

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 09th November 2022 in Milland Memorial Hall

Present: Mrs. S Hoar (SH) (in the Chair), Mr. J Parker (JVP), Mr. C Stopher (CS), Mrs. M Truss

(MT), Sir J Wigram (JW), Mrs J Pilkington (JP), County Councillor Kate O'Kelly (KOK)

023. Apologies: Mrs. L Myles, Mr A Farley

024. Minutes of the Meeting 14th September 2022

Approval **proposed** by Mrs. M Truss and **seconded** by Mrs J Pilkington

025. Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests

None

026.

- a. <u>Councillor Report Milland Parish Council 9th Nov 2022</u> full report attached Summary below: Transport and Infrastructure
- Buses
- Highways
- Cycling

KOK confirmed that this would consist of both on and off road cycle paths with a surface in keeping with the natural environment.

Housing and Communities

Midhurst Vision

KOK confirmed that this community project intends to rebrand and improve Midhurst for residents and visitors. Particularly focusing on a greener environment and less vehicles to encourage enjoyment of the town on foot.

• CDC Supporting You campaign

Children's Services

Environment and Wellbeing

- Health
- EV charge points

Next drop-in Rogate Village Stores 28th Nov 10.30-12.30

027. Public Participation

None

028. Matters arising from the Minutes

029. Finance

a) Statement of Accounts – V Williams – Previously emailed



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03.10.22	ICO	Subscription	£35.00		£35.00				_	
09.11.22	Public Works Loan	Shop repayments	£1,550.93	£0.00	£1,550.93					
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15.09.22	George Street Trust	Digital Screen Grant	£250.00							
16.09.22	HMRC	VAT Reclaim	£514.63							
16.09.22	CDC	Precept 2/2	£17,329.00							
06.10.22	Claire Collins	Defibrillator Fund	£1,976.74							
20.10.22	SDNPA	CiL	£609.13							
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b) These Payments were Approved

c) Asset Register for Approval

• The Clerk presented the updated Asset Register drawing attention to the estimated replacement date column. This allows the PC to forecast and save funds for the replacement of specific items. This was **APPROVED**.

Action: Clerk

Action: Clerk

d) Precept 2023/24

- Following the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Saturday 22 October 2022 the Clerk had previously circulated to all Councillors:
 - Parish Council Draft Finance Minutes 2022
 - o Recreation Field Draft Finance Minutes 2022
 - o Finance Committee Draft Precept Proposals 2023-24

All documents available on the website https://www.milland-wsx-pc.gov.uk

- The Committee are committed to ensure that any increase in the precept is kept to an absolute minimum and worked hard at the meeting to achieve this. Following the last audit the Council is aware that the reserve held remains low. While the committee acknowledge the need to spend money where appropriate members are very mindful that the Precept should not hold more funds than are needed. After discussion it was AGREED that the reserve should be built up slowly commensurate with the minimal increases in the precept allowed.
- The precept of £35,416 was Agreed.
- This reflected an increase of £758 and 2.19%
- JW raised his concerns that in order to justify the precept the Council must continue to look at the
 projects it could provide and/or help to fund. It was AGREED that following the projects carried
 out over the last year the Council would strive to continue to communicate with the community
 and to provide financial and administrative help where possible.



Action: Clerk

029. Other Administration

a) Community Fund

- The Clerk reported that she had not yet heard back from the Jubilee Committee regarding their intention for spending the ringfenced £2,052 raised at the Platinum Jubilee event. She highlighted that some of this money might be held back for events in connection with the King's Coronation but that the decision for donating the remaining funds is paramount.
- It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact the committee again and that the King's Coronation would be added to the next Agenda.

Action: Clerk

b) Defibrillator Training

- Following a request from a local resident for Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training the Clerk had made enquiries with a Health and Safety Training Provider. The Course offers theoretical and practical teaching in the use of an AED. It lasts approximately 2 hours and could be run on an evening or weekend for 12-20 people all of whom would receive a certificate. The total cost for the course is £170
- The course would enable successful participants to perform CPR and to use the AED in a safe and controlled manner.
- It was AGREED that a course should be run and funded by the PC and that an article promoting
 this should be placed in the December Milland Valley News (MVN) as well as on Social Media,
 the digital screen and the Website.

