

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 18 January 2018 at Milland Memorial Hall

Present: Mr. J Parker (Chairman), Mr. J Gilliard, Mr. C Stopher, Sir John Wigram,
 Mr. M Cusack, Mr. N Cartwright, Mr. S Pudge, Mrs. H Davies
 Cllr. Dr Kate O’Kelly (County Councillor)

595. Apologies - Mr A Farley

596. Minutes of the Meeting 16 November 2017 were agreed and signed.

597. Declaration of Interests of Members on Agenda Items –
 Milland Lane Highways matters – Messrs Parker, Gilliard, Pudge, Cartwright
 Housing Survey – Mr Cartwright
 WWI Centenary seat – Mr Parker

598. Report from the County Councillor – Cllr Dr Kate O’Kelly

- There is a gap in funding for Adult Social Care – cross party support at WSCC. Motion carried at December Full council last week to call on government to urgently consider this and to look at the funding of the longer-term care of the elderly and deliver as urgently as possible sustainable and deliverable solutions.
- Education update – Easebourne expansion – not progressing. The Council is planning to consult local schools and stakeholders then will probably consult again later in 2018.
- Full Council meeting in December 2017 – Education motion – cross party agreement that the new funding formula for West Sussex schools is not fit for purpose. It particularly disadvantages small schools. The motion called on the Government to urgently carry out a review of the National Funding Formula to ensure a fairer and more transparent formula that provides appropriate benefits for all West Sussex children.
- Cllr O’Kelly spoke on the issue of small primary schools and how they sit at the heart of our communities and that any consideration of the issue should include the wider impact on our communities. She will be meeting with Deborah Myers, Director of Education.
- At the Highways members day, a new maintenance contract was put forward. Currently Balfour Beatty are the Counties contractor. There are plans to decrease Winter maintenance from 41% coverage to 28%. This will affect the minor roads locally i.e. less roads will be gritted.
- The County will be looking at subsidised bus services at the next TFG meeting in March. Bus Plan – Public consultation and impact analysis due Jan – March 2018
- CLC Community Initiative Fund – Funds currently available.
- Next Drop in at Milland Stores – 1st February – 10.30-12.30.

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599. Finance report - The Clerk reported

Milland Parish Council - Statement of A/c Jan 2018							
Balance b/f	18.9.17		34034.07	Vou No.			
Receipts from	18.9.17-15.12.17						
Misc E30 (Healy) Heritage Exhib (£203.91)		233.91	233.91				
			34267.98				
Payments 18.9.17-15.12.17			-3988.85				
		Balance at bank Dec 17	30279.13				
Payments for approval 18.1.18					vat	net	Power
Public Works Loan	28-Dec	654.95		DD		654.95	LGA03
L Grocott	Gratuity payment £550			OL70	P		
L Grocott	SE1633.33/OE123.33/EE39.56	1430.06		OL71	P	1430.06	LGA72
HMRC	PAYE	326.60		OL72	P	326.60	LGA72
Claranet	Hosting Domain	184.33		DD	P	30.72	153.61 LGA72
Gatwick Air Conservation	Subscription 2018	10.00		OL73	P		10.00 LGA72
SLCC	Subscription 2018	128.00		OL74	E		128.00 LGA72
Linch PCC	Dntn Maint of churchyards	260.00		OL75	P		260.00 LGA72
Milland PCC	Dntn Maint of churchyards	130.00		OL76	P		130.00 LGA72
Air Ambulance	Donation	33.33		OL77	P		33.33 Sec 137
The Samaritans	Donation	33.33		OL78	P		33.33 Sec 137
Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	33.33		OL79	P		33.33 Sec 137
R Findlay	Drainage/Vegetation work	705.00		OL80	O		705.00 Open Sp
The National Trust	New sign Cartersland Green	130.00		chq	O		130.00 LGA72
Milland Recreation Field	Trans for new matting swing	5000.00		trans	O		5000.00 Open Sp
	Payments 18.9.17-16.11.17		-9058.53			30.72	9028.21
			21220.60				
			-9573.00				
P=Precepted; O=Outside; E=Excess							
Less Ringfenced funds	£9,573 Available funds		11647.60				

The Council approved these payments.

