

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the **Meeting** of **MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on
Thursday 7 March 2019 at **Milland Memorial Hall**

Present: Mr. M Cusack (In the Chair), Mr. C Stopher, Mr. N. Cartwright, Mr. J Gilliard,
 Sir J Wigram
 Cllr Dr Kate O’Kelly, County and District Councillor

- 694. Apologies** – Mr J Parker, Mr A Farley, Mr S Pudge, Mrs H Davies - Accepted
695. Minutes of the Meeting 17 January 2019 previously circulated, agreed and signed.
696. Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests – There were none.

697. County and District Councillor’s reports

Midhurst Frailty Hub - Public meeting last week, Presentation by GPs, CCG, Hopeful that this project might lead to opening of frailty hub for rural North Chichester by the end of the year

County councillor report

Bus Update

Cabinet member has made his decision, £300k cut from the subsidized bus routes. Routes have been announced. 91,92, 93, 54 to be retained unchanged. But 93 from Milland to Midhurst – Friday service is to be stopped. She will stay on the member group looking to find innovative solutions / partnerships for routes affected. The next local cross parish group meeting is on March 12th in Compton. Westbourne have just arranged a village taxi service from a route they lost last year – have put the 93 Milland to Midhurst on our agenda on 12th March.

Budget

WSCC budget was debated at Full Council on Feb 15th. It was agreed to increase the WSCC precept by 4.99%, including 2% ring fenced for social care.

Health and Adult Social Care Select committee - Scrutinised SECAMB – recent CQC report

Requiring improvement – 4 areas – safety, effective, responsive and well-led - **Good** – 1 area - caring. Issues have been raised locally concerning v poor response times particularly in rural areas. Presented CCG wide data – this was not good enough. We requested to see the data broken down so that we can see whether our local response times are as poor as suspected.

Velo – South update - Large events protocol to be discussed at ECFSC in May 2019

Chichester Parking Review - Consultation open – <https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/highways-and-transport/chichester-proposed-parking-management-plan/>

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District Councillor Report**Housing**

She has requested that data on housing stats were published – January data - Numbers of clients in Temporary accommodation 41, B&B 14, rough sleeping 15

CDC are currently consulting about housing generally and this consultation will inform their housing strategy. Please see details at www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkhousing

Budget

Increase in council tax for CDC - £5 a year for the average taxpayer. This was confirmed 5th March Council meeting when the budget was debated. Amendments passed for cabinet to consider –

- Cancel evening parking charges
- New Climate Change officer post – to increase resource at CDC to look at all aspects of environmental policy, planning, cycle routes, sustainable transport, EV charging.

Economic development

A new business network is starting in Midhurst – all businesses welcome not just retail.

Meeting at the Bricklayers Arms in Midhurst – 2nd Tuesday of the month 5.30-7.30

Fly-tipping

808 tips in the last 11 months – third year in a row that this has increased

High Streets

Current vacancy rates Chichester 6.7%, Petworth 1.17%, Midhurst 6.36% (Jan figures - Chichester 6.8%, Petworth 0%, Midhurst 4.5%)

Kate's Drop Ins

Harting – The White Hart – 21st March 10.30-12.30/ Rogate – Village Shop – 1st April 10.30-12.30

698. Public Participation – There was none.

699. Finance report – L Grocott

Milland Parish Council		Statement - March 2019						
Balance b/f	16.12.18		20,434.65					
Receipts	20.12.18-7.3.19		4552.80					
Payments	20.12.18-7.3.19		-5056.06					
			19931.39					
Receipts	7.2.19 MTC Refurbishment fund		1000.00	221				
	11.2.10 Lgrocott PHBep,yga		50.00	222				
			20981.39					
Payments for approval				You No	Vat	Net	Spend	
Sign Shop	Sign info for tennis courts	42.00		OL133	O	7.00	35.00	OpenSpa
MVMH	Hall hire 18-19	184.50		OL134	P		184.50	LGA72
Claranet Limited	Domain No.2 spare	10.51		DD	P	1.75	8.76	LGA72
Claranet	Overpayment To be reimbursed	10.51		OL135	E	1.75	8.76	
L Grocott - Mar 6/6	S£1666 ;O£123.33;	1463.93		OL136	P		1463.93	LGA72
HMRC - Mar 6/6	PAYE	289.24		OL137	P		289.24	LGA72
R Findlay	Ditching £607	607.00		OL138	O		607.00	OpenSpa
Sign Shop	Sign ref climbing on nets	42.00	-3000.74	OL139	P	7.00	35.00	OpenSpa
			17980.65			15.75	2984.99	
	Less Ringfenced Funds		-9238.00					
	Available funds		8742.65		C/F 1.4.18	£5,500		
Ringfenced funds								
MTC Resurfacing fund		£2,088.00	(Rcd £1K- 1.19, Less lines, fencing £750 + 3 signs £156)					
Clerks Gratuity		<u>£7,150.00</u>						
Total Ringfenced		£9,238.00						

The payments were approved.

It was noted that the Council had a carried forward balance on 1.4.18 of £5,500.

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700. Planning report – Mr Stopher reported on the following applications: -

00027/CND – The Willows – Permit

00158/HOUS – Ripsley Cottage – Permit

00331/HOUS – Dunning House – Permit

New applications: -

06539/FUL – Milland Pottery – PC - No Objection

00319/ Pre app – Yew Tree Cottage

06385/HOUS – Park Farm

00694/HOUS – 6 Cartersland

00980/OUT – 1 Cartersland

Appeal: -

03543/HOUS – Crofters

Mr Stopher has updated the information based on how the Planning Committee operates.