Action: Clerk

030. Planning – Cllr Stopher

a) Planning Applications/Decisions

New Planning Applications

Week 39

- SDNP/22/03931/HOUS Proposed open porches over front and back doors, replacement timber windows throughout ground and first floors and external doors. Conversion of open bay garage to studio/office and games room. 1 Lake Cottages, Cooks Pond Road, Milland, Liphook, West Sussex, GU30 7JY
- SDNP/22/04035/FUL Demolition and replacement dwelling, swimming pool, pool house and outbuildings. Proposed tennis court with associated landscaping works. Oak Tree Farm, Iping Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7NA

Week 40

SDNP/22/01072/FUL - Laying of hardstanding and gated enclosure (retrospective) and siting of 1
no. water tank and crew room. Land Opposite, New Barn Farm House, Rake Road, Milland,
Liphook, West Sussex, GU30 7JU

Week 41

SDNP/22/04381/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.
 Stocksfield Borden Lane Borden Milland GU30 7JZ

Week 42

 SDNP/22/04657/PNTEL - Regulation 5 notification for the Installation of 1 no. 9m fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus. Ripsley Cottage, Portsmouth Road, Milland, Liphook, West Sussex, GU30 7JH

Week 43

• SDNP/22/04820/CND - Demolition of the existing residential dwelling and replacement with a two storey, three bedroom residential building - Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission



SDNP/21/05788/FUL - re-location of rooflight from west roof elevation to east roof elevation. Wardley Farm Cottage, Wardley Lane, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LX

Week 45

- SDNP/22/04623/FUL Construction of a new terrace accessible by 2 no. proposed stairs and the
 planting of additional hedges. Liphook Golf Club, Wheatsheaf Enclosure, Milland, West Sussex,
 GU30 7EH
- SDNP/22/04643/HOUS 2 no. ground floor extensions to south elevation, change of use of loft to create habitable space, replacement roof with raised roof height, 3 no. dormers to south elevation and 3 no. dormers to north elevation, new front porch and various alterations including changes to fenestration. Lyfords Bridge Bungalow, Milland Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7NA
- SDNP/22/04938/FUL Retrospective siting of a shepherds hut for tourist accommodation on land at Home Farm. Land at Home Farm , Cinder Lane, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LR

Discussion at Meeting

- SDNP/22/04643/HOUS (see above) CS invited comments on this extensive extension to an existing 5 bedroom bungalow. As this application was only received today CS will look at it in more detail and a meeting of the Panning Committee may be called to discuss this application prior to any comments being made.
- SDNP/22/04381/FUL (see above) This is the second application for the property. CS reported that the new application indicated rooms which could potentially be utilised as bedrooms and this would be in breach of the Milland Neighbourhood Policy H1. There were also few changes to the original refused application: It remained the same size and continued to have some overlooking and design issues. CS stated his intention to write a letter of objection on behalf of the Planning Committee. This was AGREED

Action: CS / Clerk

031. Environment & Amenities and Highways matters

a) Repair Café

- JW presented the forms used by Harting Repair Café and reported back on discussions he had held with the organisers.
- He concluded that at this point the skilled volunteers necessary had not stepped forward despite articles in the MVN, on the website, social media and the digital screen.
- . It was **AGREED** that this would not be investigated further at this stage but that it would be periodically reviewed.

b) Traffic Calming

- CS presented a draft traffic calming survey that he intends to send to the houses affected by the
 proposed traffic calming. After discussion it was AGREED that all residents should be given the
 opportunity to complete a survey.
- It was **AGREED** that as well as delivering to the properties most affected the school would be asked to circulate to all parents and copies of the survey would be readily available in the Community Shop. This initiative would be advertised in MVN, on the digital screen, the website and social media.
- KOK reiterated that evidence of community support would be looked at favourably by WSCC.
 However she did suggest that due to the changing Highways policies and the current initiative to
 introduce more 20mph areas Highways should be consulted alongside the public consultation.
 She highlighted that even the smallest changes to the highways (rumble strips, white lines etc.)
 cost a considerable amount of money. She suggested that a meeting be arranged to discuss



what options are realistically available and reminded that Community Highways Schemes can take up to four years to complete.

Action: CS / Clerk

c) Flight Capacity – Farnborough Airfield

- In her absence LM reported by email:
 - The new flight paths were agreed many years ago and came into force in 2017. These were due to be reviewed in 2020. However Covid meant that a review of traffic was not possible and it was postponed until this year.
 - There is an FAQ document from Farnborough which provides quite a lot of background and shows that flights have not increased dramatically. Planning permission had been granted for 50K movements a year and in their busiest year 2019, there were 31K.

d) Climate Training

- SH reported on the course she attended run by Black Mountains College on how local government structures can make neighbourhoods and homes more sustainable and build community resilience.
- She stated that the course was largely attended by larger town Councils with a different demographic.
- She proposed that the PC should announce a Climate Emergency but in order to make a difference the PC would need to involve the residents as this must be a community initiative. A community energy project would be most relevant and practical to the Parish.
- JVP raised his concerns about calling a climate emergency which might be seen as 'green washing'. He agreed that in order for it to be considered concurrent positive action by the PC must be already in place and the PC must act at the very least as a signpost to local schemes.
- In order to understand and investigate community energy projects available SH suggested inviting Catriona Cockburn of Energise South Downs in the first instance to address the PC in conjunction with dialogue with the residents at the 2023 Annual Parish Assembly. This was AGREED.
- e) <u>Proposed change to access rights under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 relating to Open Access</u>
- The Clerk had circulated an email from a resident concerned about a proposed change to access rights under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 relating to Open Access. The second reading of this Bill introduced by MP Caroline Lucas was on 28 October.
- It was agreed that this could impact on the open land of the Parish and that it would continue to be monitored.