- b) Precept 2018/19 - CDC have been advised that the precept request for 2018/19 is £33,695.
- c) Request for financial support from local free legal advice provider – The Council discussed the request. Before deciding the Clerk to ask about their own fundraising and relationship with Citizens Advice Bureau.
- d) Milland Heritage Group funds – The Clerk is setting up a bank account with Lloyds Bank, Bob Farwell has agreed to become the second signatory of the account. The money will be moved from the Council's account before the end of this financial year.
- e) Data Protection Bill - SALC have advised that the public-sector policy team at the ICO confirmed their agreement with the SALC view that clerks and Responsible Finance Officers cannot be Data Protection Officers. There will be further guidance on this matter.

600. Planning report – Mr Cartwright - Planning application list attached.

Other Planning Matters

- a) SDNP/17/03623/FUL – Although Dangstein is not in Milland parish, the estate does reach our parish boundary and activities at Dangstein do affect Milland residents in the Borden Village and Rondle Wood area. The application went before the SDNP Planning Committee in December. The Officers recommended approval however it was refused by the Committee.
- b) Proposed Change of Use for The Black Fox into a Children Nursery. The Planning Committee will be meeting with the proposer to hear his plans for the building. Mr Cartwright has clarified that planning advice can only be provided by the District Council.
- c) Housing needs survey - All households in Milland parish will receive a questionnaire on housing in early February. The Council has worked with Chichester District Council's housing team and has adapted the questionnaire for this community. The community will have 14 days to complete and return the form by 15 February. CDC will produce a draft report by the 2nd week in March. Information from the survey will be solely for and owned by the Council. The Council is not seeking to promote or to be given a mandate to pursue housing development of any description – it is purely to seek the views of residents so that they can be appropriately represented. Whilst there is considerable pressure from Government for more new housing development, neither Chichester District Council nor the South Downs National Park, through its recently formulated local plan, have sought to allocate any new housing in Milland.

d) Schools Consultation – Proposed expansion of primary spaces at Easebourne –

Following overwhelming objections this proposal will not be progressed. The Council would have made the following comments: -

Schools in rural villages are a very important part of the overall community infrastructure. Along with village halls, churches, pre-school nursery groups, shops and pubs they allow friendships to form and it is where children begin to learn to relate to each other and to learn in a safe and secure environment which is close to the family home. It is not an ideal situation for such young children to have to be ferried to school in a bus. Rural schools also play a part in the relative age of rural communities. Young people buy into rural communities where there are pre-schools and primary schools and other facilities. Without a local school it could affect the demography of the local population. There may be grant funding reasons for the County needing to consider this Consultation, but the County needs to initiate a public dialogue about the future of village schools and how they can be funded.

e) Gatwick airport expansion – The Council continues to subscribe to the Gatwick Airport Conservation Campaign (GACC)

601. Environment & Amenities report

a) Gig Shed project – The Clerk read out a Draft letter to the land owners of the gig-shed setting out the reasons for the project, providing information about the areas local history, including its Roman history, its value to ramblers and local people using the churchyard and reasons why it was important that the gig-shed be rebuilt. With the Chairman's approval and the Linch Church Churchwarden's approval the letter will be sent to the landowners so that a site meeting can be arranged.

b) Winter Emergency Plan 2017-18 – has been reviewed and up to date information provided to WSCC. A copy has been placed on the website and in Milland Stores

c) WW1 Centenary seat and poppies on Cartersland Green – The Chairman has been in contact with Robin Carter who has advised that he is able to source local oak suitable for making a bench to commemorate the end of the Great War. Mr Parker is promoting a bench design competition. Information can be found in Milland News. Designs suggested includes a 'V' shape bench and Timber wheel canon. The School children will also be asked for ideas.

d) Swing sign on Cartersland Green – Matt Cusack advised that his team have made a new sign and would be pleased to receive a donation, by cheque, to the National Trust of approx. £100 towards costs. Thanks, were expressed to Matt Cusack for organising this work. A seat like the one at Durrants Ponds will also be placed following liaison with Paul Strike as to the siting.

e) Painting of the white barrier rail opposite Durrants Pond - Rob Findlay will straighten out the barrier in the Spring and it is hoped that volunteers will paint the rail with other Springtime environment projects.

