

Minutes of the meeting of East Dean Parish Council
12th July 2021 at 7.30pm
Held at east dean Village Hall within Covid 19 Restrictions

Present: Neil Georges- Chair, Sarah Peirson -vice Chair, Peter West, John Holt, Josh Collins, Sara Hutton-Potts and Sam Hook

In attendance: Jeremy Hunt –West Sussex County Council
Henry Potter-Chichester District Council
Alexia Ward - Parish Clerk
Two parishioners

Neil Georges opened the meeting by welcoming the Parish Council, the councillors Jeremy Hunt WSCC ,Henry Potter CDC and parishioners after an absence of meeting in person for 16 months due to Covid 19 restrictions. Neil also thanked Vicky Mudford for her perseverance in submitting the planning application for the replacement window in the Committee room of the village hall and the help of Henry Potter red carding the application permission has now been granted.

Neil Georges introduced Sam Hook who has by the process of co-option and interview joined the Parish Council. Proposed by Sarah Peirson and seconded by Sara Hutton-Potts

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

1. Matters arising from Minutes

- Josh Collins said that after the recent rain he would have to wait for the levels to drop in the pond before he could clear the silt that had accumulated beneath the outfall of the catch pit pipes.
- The village plan summary would soon be available for review.
- Peter West passed round a plaque he had made to be placed in the bus shelter to acknowledge that the funds required to maintain it came from Helen West's legacy.

2. Update from District and County Councillors

Before the meeting, Alexia Ward had circulated by email the report from Henry Potter to the parish council. Henry reported on the amount of financial support that had been given to residents, businesses and communities throughout the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Over the past 16 months CDC has distributed over £70 million of Central Government Funding in small business grants in three phases the last of which closed on June 30th. Other grants were made to the public by way of a special Hardship fund for those receiving Council Tax Reduction payments. Henry also acknowledged the £90 million fine imposed on Southern Water for discharge breaches and he hoped it would not impact on their budget to improve services in the district.

Jeremy Hunt said he would forward his written report to Alexia so she can pass onto PC members after the meeting. Jeremy said that he was delighted to be representing East Dean as the County Councillor at West Sussex for the next 4 years and would support all residents in his division. Supporting the economy was one of the key pillars in the new Council Plan, which are

- Keeping people safe from vulnerable situations.

- A sustainable and prosperous economy.
- Helping people and communities to fulfil their potential.
- Making the best use of resources.

The full plan can be viewed at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15919/our_council_plan.pdf

All WSCC news and campaigns can be found at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/news-and-campaigns/

3. Financial update

Alexia Ward said the balance of the Lloyds current account was £3,037.94. The savings account (H West Legacy) balance was £19,858.52. Alexia said she had submitted the Annual Governance and Accountability Return which had been acknowledged by the auditors.

4. Correspondence

Alexia said she had updated the Lloyds Bank account details to remove Jon Bailie and add Neil Georges as signatory.

5. Update on flooding and sewerage

Neil said he would continue to correspond with Southern Water with regard to drainage in East Dean.

6. Update and Highways

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the state of the roads and report where necessary.

7. Any Other Business

- **Community Speed Watch**

Alexia reported that to get the Community Speed Watch up and running another volunteer was needed to co-ordinate the group. The PCSO has the locations approved by West Sussex Highways and the equipment to start. Alexia said she will try to find a volunteer.

- Alexia was contacted by email for permission to put a sculpture by the River Hope Project on Pond Green for a charity walk on 18th July for one day to mark the route. The PC agreed to its placement and Alexia said she would advise Tim Calloway and Martin Gibbard.

- Neil Georges had been contacted by a parishioner to advise him of the increase in rents on the Goodwood Allotments in the village.

- **Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022**

The Parish Council agreed to join with the Village Hall Management Committee to form a sub committee with some of the members to organise any events which will take place in the Village to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

- The Parish Council discussed the tasks and responsibilities undertaken by the council and decided that it would be appropriate for each member to oversee certain items which will be completed shortly.
- Sarah Peirson asked if there were any updates on the East Dean Flag .Alexia said she would contact Edward Hilary Davis who was registering the design.

Date of Next Meetings

18th October 2021 at 7.30pm

17th January 2022 at 7.30pm

At East Dean Village Hall