



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 9 January 2019
at Billingshurst Centre at 7.30pm**

Present

Cllrs P Berry (Chairman), B Barnes, G Commins, A Grant, D Homer, P Leaney, J Perks, R Margetts, K Peters, B Spicer, Mrs L Wilding and Mrs S Wilson.

In attendance

G Burt, Clerk to the Council
District Cllr Mrs K Rowbottom
District Cllr N Jupp
11 Members of the public

01/19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped that as elections were being held in May, many residents would consider standing for office.

02/19 To receive an update from DevComms on proposals (Petrol Station and other commercial uses) for land to the west of Billingshurst, opposite entrance to Jubilee Fields and HWRC.

Charles Bushe and Gary Morris outlined plans for a petrol station, small convenience store, several employment units and a new home for the Triumph Motorcycle Dealership from Washington, to the site. The proposal had evolved since they last addressed the Council, largely due to Triumph seeking a new home. They had much interest from would-be occupiers of the commercial units, many local companies wishing to expand and stay local. They were mindful of the plan for a petrol station to the north of the village, but felt this to be a better location. They were confident this site could also be delivered quickly. They hoped to submit a planning application in February and would undertake intense public consultation beforehand. They were encouraged to mail-drop all villagers. They answered questions from Councillors and the public present. The Chairman thanked them for seeking to engage with the Parish Council and reiterated the need for them to consult with local residents.

03/19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Du-Lieu and Miss S Kingston (prior engagements). On the proposal of Cllr P Berry, seconded by Cllr K Peters, **RESOLVED** that the reasons given be accepted.

04/19 Declarations of Interest, Notification of Changes to Members' Interests, to receive annual update forms and consider any requests for a dispensation.

There were no declarations of interest or notification of changes to members' interests.

05/19 Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018, previously circulated were taken as read. On the proposal of Cllr D Homer seconded by Cllr P Leaney **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed as a correct record accordingly.

06/19 Matters Arising

None

Adjournment for

07/19 Report from County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs A Jupp in tending her apologies submitted the following:

As it is the beginning of the year, I thought I would list the projects that I believe the Parish Council would like to achieve through working with the County Council.

- 1. Speed Indicator Device (portable) for use around the parish, including Five Oaks and Adversane.*
- 2. Work towards making High Street and East Street more pedestrian and cycle friendly.*
- 3. Work with WSCC to consider/pay for feasibility study for improving flow/safety/parking and reducing vehicle speed in Station Road, Lower Station Road and Natts Lane.*
- 4. Continue traffic monitoring and possible improvements to safety/speeding/volume of traffic in Adversane.*
- 5. Continue to work with WSCC to achieve better pavements, pedestrian crossings and cycle ways in the upper High Street from Roman Way to the northern roundabout*
- 6. Improved signage. Check whether the PC has input as to what is erected on the new spine road and all the roundabouts. This could be an opportunity to improve signage on all the roundabouts and entrances to the village.*

It would be useful to check if there is any S106 money from the developments still available for highways in the parish. I will see what I can find out.

May I suggest that another meeting is arranged with Chris Stark, the Chairman, Clerk and myself so that we can discuss the way forward and what might be priorities for the Parish Council.

If anyone has any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on amanda.jupp@westsussex.gov.uk.

Many thanks

Amanda

08/19 Report from District Councillors.

Cllr Mrs K Rowbottom, who also tended Cllr G Lindsay's apologies, highlighted the recent launch of the Horsham District Year of Culture.

District Cllr N Jupp reported that following HDC's purchase of two retail premises in the High Street, work was progressing on plans to use the end of the properties' gardens as additional public car parking (19) / pedestrian link to Jengers Mead. The Six Bells part of the Library Car Park was due to be reconfigured. The application for a new petrol filling station *et al* to the north of Billingshurst, was due to be considered by HDC's Development Control Committee on 19 February 2019.

09/19 Report from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

Cllrs Mrs S Wilson and B Spicer reported on a meeting they had attended in Worthing, to see their Youth Council in action; they were very impressed. This was in support of work being led by Barry Faust (Neighbourhood Warden) to create a Youth Council in Billingshurst.

The Clerk reported on the work of the artist leading on plans to install public art within the new development to the east of the village. Much work had been done to engage the community and actual designs would be forthcoming soon.

10/19 Public Session (Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chairman).

Several residents spoke under Minute 02/19 above.

Resume Meeting

11/19 To consider RECOMMENDATION from the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 19 December 2018 to approve a revenue Budget of £391,952 for 2019-20 (See Minute 164/18 refers)

On the proposal of Cllr P Berry, seconded Cllr A Grant **RESOLVED** a budget necessitating a total revenue requirement of £391,952 for the year 2019-20.

12/19 To consider RECOMMENDATION from the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 19 December 2018 to approve a Precept of £352,463 for 2019-20 (Minute 165/18 refers)

On the proposal of Cllr P Berry, seconded Cllr K Peters **RESOLVED** that Billingshurst Parish Council levy a precept upon Horsham District Council of £352,463 for the year 2019-20. (Note: For a Band D property, this equates to a decrease of £1.25 / 1.45%)

13/19 To Receive the Approved Minutes of Committees

- a. On the proposal of Cllr D Homer seconded by Cllr G Commins **RESOLVED** that the minutes of Planning & Environment Committee of 18 October and 1 & 21 November 2018 be received.
- b. On the proposal of Cllr K Peters seconded by Cllr D Homer **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the F&GP Committee 26 September, 30 October and 28 November 2018 be received.

- c. On the proposal of Cllr B Barnes seconded by Cllr D Homer **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Property Committee 19 September 2018 be received.

14/19 Neighbourhood Wardens - to receive Wardens' Reports for November and December.

NOTED. Members praised the work of the Wardens and their excellent reports.

15/19 Any Other Matters for Information

Cllr Mrs L Wilding asked if the Council would send a message of congratulations to Mr K Brown, Chairman of the Friends of Station Road Gardens on the awarding of a B.E.M? It was agreed that the Clerk would write accordingly.

It was reported that Sainsbury's would be reinstating their external ATM.

16/19 Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th March 2019 at the Billingshurst Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.

Chairman

Date