden)**

10.2. **Police - Chichester North Parish Monthly Sussex Inspectors meeting 09/12/2022 11.00 – 12.30**

140/22 Difficult to attend as during normal working hours. **ACTION A Harte** to email to request perhaps the meeting is recorded to be viewed later.

10.3. **Circulated by email**

141/22 Cllr Britton requested a second MacMillan poster for the second notice board. **(ACTION A Harte)**

11. Reports re: attendance at meetings etc.

141/22 Cllr Britton reported that he attended the CDALC meeting on 26th October – nothing significant to report.

12. Parish Matters

12.1. Rights of way and Highways

142/22 Cllr Gosden reported that the footpaths were inspected this year by Louise Gandolph and he had not seen the report as yet. He will contact her to get a copy of the report and to report some issues with styles etc. **(ACTION B.Gosden)**

12.2. Minerals & Waste

143/22 Nothing to report

12.3. Broadband update

144/22 Cllr Longman reported that the Broadband installation is behind schedule due to tree works, but as East Lavington is being prioritised, there should hopefully be some homes connected by the end of December.

13. Date of next Meetings –

Monday 16th January 2023

Monday 20th March 2023

Monday 15th May 2023

Monday 17th July 2023

Monday 18th September 2023

Monday 20th November 2023

The meeting finished at 7.15pm

I confirm this is a true record of the meeting:

Chairman, 16th January 2023