Action: Clerk

032. Parish Notices

- The Cartersland Christmas lights 'switching on' event is scheduled take place on Friday the 9th December with special guest Hugh Bonneville attending to switch them on.
- JW updated that despite repeatedly following up with Openreach regarding the progress of the broadband project he had received very few updates. The last one received stated that the chief engineers have advised that they are currently in the build stage of the project and are working towards an estimated completion date of 30 June 2023.
- **033-.** Date of next meeting 11 January 2023 6pm at Milland Memorial Hall



Chairman:	Date:
These Minutes are unconj	firmed until signed by the Chairman.



Councillor Report Milland Parish Council 9th Nov 2022

Transport and Infrastructure

Buses

WSCC are surveying over 65s about buses and hoping more residents will apply for their bus passes link to the survey is here - : www.westsussex.gov.uk/BusIt

Highways

Access to Highways team at WSCC for residents and parishes. At the Governance meeting at WSCC this month the LD group lobbied for the Council to be more accessible for parishes and residents so they are better able to understand the Highways strategies and systems and there can be a more of a two-way conversation about highways activities in each local area. They are bringing a report on this to the next Governance meeting.

Cycling

At last Midhurst Area Cycling we discussed all the paths that they are working on particularly progress on the Rother Valley Way and the Midhurst Greenway and I updated them on the plans for the widening of the Stedham to Midhurst Cycle path. They are going to write to all the parishes to ask for some financial support for all their ongoing work on all aspects of development of our local cycle network.

Rother Valley Way – meetings with landowners along the route continue including discussions about route options and each particular circumstance. This has been a project that has been running for 25 years we are making tangible progress. Anyone who wants to join the FoRVW and support the project let me know. Next wider meeting of the FoRVW is on 25th Jan 5.15 at the SNDPA Centre in Midhurst. All welcome.

Housing and Communities

Midhurst Vision

Midhurst Vision – several meetings with the directors last month working on strategy including the funding bids, presentation evening and I attended the launch of the consultation talking to residents and hearing their views on the Midhurst Vision aspirations.

CDC Supporting You campaign

CDC have created a 'Supporting You' campaign. The aim of the campaign is to highlight the support that is available from government, local councils, and local partners. This includes help with finances; health and wellbeing; household bills; housing; and support for businesses.

All households will be given a one-off £400 discount on their fuel bills from October. In addition, £650 will be paid to more than eight million low-income households who receive many benefits or tax credits. Further payments of £300 to pensioner households and £150 to disabled people will also go ahead. Vulnerable families can also claim help through the Household Support Fund, the Warm Home Discount scheme and hardship funds run by energy companies.

<u>www.chichester.gov.uk/suportingyou</u> CDC have also extended their Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme to support residents with utility arrears. You can find more about this at: www.chichester.gov.uk/energybillsrebate2022 or you can call them on 01243 534509 or email benefits@chichester.gov.uk

They are also launching a new holistic service to support those who are struggling with the rise in cost of living. The new service will be delivered by a dedicated team of trained advisors who will be able to intensively support people with a range of difficult and challenging issues at once, so that it makes the process as easy and stress free as possible. The team have offered to do outreach events for communities if this is requested.

Children's Services



Recent shocking inadequate Ofsted report from one of the WSCC children's homes Teasel Close in Crawley. Kirsty Lord (LD Grp Leader) has discussed the situation with the Leader and their argument is that this is a case largely concerning one individual rather than a sign that the whole system is in crisis again.

Visit from The Director of Communities to RVT – I managed to arrange for Emily King the Director of Communities at WSCC to visit RVT and see them in action – have had v good feedback hopefully this channel of communication will help RVT source more support from the community team now they know what brilliant work they do.

Cost of living crisis – we submitted a motion to WSCC for this issue to be debated and calling for more help for residents and to lobby government. This motion was not chosen for debate. Our group submitted a motion on oil and gas exploration / fracking – to clarify the position of the County Council in light of the brief change of policy on this – it was unanimously agreed to not make any changes to the local policies regarding the environment and that renewable energy sources are the priority.

Environment and Wellbeing

Health

Our LD group in Chichester arranged a public meeting to address issues of access to primary care. Issues are lack of GP provision and planning for this in new developments and access to primary care generally for residents. The meeting went well with over 100 residents attended to hear from the NHS leaders about their plans for Primary care services in the Chichester area.

Debate at WSCC Full council on social care funding I spoke on this issue for our group highlighting the challenging workforce issues and the devastating effect the lack of work force in social care is having on the NHS – delaying hospital discharges, increasing A and E waiting times and the increasingly concerning poor ambulance response times.

EV charge points

CDC have agreed finally to join the County Contract so the District Car parks will get EV charge points installed this is good news.

My Next drop-in Rogate Village Stores 28th Nov 10.30-12.30

