



PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT: Cllrs Court (Chairman), Campbell, Clarke, Esdaile (arrived during min. no. 82.), Hare, Hunt (arrived during min. no. 82.), and Riddle.

IN ATTENDANCE: N Wiltshire (Deputy Clerk) and a member of the public (until the end of min. no. 84).

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the Chair.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved from Cllrs Lawson (personal reason), Henly (personal reason) and Ellis-Brown (personal reason).

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest or changes to the Register of Interests made. Cllr Hare declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 as there are public footpaths going through his gardens and land.

83. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2023 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerk's Report

- **John Deere Mower**

Following the recent Annual Service carried out by Farol a health check report was produced and some essential repairs were highlighted as needed to be carried out. As a result, we have received a subsequent invoice, amounting to £1,218.00 for parts/labour.

- **Coronation Picnic**

Funding has been agreed by Horsham District Council so Pulborough Community Partnership (PCP) can receive £200 if the Parish Council approves their application.

- **Recreation Ground – Sussex FA Projects**

It was reported that the Premier League, the FA, and the Government's Football Foundation is hosting a webinar to showcase available funding opportunities to help improve grass pitches. After supporting over 1,000 clubs and organisations to improve their grass pitches, they've widened the scope of their Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund to include Town and Parish Councils and education

establishments. Cllr Hunt indicated that she would like to participate in the webinar at 10:00am - 11:00am on Thursday, 23rd March 2023. The Deputy Clerk advised that all relevant information, including registration details, would be forwarded to her.

84. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman invited a resident who had given formal notice to speak on behalf of the Pulborough Protect the Rec Group regarding agenda item 11. **PULBOROUGH RECREATION GROUND – PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

The speaker said that they spoke for the Pulborough Protect The Rec Group. Mention was made of the agreed rents paid by sports clubs for use of facilities at the Recreation Ground, Rectory Close, being too high. They suggested that the Football and Cricket Clubs are struggling for numbers wishing to play which increased fees for individuals, so making it harder for the clubs to attract members. Adding to pressure on the condition of the area of the Recreation Ground used for cricket has been the increase in the Football Club's kids' activities, such that it was suggested that the kids' football is moved to Cousins Way Recreation Ground.

Meeting adjourned: 7.44pm

Meeting reconvened: 7.49pm

The Chairman thanked the speaker for taking the time to address the Committee.

85. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

The Deputy Clerk reported the following for information:

Bowls Club

The Club advised that they had nothing to report so would not be attending the meeting.

There were no other reports.

86. WILDER HORSHAM DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Wilder Horsham District is a partnership project between Sussex Wildlife Trust and Horsham District Council, working to help develop and deliver a Nature Recovery Network for Horsham District. Cllrs Ellis-Brown and Esdaile reported on their attendance at the Workshop held on 9th February 2023. Details of the project were very inspiring, with improvements to the environment, natural assets and biodiversity gains being identified. Practical information was given on and support for actions that could be taken by parish councils to contribute to the Nature Recovery Network and help local wildlife thrive. As well as speakers there were group discussions led by specialists on issues such as land mapping/surveying, advice on supporting species, and enhancing habitats. Mapping habitats could be assisted by accessing data from the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre (SBRC) however, habitats change all the time. Species data is available from SBRC, but more survey work is always needed. Learning about what species are present, or indeed missing, from a parish can help inform nature recovery. Engagement with local churches on their wildlife projects could allow churchyards to be wild oases in a settlement. It was felt important for natural data to be fed into the Local Plan. Species that were particular to an area where a village was located could be promoted as being iconic of that village.

87. PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (PCP) – CORONATION PICNIC

Members **NOTED** updated details of arrangements PCP had made regarding their Coronation Picnic to be held at the Recreation Ground on Saturday, 6th May 2023.

Following the submission made by David Hurst on behalf of Pulborough Community Partnership (PCP) it was **AGREED** by Members that this is the event the Parish Council would like to apply to HDC for support and be involved with and that the grant be given to PCP once received.

88. HELP WITH EVENTS AND THE CORONATION

Members had received details about the new Events Officer at Horsham District Council, Emma Locke, who should be contacted regarding any event-related queries. Information was also provided regarding The Coronation. It was confirmed that £200 Coronation grants had been approved. She asked to be emailed with a brief outline of the proposed event and how the £200 grant would be spent. As per the process with last year's Jubilee grants, the funding will be incorporated into the precept, so there is a deadline of 7th April 2023. It was **RESOLVED** that provided the links worked Emma's email dated 1st March 2023 should be posted on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page.

