

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES of the Meeting of MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL held on
 Thursday 17 January 2019 at Milland Memorial Hall**

Present: Mr. J Parker (In the Chair), Mr. C Stopher, Mr. N. Cartwright,
 Mrs. H Davies, Mr. M Cusack
 Cllr Dr Kate O’Kelly, County and District Councillor
 Mr. Andrew Taylor MRF 2019 (part)

681. Apologies - Mr A Farley, Mr J Gilliard, Mr S Pudge, Sir J Wigram - Accepted

682. Minutes of the Meeting 15 November 2018 previously circulated, agreed and signed.

683. Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests –
 Mr Farley – Item 691a) Wardley Lane TRO + Item 692a) MTC
 Mr Gilliard – Item 691d)) Durrants Pond

684. County and District Councillor’s reports

A27 Highways England have rejected the application to upgrade the A27 in the next round of funding. Both options, the mitigated Northern bypass and Southern option have been deemed unworkable. Both options deemed not to deliver value for money. MP and leaders of both councils are meeting with Sec of State on 25th January to chart a way forward.

County Councillor Report

- a) Bus Update – Threat of reduction to bus routes and services across the County. County Councillor had submitted a motion which was debated at Full Council on 14th December calling for retention of the services and for WSCC to take more time to explore the options of partnership and to find other funding streams. Motion was defeated – it was watered down with an amendment looking at Community Transport to fill the gap. Bus operators to be informed of changes in bus routes in January. Next local group meeting is on March 12th in Compton.
- b) Budget Challenge – Changes to Housing related support (support for local homeless charities e.g. Stonepillow), Local assistance network (a fund for helping families in crisis) and reduction in Minimum income guarantee (for working age people in receipt of adult social care). Substantial reduction to support for these programs has been proposed. Cabinet member has proceeded with the decision against recommendations by the Health and Adult Social Care committee’s decision on 12/12/2018. Subject to the WSCC budget being approved on 15th February this decision will go ahead.
- c) Budget – WSCC Budget has been published and will be debated in Full Council on February 15th.
- d) Velo South – Review of Velo South has been deferred – expected to be discussed on 13th March.

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Economic Development –

Broadband – Project completed for Borden Village area. Gigabit update -central government has reduced the cost of this scheme for businesses – the vouchers are now £2500 rather than £3000. Midhurst is being included in the gigabit roll out. More info at Gigabit for broadband for business scheme – Business West Sussex. WSCC have just received news in the Local Government settlement that they will be one of the authorities that will be included in a pilot to keep 75% of business rates – benefits will be shared with all the D and B's, but the aim is for it to go to boost economic development and specifically for broadband. Midhurst division has the most properties in the County without superfast broadband.

Q. Regarding the Highways barrier opposite Durrants Pond which needs repair. The Clerk was asked to email the County Councillor to pursue repairs with Highways.

District Council Report

- a) Overview and Scrutiny Committee at CDC – Items included: - Scrutinised the Novium Museum business plan – Chichester Festival Theatre annual report – Police Inspector Chris Ottery attended and answered questions from members. Vehicles theft – there has been an arrest.
 - b) Midhurst Vision – Funding has been received from CDC to help draw up a new vision for the town.
 - c) Temporary Homeless Accommodation – Project to increase the amount of much needed temporary accommodation for people facing homelessness in Chichester District approved in December, property in Chichester purchase. It currently has 4 one-bed flats for temp accommodation. Building will be demolished and rebuilt – new building will include 21 units of temp accommodation.
 - d) Health and Wellbeing – CDC supporting Dry January – more info Alcohol Concern website: <https://alcoholchange.co.uk>. 13-week Move it and Lose it Workshop (weight loss class) starting again – in Midhurst – to book a place Phone 01243 – 521041 or Email info:chichesterwellbeing.org.uk.
 - e) Recycling – 2017-18 rate has increased to 45%. CDC now ranking as one of the top 20 local authorities in UK. Second highest in West Sussex and overall collect lowest amount of waste per household – Recycling Target – 50% by 2020.
 - f) High Streets – Current vacancy rates Chichester 6.8%, Petworth 0%, Midhurst 4.5%
- 4) Kate's Drop Ins – Milland – 2nd March, 10.30-12.30.

