

Pyecombe Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Pyecombe Church, Pyecombe on Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 6:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson Chairman, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr K. Grocott, and Cllr L. Sullivan.
Clerk D. Langston.
Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler who arrived at item 33.24.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.
Three members of the public who arrived following item 32.24.

Minutes

28.24 Apologies for absence were received Cllr M. Saich.

29.24 No interests were declared.

30.24 Minutes of 9th May meetings were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

31.24 To receive an update on Parish items to include:

- Flooding issues. Flooding on Pyecombe Street. A recent site visit was held between WSCC Highways representatives and Operation Watershed engineers. A plan on how best to deal with the flooding issues will be drawn up following which council will need to apply for funding.
- Children's Play Area. MSDC have confirmed the availability of £16k of s106 funding from SDNP and are willing to assist the Parish Council in a consultation. Veolia has been identified as the most likely funder. An additional consultation will need to take place. Clerk is awaiting relevant paperwork from MSDC.
- Litter Bins. Council agreed the purchase of two additional litter bins to be installed adjacent to the BP Garage and bus shelter. Clerk will contact BP regarding funding for both litter bins and a defib.
- Village ponds. Council discussed the possibility of installing a small village pond this item will be carried forwards.
- Swift boxes. Cllr Grocott highlighted the ongoing decline in the swift population and suggested the installation of a swift tower. Council resolved to support this project. Clerk will contact the church to discuss a potential site at both Pyecombe and Poynings.
- Street naming. Residents have suggested the private lane at the bottom of School Lane be officially named to avoid confusion with both delivery drivers and postal workers. Clerk will raise this matter with Mid Sussex District Council, suggested name of Pyecombe Lane.
- CIL projects. Council discussed projects that could benefit from the remaining CIL funds. This item remains ongoing.

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32.24 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis updated on the following items:

- Council highlighted bus service 273 is no longer stopping at Pyecombe services. Councillor Dennis will look into this matter and liaise with Clerk.
- Discussion surrounding real time service displays. This item is dependent on passenger numbers. Councillor Dennis will review and update Council.

Councillor J. Dennis left the meeting at this point.

Chairman D. Wilson adjourned the meeting at this point to allow for public participation.

33.24 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler updated on the following items via emailed report:

- No policy activities are being considered until after the election, but continuing work has recently included updates to members on Claire Hall and Burgess Hill centre; and the expansion of on-street electrical charging points. The next District Council meeting is 24th July.
- Officers have confirmed that the District Plan preparation continues on schedule, although waiting for an Inspector to be allocated. MSDC have appointed a new AD Planning & Sustainable Environment.
- Southern Water made a presentation on progress and plans for £1m investment in remedial works for Sayers Common sewage which will result in roadworks between 28th July and the end of October. These should assist the foul water issues; but surface water management and gullies need to be managed in parallel by WSCC Highways.
- There has been a request for cameras to be put on the A2300 to reduce the incidence of “racing”.
- Confirmation that the Parks Strategy Action Plan was effectively adopted and progressing as planned with the “Tier 4” review underway and expected to report in the autumn. Officers believe that there is limited risk that s106 funding will become time expired.
- Further to the challenge of identifying funds to support Parishes and Community projects I met with MSVA. I would highlight that MSVA are arranging a “meet the funders” event at Haywards Heath Town Hall between 10-12 am on 4th July.
- Councillor Zeidler has now been certified as Carbon Literate and is awaiting clarification as to how MSDC will support his pledge relating to Carbon Footprint calculators for households.

34.24 To agree Councils response to the following planning matters:

SDNP/24/01741/HOUS 7 Forge Close, Pyecombe, BN45 7BJ. Garage conversion and loft to garage with dormer. Council resolved it had no objections to the application.

35.24 Financial Matters

Balance Sheet handed to all Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

Payments raised since last meeting:

£365.90 WSCC Invoice 8001767549 Street Light Maintenance.

£527.49 WSCC invoice 8001764910 Payroll & Pension.

£215.00 Perfect Print Invoice 00011748 Newsletter printing.

36.24 Date of next meeting to be confirmed.