602. Highways and Byways

a) Milland Lane/Junction B2070 – Balfour Beatty have provided a quotation for £3341.14. Further discussion took place on the proposals and it was agreed to go ahead with the project. A sum of £3,000 has been included in the precept proposals for 2018/19. The new signage at Milland Lane/Junction B2070 is a positive attempt to reduce the increasing number of HGVs, large lorries and delivery vans using Milland Lane. The new signage will update the current signs and will be paid for out of Parish funds. The cost per elector will be under £5.

b) Village gateway damage to post – Glasdon UK have provided a price of £144.82 to replace the post on the village gate way near to Hurst Farm on the Iping Road. Following the meeting the verge contractors, Grass Tex, had contacted the Clerk and it was agreed that the Invoice would be sent direct to them for payment. The post will be delivered to Milland and Mr Cusack will replace the post.

- c) Milland Lane – shoulder restoration – the Highway Engineer has responded as follows: -
 “The safety repair works that you referred to, do not have a firm date for implementation at present, as in common with most works on this particular road they will require a full road closure, like the one undertaken back in October. The road closure process normally takes 3 months to arrange, under the provisions of the current Street Works Permitting System, so these works will not be undertaken until well into the new year. Our Asset Management Team have identified this road as complete resurfacing. However, currently no date has been set for these works to be undertaken. Given this, our current instruction is to only undertake repairs in any road that has been identified for future surfacing, if it meets the standard set out in the current safety plus policy. If we were to undertake more significant works, the likely hood is, that the planned resurfacing scheme would not go ahead, as the road would then score, less highly, than it currently does.”
- d) Lengths person for the area - The Clerk emailed the Chairman of local parishes i.e. Redford with Woolbeding, Fernhurst and Stedham with Iping for their thoughts. The Clerks for Stedham and Iping and Redford with Woolbeding advised they were not interested in the idea.
- e) Post completion audits of project from Operation Watershed funding – The Clerk met with Gary Rustell for a visual inspection of the works / activity that had been undertaken, along with a short informal chat about how the project had worked for the locality. Local sites that had benefited were visited and Invoice/payments were provided. It was a particularly wet day and he could see the importance of the need to keep the drains and ditches in working order. Visits were made to Queens Corner and junction, Fernhurst Road at the bottom of Wardley Farm fields and Linch Road junction. Operation Watershed was very useful in sorting out areas suffering from annual flooding.
- f) Rights of Way – Kingsham 1193 – Final documentation has been signed. The Council to provide a Permissive Path sign.
- g) Rights of Way – Lambourne Lane – 3308 – Kevin Dewitt, RoW WSCC, has provided an update. Improvements will be made in May. This is further complicated by a badger set at the north entrance to Lambourne Lane. The metal wires that were presenting an issue have been removed.
- i) WSCC Rights of Way Management Plan (Draft) 2018-2028 is in circulation. Closing date for the consultation is 31 January 2018. Councillors were asked for their comments.
- j) Rights of Way by motorised vehicles – Mr Cartwright raised the issue of motor cyclists using the footpath 3280 along Maysleith Hanger. Motor cyclists are also using the Bridleway 1201 along Hatch Hanger. Mr Cusack explained the classification of rights of way to the meeting. There are no Byways open to all traffic in this parish. Sussex Pathwatch oversees illegal /irresponsible off-road vehicle activity on rights of way. Reports should be made to the Sussex Police on 101 or on the website www.pathwatch.info. The next meeting of Sussex Pathwatch will take place on Tuesday 13 February.

603. Reports from Local Groups –

- a) Milland Memorial Hall – Lighting sensors have been installed in the children’s and disabled toilets and store room because of the increasing occurrence of hall hirers leaving lights on. A new bin enclosure will be constructed near to the oil tank in February.
- b) Chapel Common Liaison Group – The next meeting will be held on 22 January 2018

604. Date of next meeting – Thursday, 8 March 2018 @ 7.30pm

Chairman: Date:

These minutes are unconfirmed until signed by the Chairman.