



**Minutes of the Meeting of Billingshurst Parish Council
Wednesday 12 July 2023
7.30pm at the Billingshurst Centre.**

Present

Cllrs Ken Peters (Chairman), Phillip Day, Craig Gale, Trevor Leonard, James Marchant, Steve Thomas and Doug Waller.

In attendance

G C Burt, Clerk to the Council
3 Members of the Public

65/23 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman advised that

1. The meeting was being streamed to the internet.
2. Cllrs wishing to speak should raise their hand and speak loudly and clearly.

66/23 Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Faye Algar, Edna Bengier, Paul Berry, Sandy Duck, Deepak Mahal, Roy Margetts, Caroline Beresford Pratt and Sarah Wilson due to prior engagements. On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters seconded by Cllr Doug Waller, **RESOLVED** that the apologies and reasons given be accepted.

67/23 To Receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for a dispensation.

None.

Adjournment for

68/23 To receive presentation from Neil Everest, Chairman Silver Key Developments Ltd on proposals to develop land at former Bromeliad Nursery in Marringdean Road, for a bungalow Custom Self Build (CSB) scheme.

Cllrs received a presentation on a proposal to replace unused and unviable commercial space in Marringdean Road with approximately 15 CSB units, including some affordable. This would make good use of a difficult to develop eyesore site and help Horsham District Council meet an unmet demand for such spaces. Neil Everest then took questions from Councillors and members of the public.

69/23 Public Session (Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chairman).

None.

70/23 Reports from:

- a. County and District Councillors.
County Cllr Mrs Amanda Jupp and District Cllr James Trollope had sent apologies.
- b. Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.
Cllr Craig Gale reported that the Billingshurst Sports and Recreation Association (BSRA) were considering how to restructure themselves should the *West of Billingshurst* development take place.

Resume Meeting

71/23 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 May 2023.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2023, previously circulated were taken as read. On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr James Marchant, **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed as a correct record accordingly.

72/23 Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 21 June 2023.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2023, previously circulated were taken as read. On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale, **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed as a correct record accordingly.

73/23 Matters Arising – that are not separate agenda items.

At the last meeting, Cllrs agreed to send a letter to Jeremy Quinn MP setting out their comments on a Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Housing Policy Consultation. A reply had been received and copied to all Cllrs. NOTED

74/23 To receive Minutes as approved by the following Committees:

- a) On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller seconded by Cllr James Marchant, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee of 6 & 25 April & 18 May 2023 be received.
- b) On the proposal of Cllr Philip Day, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the F&GP Committee of 26 April and 31 May 2023 be received.
- c) On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Property Committee of 22 March 2023 be received.
- d) On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Working Practices Committee of 15 February 2023 be received. (Post meeting note - these had already been received at the March meeting.)

75/23 Neighbourhood Wardens - to receive Wardens' Report for April - previously circulated.

NOTED.

76/23 Any other matters for information only.

Cllr James Marchant reminded Members to let him have comments about the proposed changes to the railway timetable, and comments about railway station ticket office closures to the Clerk.

77/23 Date of Next Meeting – 6 September 2023.

Meeting finished at 8.33pm