685. Public Participation – See item 686 (b)

686. Finance report – L Grocott

| Milland Parish Council | | Statement - January 2019 | | | | | | |
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| Balance b/f | 16.12.18 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 20,434.65 | | | | | |
| Receipts | 16.12.18 | | 4552.80 | | | | | |
| | | | £24,987.45 | | | | | |
| Payments for approval | | | | You No | Vat | Net | Spend | |
| Public Works Loan | Milland Stores | 654.95 | | DD | P | | 654.95 | LGA03 |
| SLCC | Subscription 2019 part | 104.00 | | OL121 | P | | 104.00 | LGA72 |
| L Grocott - Sept 5/6 | ££1371 ;OE£123.33; | 1494.33 | | OL122 | P | | 1494.33 | LGA72 |
| HMRC - Sept 5/6 | PAYE | 295.00 | | OL123 | P | | 295.00 | LGA72 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | Donation | 33.00 | | OL124 | P | | 33.00 | Sec 137 |
| The Samaritans | Donation | 33.00 | | OL125 | P | | 33.00 | Sec 137 |
| Air Ambulance | Donation | 33.00 | | OL126 | P | | 33.00 | Sec 137 |
| Linch PCC | Churchyard Maint Linch/Iping | 280.00 | | OL127 | P | | 280.00 | OpenSp |
| Milland PCC | Churchyard Maint Milland | 140.00 | | OL128 | P | | 140.00 | OpenSp |
| Claranet | Domain hosting | 190.78 | | OL129 | P | 31.80 | 158.98 | LGA72 |
| Gatwick Air Conservatn | Subsription | 10.00 | | OL130 | P | | 10.00 | LGA72 |
| R Findlay | Drainage work village area | 788.00 | -4056.06 | OL131 | P | | 788.00 | OpenSp |
| | | | 20931.29 | | | 31.80 | 4024.26 | |
| | Less Ringfenced Funds | | -8280.00 | | | | | |
| | Available funds | | 12651.29 | | | | | |
| Ringfenced funds | | | | | | | | |
| MTC Resurfacing fund | | £1,130.00 | (£2 less lines, fencing £750 + 2 signs @ £60ea) | | | | | |
| Clerks Gratuity | | £7,150.00 | | | | | | |
| Total Ringfenced | | £8,280.00 | | | | | | |

The payments were approved.

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a) Risk Assessment, Asset Register etc. – The Chairman has reviewed the documents. He is proposing a change in the presentation of the Risk Assessment.

b) Grant toward the setting up of Milland Rural Fair 2019.

Mr Andrew Taylor attended the meeting on behalf of Milland Community News (MCN) – Milland Rural Fair 2019 to request a grant towards the setting up of the Fair. He explained that a new team had come together to take the Fair forward. The last Fair was in June 2016. It is operated by Milland Community News and any profits are primarily used to fund the Milland News, which is a free newspaper for anyone living in the parish. Any excess funds are used for village projects. The cost budget for the 2019 Fair is £11K and the group is seeking help to fund this amount. Currently the group is using the reserves of MCN. Other sponsorship will be sought. It is understood that a grant from the Council will be helpful in attracting grant money from other agencies i.e. SDNPA Sustainable Communities Fund, CDC and WSCC Crowdfunding. The Fair is a very positive community event that attracts people from the surrounding area. 30+ people from the village are involved in setting up and operating the event. It is estimated that over 3,000 visitors attend the event.

The Chairman made the following points: -

- 1) The event will fund the production of Milland New which is he has been told by the Director of SALC is the best parish magazine in West Sussex,
- 2) It is a major community event with so many people involved and
- 3) It advertises Milland.

The Council agreed to give a grant of £1,000 and agreed to consider a guarantee or loan if necessary.