89. FITNESS CLASSES ON THE MAIN RECREATION GROUND

This item was deferred at the last meeting (**Min. 75, 09.02.23**) having been discussed at the previous meeting (**Min. 64, 26.01.23**). The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received a response from the Clerk to Coldwaltham Parish Council regarding details of their arrangements with the personal trainer in question at Watersfield. Having responded to the personal trainer's request, nothing further has been received.

90. PULBOROUGH PARISH FOOTPATH CHARTER

The body of the Pulborough Parish Footpath Charter was discussed, and in reviewing the Charter, it was felt that there was great validity in having points made succinctly. Reference was made to the literature regarding footpaths issued by West Sussex County Council (WSCC). Members **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hare would liaise with WSCC and review the footnotes taking account of the concerns expressed by Cllr Riddle regarding barbed wire. The Deputy Clerk will check with HALC as to whether there are other Parish Councils that may have a Footpath Charter. Accordingly, it was decided that the review of the Charter would be carried forward to the next meeting.

91. PULBOROUGH RECREATION GROUND – PROTECTIVE MEASURES

It had previously been reported by Cllr Ellis-Brown that he had spoken with Cllr Davies about developing a Gantt chart and plan which was going to be presented at this meeting. However, due to Cllr Ellis-Brown being unavoidably unable to attend, it was decided that the matter would be deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Hare commented that with work due to take place to replace the cricket nets, there would be excess soil, due to levelling the ground in the course of construction, which could possibly be used to contribute to protective measures, such as a bund.

92. PULBOROUGH HERITAGE WEEKEND – 9TH AND 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The Pulborough Society with PCP are proposing to hold another Heritage Weekend. As the Village Hall is occupied by Messy Church they have decided to move the centre of the event to St. Mary's School, which is a better venue for the working model of Pulborough Station in 1910. As the centre is now at the school and the Sports & Social Club are happy to participate as well, the organisers would like to invite the various sports to participate which will probably mean that the Recreation Ground is used for which agreement from the Parish Council is requested. Members **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to allow use of the Recreation Ground for this event. Liaison between the organisers and sports clubs will be necessary to ensure that there are no clashes with other activities taking place this weekend.

93. GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2023

After considering details of the literature received, Members **RESOLVED** to forward correspondence to PCP as it was an activity in which it may wish to participate. Members also asked that details be posted on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page.

94. JOHN DEERE MOWER ANNUAL SERVICING/REPAIRS COSTS

Members **RESOLVED** to **RATIFY** the cost of £1,176.01 for conducting annual servicing/repairs to the John Deere Mower.

95. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were noted, as per the list previously circulated:

SDNPA

South Downs News February 2023.

HDC

Email 21.02.23 Latest news and information - Latest news: Ashington pupils plant Jubilee oak tree | Stand with Ukraine on Friday | Making cost of living support easier | Tackling and reporting anti-social behaviour | Mystery Trails prizes.

S&SC

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 24th January 2023 and Profit and Loss Comparison. (Copied to Committee)

WSALC

Email 17.02.23 Following the WSALC and ESALC annual meeting there were presentations given by Sussex Heritage Trust on the campaign to protect and preserve the Public Realm. A link is provided to a survey to allow local councils to record items in their communities so that the Trust can put a case to the County Councils to preserve such features when works take place.

Action in Rural Sussex (AirS)

E-Newsletter February 2023.

CPRE Sussex

Email 24.02.23 CPRE Sussex Talks – From Arctic wolves to Sussex kelp – come along to our online evening talks next week to find out more ...

Rural Services Network

Email 22.02.23 Fantastic Response to Rural Cost of Living Survey.

Email 01.03.23 RSN Rural Funding Digest – March 2023 Edition.

Publications

- Email 15.02.23 Wey & Arun Canal News - February 2023 e-newsletter.
- The Rural Bulletin - 7 February 2023.
- The Rural Bulletin - 14 February 2023.
- The Rural Bulletin - 21 February 2023
- The Rural Bulletin - 28 February 2023

WCCTV

Email 16.02.23 Safer streets options.

96. PAYMENTS

Members **RESOLVED** approval of the Payments List, which was duly signed by two authorising members, comprising the following payments:

LASER (Kent County Council)	£420.48
Horsham District Council	£455.00
WSCC	£12,579.93
Business Stream	£135.46
Travis Perkins	£15.36
Travis Perkins	£30.72
Farol Ltd	£1,218.00
SCYP	£3,757.55
Horsham District Council	£12.80
Horsham District Council	£26.60

The meeting closed at 8.49pm

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