



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, Gilberts Drive, East Dean, commencing at 7.30 pm**

**Councillors present:** Cllr N Baker, Cllr T Bryant, Cllr M Bustard, Cllr G Fowler, Cllr J Greenway, Cllr P Hill, Cllr Larkin, Cllr P Seeley (Chair) and Cllr D White.

**In attendance:** District Cllr D Greaves, Julia Shelley (Locum Parish Clerk)

*There were no members of the public present*

*The Chair closed the Public Session and opened the meeting.*

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| <b>C.997</b>  | <b>Acceptance of apologies for absence:</b> None.  |
| <b>C.998</b>  | <b>Declarations of Interests.</b> None.  |
| <b>C.999</b>  | <b>Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2024.</b> The minutes of the parish council meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2024 were confirmed, with minor nonmaterial amendments, as a correct record and signed by the Chair.  |
| <b>C.1000</b> | <b>Report of the Member of Parliament</b><br>None received from new member of Parliament.<br>It was agreed that the Chairman should write to both the retiring and incoming Members of Parliament.   |
| <b>C.1001</b> | <b>Report of the County Councillor</b><br>None received from the County Councillor.  |
| <b>C.1002</b> | <b>Report of the District Councillor</b><br>Funding still apparently available for the below as mentioned at previous meeting:<br><br>The Wealden Community Infrastructure and Spaces Funding Programme to help partners improve local rural green spaces and community infrastructure within the district is being launched by Wealden District Council.<br><br>The council is inviting organisations such as Not for Profit organisations and town and parish councils to apply for grants between £1,000 and £20,000 for projects that will help Wealden residents improve and enhance green spaces and community assets, and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. A total funding pot of £120K is available.<br><br>This will be a rolling programme and applications will be processed on a first come first served basis. The fund closes in autumn 2024, or sooner if all funds are allocated.<br><br>The funding programme has been made available through the government's Rural England Prosperity Fund. The England-wide initiative is a new £110million, two-year capital fund from the Department for Environmental, Food and Rural Affairs, complementary to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund - run by the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities. It will enable the council to support projects in rural areas of the district. |

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|               | <p>Further details about the grant scheme and information on how to access the application can be found at <a href="https://www.wealden.gov.uk/information-for-businesses/economic-development-and-growth/rural-england-prosperity-fund/wealden-community-infrastructure-and-spaces-fund/">https://www.wealden.gov.uk/information-for-businesses/economic-development-and-growth/rural-england-prosperity-fund/wealden-community-infrastructure-and-spaces-fund/</a></p> <p>For organisations wishing to register their interest, please contact the council via email on <a href="mailto:communitygrants@wealden.gov.uk">communitygrants@wealden.gov.uk</a>.<br/>For further information please contact:</p> <p>Nichola Watters<br/>Head of Planning Policy, Economy &amp; Climate Change<br/>Wealden District Council<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:Nichola.watters@wealden.gov.uk">Nichola.watters@wealden.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Or Annemarie Field<br/>Senior Media and Communications officer<br/>Wealden District Council<br/>Tel: 07985 812076<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:Annemarie.field@wealden.gov.uk">Annemarie.field@wealden.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Council will recommend the fund to the Cricket Club.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the report of the Wealden District Councillor be noted.</p> |
| <b>C.1003</b> | <p><b>Report from the Locum Clerk</b><br/>The clerk reported that the playground annual assessment was carried out w/b 1st July. An updated quotation for the necessary work will be received shortly.</p>   |
| <b>C.1004</b> | <p><b>Payments and Receipts</b><br/>To approve payments for July 2024 and note receipts for June 2024.<br/>RESOLVED – That the payments totalling £3,354.76 be approved.</p>   |
| <b>C.1005</b> | <p><b>Appointment of Clerk</b><br/>The Chairman confirmed that a new clerk has been appointed with a provisional start date of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.</p>  |
| <b>C.1006</b> | <p><b>Urgent Items not on the Agenda which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency but not decision.</b><br/>None.</p>   |
| <b>C.1007</b> | <p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>a) Chair of the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for celebration of VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 have been announced. Date noted and the council will review plans next year.</li> <li>• The Chairman met with representatives from Wealden District Council and Miranda Bearns Lowles (EDF Market) as the market has been asked to move from the carpark to the field.</li> <li>• Monitoring of the carpark has taken place and tickets have been issued by Wealden District Council.</li> <li>• The Chairman has been in contact with the Greensward Company and it was agreed that the Parish Council should have formal representation on the group. It was agreed that Cllr Phillip Hill will be the nominated representative with Cllr Jonatham Greenway as reserve.</li> </ul> <p>b) Planning Committee – covered in Planning Meeting.</p> <p>c) Finance – none.</p> <p>d) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report – covered in Planning Meeting.</p>  |

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| e) Rights of way<br><b>Action:</b> Clerk to share financial regulation detail to clarify what value of work can be ordered without requiring Council approval.  |
| f) Recreation Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contact details of the electrician previously used cannot be traced so a new contractor will be sourced for the work.</li> <li>Following a hygiene visit some health and safety improvements are required in the kitchen.</li> </ul> <b>Action:</b> Cllr Fowler to seek quotes.   |
| g) Tree Warden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Greenway confirmed that the Forestry Commission contractors have returned and straightened the village sign.</li> <li>The trees on the bank alongside Upper and Lower Street are showing signs of ash dieback. Advice is being sought on the condition of the trees.</li> </ul> <b>Action:</b> Clerk to try and establish ownership of land/extent of highways alongside Upper and Lower Street. |
| h) Downlands Estate Management Group<br>The Chairman is in contact with East Sussex County Council Highways about the introduction of 20-mile speed limits on Upper Street and Lower Street. A further speed survey may be required for Windmill Lane.  |
| i) Defibrillators<br>Cllr Larkin has taken over responsibility for the routine monitoring of the defibrillators. When the defibrillators are replaced the condition of the cabinets will need to be reviewed.<br>Cllr Hill confirmed that the old machines can be returned for disposal - £50 will be credited for each one – and that the existing pads will fit the new machines.   |
| j) Residents Association<br>Cllr White reported that the Residents Association had undertaken a tidy up around the shopping area.<br>Cllr White will review the asset list.<br><b>Action:</b> Clerk to provide latest version.  |
| k) Cllr Larkin raised the issue of unregistered land being incorporated into private properties.<br><b>Action:</b> Cllr Larkin to circulate details of land being encroached upon.<br><b>Action:</b> Clerk to add to August agenda.   |

Signed..... (Chair)

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**C 1004** Appendix

| PAYEE     | DETAILS                 | SUB TOTAL | VAT   | TOTAL    |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| WDC       | Bin collection for Q1   | 286.00    | 57.20 | 343.20   |
| ESALC     | Councillor Training     | 40.00     | 8.00  | 48.00    |
| S Adeniji | Salary up tyo 26th June | 1,209.58  |       | 1,209.58 |

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| HMRC                   | Employer/Employee PAYE & NICS          | 380.42          |               | 380.42          |
| Grants (Eastbourne)Ltd | Grounds Maintenance                    | 770.00          | 154.00        | 924.00          |
| Cuckmere Buses         | Contribution                           | 378.17          | -             | 379.17          |
| Proludic               | Replacement parts playground equipment | 21.16           | 4.23          | 25.39           |
| Michael Bustard        | Repayment of vouchers purchased        | 45.00           |               | 45.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |  | <b>3,130.33</b> | <b>223.43</b> | <b>3,354.76</b> |