687. Planning report – see attached

a) 05894/HOUS 05895/LIS – Tuxlythe House – No objections / Comments

06172/CND – Durrants Farm – No objections / Comments

06239/TPO – Mill Farm – No objection

06448/HOUS – 3 Trotton Hollow Cottages – No objection

06259/CND – Walnut Tree Cottage – No objection

000277/CND – The Willows – No objection.

b) Mr Cartwright has retired as Chairman of the Planning Committee. Mr Parker offered his thanks to Mr Cartwright for the time and effort he had given to the role. Everyone agreed he had done the role with careful attention to detail on the applications. A new chairman will be appointed.

688. Annual Parish Assembly, Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm.

It was agreed to invite the Air Ambulance to speak at the meeting.

689. District and Parish Elections – 2nd June –

a) Nomination Papers are due to be received in March and will be available from the Clerk. Councillors were asked to consider whether they will be standing as Councillors for the 4-year term of office. If councillors decide not to stand again it would be helpful if they could let the Clerk know and indicate possible people to represent their area.

b) Change in District Council – Ward changes - After the May Elections Milland will cease to be part of Rogate Ward and will become part of Fernhurst Ward, therefore will be have a new District Councillor. Cllr Dr Kate O’Kelly will remain as our County Councillor.

690. Environment and Amenities reporta) Winter Emergency Plan 2019 – Insurance liability Mr Findlay and the Council.

Mr Findlay has decided not to sign the WSCC Agreement to undertake snow ploughing this year. He has confirmed with his insurance company NFU Mutual that he can undertake work on highways, such as cleaning out ditches and cutting back hedges and snow ploughing. Having referred to our insurance company, BHIB, and following his contact with his insurance company, NFU Mutual, we have been advised that the Council should draw up an Agreement with Mr Findlay which states that should the Council ask him to undertake snow ploughing or work on highways he will do so under his own motor insurance on the basis that the vehicle he is using is road registered and that he has a minimum of £5m public liability insurance. This means that he is taking on the liability for any damages. The payment for snow ploughing will be the same as the amount that will be paid by WSCC i.e. £35 per hour. Local highways work will be undertaken as requested and paid separately.

691. Highways and Byways

a) Wardley Lane TRO request – After discussion at the November meeting the Clerk was asked to refer to Highways to see if the de-restricted signs could be removed as it was felt they were unnecessary. It also decided to ask for the Lane to be included within the 30mph limit because it will be deregulated in the official records but with the 30mph limit per the signage (assuming the derestriction signs are taken down). Mr Farley is liaising with Highways on this Item.

b) Rights of Way Inspection – The Rights of Way will be inspected during January with the help of volunteers. If councillors and residents are aware of any issues or considerations relating to PRoW's we would like investigated during the inspection, please email the Clerk.

c) Miscellaneous hedging and ditching had been carried out by Rob Findlay.

d) Durrants Pond silting up – It is a privately-owned pond and attention has been drawn to the fact that it has silted up with a water level of just 6". It has a Heritage listing in the Milland Neighbourhood Plan. The silting-up is probably because of the Forestry Commission work in the Hatch Hanger. Angela Ward, Area Ranger SDNP, has visited because there was concern about flooding of the road, should the area have significant rainfall. Concern has also been expressed about the weakness of the bank either side of the water channel. Further discussions will take place.

e) Survey response on Cartersland Wildflower area – A survey was undertaken in November 2018 seeking neighbouring properties views. There were four positive responses.

692. Local groups / Organisations

a) Milland Tennis Club (MTC) – Following discussions with representatives of the Tennis Club and the Council, a new Draft Arrangement between the Club and the Council has been drawn up and signed by the Council. It will be presented to MTC for their agreement and signature at their AGM in February. They must arrange insurance cover for their club members.

New Notice for the courts - The updated information Notice for the tennis courts gate has been received.

b) WSCC County Local Committee meeting – 5 March at Northchapel.

693. Date of next meeting – Thursday, March 7, 2019, @ 7.30pm the Committee Room, MVMH.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

These Minutes are unconfirmed until signed by the Chairman.