

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGPM)(AGM)
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm
In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst

Members present:

Cllr Graham White (Chairman)	GW
Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr David Hurst Brown	DHB

In attendance:

Tracie Dodd		Clerk/RFO
Cllr David Knight	TWBC	DK
Cllr Sarah Hamilton	KCC	SH
2 Member of the public		

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and those in attendance at the meeting.

1. Questions from the Public

The Chairman thanked the efforts by the village regarding the recent flooding. The Road surface together with the road levels are different on the Broadway causing the water to flow in the wrong direction. It was agreed that a sub-committee would be formed to Define and document the process for dealing with floods in the parish. It was reported by a member of the Public that the Build-out on the Slade is causing concern. There have been a few accidents in this area that have not involved the Police. Evidence to be passed onto SN

2. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Linda Hall	LH

3. Declaration of Interest:

There were None.

4. Approval of the minutes held 27th September 2022:

Were Approved unanimously.

5. Updates from those minutes:

Cllr Nicholas confirmed that there is still not enough Deer Stalking going on in the Brough.

6. Boundary Commission:

Cllr Knight reported that Local Government Boundary Commission had paused the consultation on changes to Borough wards whilst TWBC consulted on changes to the electoral cycle for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. To date there have been 600 responses.

It was agreed Unanimously that our response would still be sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation and additionally to TWBC consultation.

7. Accounts:

Were noted and approved

Payments over £500.00 since the last meeting.

£500.00 - Public Toilets (Oct 2022)

£599.00 – Grass Cutting

8. Planning:

Were noted and approved

Cllr Uren reported that Planning Application 22/01937/FULL Angels View had been granted Retrospective planning permission by TWBC.

It was also reported that Planning Application 22/01737/FULL Land West of Brewers Street has been called in to go to Planning Committee if it is recommended for approval.

9. Finance Meeting:

Minutes and accounts were noted and approved.

10. Subgroups and Representation:

Common Land Subgroup

Cllr Nicholas reported that we had been unsuccessful for the Sussex Lund Grant this year.

Their preference is for a grazing scheme which at present is unrealistic on this site.

Events

Cllr White reported that unfortunately the Bonfire scheduled for the 5th of November 2022 was cancelled due to the flooding. It was difficult to make the decision at such short notice but wanted to ensure that attendees could make alternative arrangements.

The costs for Porto loos and Event Medical will be rolled over to 2023

Cllr White will be standing down as Chairman of the Bonfire Society but will remain on the Sub-committee.

Parish Website and communication

Nothing to report.

HIP

Cllr Nicholas reported that the meeting with Kent Highways took place on 3rd November 2022 was informative.

The Next steps in the process are

Resubmit the HIP

Amalgamate the key roads within the village which we could do 20mph with map showing locations, not all roads will be eligible for the speed reduction.

Clay Hill road/Parsonage Lane and Free Heath road - better road signage indicating that these are narrow roads and to slow down may be an option

Deadline: 24 November 2022 to resubmit HIP

20.10 Member of the Public Joined the meeting

20.17 SH joined the meeting.

11. Kings Coronation

A sub-committee will be formed when we have more details.

It was agreed that £1,000.00 contingency would be added to next Year's Budget for the event.

12. Christmas Lights:

The Village Christmas lights will be turned on 1st December 2022.

The cost of the lights is approximately £14.00

13. Matters of Urgency at Chairmans Discretion

There were none

Meeting closed 20.58

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 10th January 2023 @ 7.30pm