This can be seen on the website www.milland-wsc-pc.gov.uk.

701. Annual Parish Assembly, Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm. The Speaker will come from the Air Ambulance, Kent, Surrey, Sussex. The Council will donate to the organisation and members of the public may also wish to do so. The Clerk will promote the evening in Milland News.

702. District and Parish Elections – 2nd June –

a) Nomination Papers have been received and are available from the Clerk. Anyone wishing to stand as a Councillor should contact the Clerk. Nominations to be returned to the Clerk by 29.3.19

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.

c) Buckingham Palace Garden Party Invitation to the Chairman and his wife. This has been made possible through Sussex Association of Local Councils.

703. Environment and Amenities report

a) Spring Clean – weekend 23/24 March. The Clerk has litter pickers, vests and bags available. Mr & Mrs Parker have cleared the top of Milland and Milland Lane itself where they found 8 bags of rubbish. The rubbish will be collected by CDC on Monday 25 March. Please let the Clerk know if you are willing to help so that areas can be designated. Areas include North End junction to the Linch junction and Rake Road along Harting Coombe from the turning to Rake Industries.

b) Defibrillator and phone box maintenance costs – PC contribution – Claire Collins who co-ordinates the Defibrillator has advised that unfortunately the ambulance service is no longer able to supply the equipment, which now needs updating to the latest model. She has been able to attract enough funding through Crowdfunding for this year, but it is felt in the long term that the Council should be contributing to its maintenance as a community facility. This was agreed and will be included on the Agenda for the Precept meeting for 2021-22 in October.

704. Highways and Byways

a) Velo South – The event is being organised in Durham this year. The County is taking time to better understand the concerns of community affected by closed highway events, but they are considering an event in 2020.

b) Public Rights of Way (RoW)– Parish Councils are being encouraged to become more proactive in the management of their own RoW. They have provided a list of legal powers for parish Councils regarding access and rights of way if they wish to undertake maintenance of RoW in their areas. The Summer Surface Vegetation Clearance will take place in Milland from June to August.

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c) Durrants Pond silting up and breach of the existing pond overflow channel. The pond is privately owned by Air Cdr and Mrs Bore. It has a Heritage listing in Milland Neighbourhood Plan. Contractors have carried out remedial work to repair the bank. Mrs Bore is aware the pond is badly silted up and there will be a project to drain the pond and remove the silt when weather conditions permit. Part of the silting problem is because the silt traps on the Forestry Commission land have not been cleared on a regular basis. They are going to investigate their responsibility for the sediment flowing down through their land as they do not believe that the type and extent of work carried out in Hatch Copse justifies sediment build up there.

d) Cartersland Green proposals – There have been discussions about the repair of the verge on the Milland Lane side of the Green as you come down to the crossroads, which is constantly used for parking. Various ideas have been discussed but there was agreement for a contractor used by the National Trust to provide a quote for Fittleworth stone to be laid in the parking area and for short posts to be set back and spaced along the edge of the Green. Once the Council has a suggested plan and quote it will be sent to Highways for their consideration.

e) Ditch clearance – The meeting discussed the responsibility of the clearance of ditches. There are ditches in the parish which are important for the flow through of water to the Rother stream, also where water laying encourages the break-down of the tarmac at the edge of the road which causes potholes to develop. Ditches become blocked by fallen leaves and broken branches which can clog up the junction or get caught in the drainage system. Ditches are not the responsibility of either the Parish Council or Highways. The Council does from time to time clear the Grips to ensure that water can flow into ditches, but it is the landowner's responsibility to ensure their ditches are kept clear and free flowing. This is most important in Milland Valley which is a marshland environment.

Riparian owners can see the link on the West Sussex County Council website

<https://westsussex.gov.uk/ditchtheproblem>.

The Clerk had asked for certain ditches to be cleaned out without formal agreement of the landowners. It was agreed that in future the Council will alert the landowner to the blocked ditch/s. If necessary, the Council will provide a price for the work and if the landowner agrees the price, a written agreement will be drawn up for the work to be undertaken. The landowner may also engage his/her own contractor.

f) Milland Bridge – Highways have emailed the owners of Milland House to raise issues about the stonework under the Bridge. The Council has raised issues about the overhanging ivy which is almost covering up the height warning signs either side of the bridge parapet. The owners are not in residence at present.

g) Highways maintenance – Miscellaneous potholes have been reported including flooding on the B2070. Residents can report potholes through the Love West Sussex app.

705. Milland Tennis Club (MTC) – The MPC and MTC Agreement has now been signed by both parties. The Club will be holding its AGM on 30 March. Mr Gilliard reported that the current bank balance was £134 with £1200 in reserve. It was noted for information that to replace the fencing it will cost £7,000. They hope to increase the membership this season.

New Notice for the courts – “Milland Parish Council and Milland Tennis Club cannot accept liability for damage, injury or loss resulting from unauthorised use of the se courts or from injury sustained from climbing the fencing.”

706. Date of next meetings –

Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm in Milland Memorial Hall.

Annual Statutory Meeting – The 1st meeting of the new Council will be on 9th May at 7.30pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

These Minutes are unconfirmed until signed by the Chairman.