

Minutes of the meeting of East Dean Parish Council
18th October 2021 at 7.30pm
Held at East Dean Village Hall

Present: Neil Georges- Chair, Peter West, Sara Hutton-Potts and Sam Hook

Apologies John Holt, Sarah Peirson and Josh Collins

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

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

1. Matters arising from Minutes

- Peter West was thanked by the Parish Council for putting up the plaque in the bus shelter to acknowledge that the funds required to maintain the shelter came from Helen West's legacy.
- Alexia Ward had been thanked by the River Hope Project for allowing a sculpture to be placed on Pond Green as a marker for a sponsored walk, which had been very successful.
- Neil Georges said he would speak with Josh Collins re the silt accumulation beneath the out fall of the catch pipes.
- Alexia Ward received the flag design from Edward Hilary Davis and had ordered the first flags for Jon Bailie and Tim Calloway which were presented to them in acknowledgment of their work on the Parish Council at the Village Hall on 17th September. The flags can be ordered and for any further information Alexia Ward can be contacted at eastdeanparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

Neil Georges announced that Mike Hall had sadly passed away. He had been born in East Dean and attended East Dean Village School. He had also been a parish councillor at Boxgrove, a District Councillor till 2007 and a West Sussex County Councillor till 2017. The Parish Council agreed to remember his life with a donation to St Wilfreds Hospice, his chosen charity, and to send condolences to the family.

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 that the 'Great Sussex Way' has been introduced to promote local tourism and get communities working together to put Chichester District on the map. There is a web site detailing various attractions and things to do, thegreatsussexway.org and on Facebook and social media. Henry also reported that the Cabinet met on Tuesday 5th October and one of the agenda items was consideration of prevention

measures to stop incursion on Council owned land by Gypsies and Travellers on the New Park Playing Field and the public green on the Broyle Estate east of the City. This with new powers proposed by the Government ought to go some way to stop this nuisance.

Jeremy Hunt said he would forward his report to Alexia Ward so she could distribute to the parish councillors after the meeting. Jeremy reported on one of the more unusual sides of the councils work over the last few months. He said that a number of Afghan Refugees came into the isolation hotels around Gatwick and they required basic essentials such as clothing and toiletries as they had fled with as little as 9kg of luggage. This was only for their period of isolation and most have now moved on to other countries or family across the UK. Jeremy also reported that the road closure on the A285 at Seaford College, Duncton would take up to 3 months to repair as it was a major collapse and needed a substantial repair. Sara Hutton Potts asked if West Sussex Highways had been negligent as a crack in the road had been there for some time. Jeremy replied that the road had collapsed but not where they had expected.

3. Financial update

Alexia Ward said the balance of the Lloyds Current Account was £3,595.94. The Parish Council had received the precept payment of £558.00 from CDC in September 2021. The savings account (Helen West's Legacy) balance was £19,859.03 which included an additional £0.51p interest. Alexia asked if the Parish Council would reimburse her for the monies spent for the Presentation to Jon and Tim in September. Which was agreed.

4. Correspondence

Alexia said she had been updated by a parishioner who had reported a dumped van in East Dean to Operation Crackdown, by the Village Hall in August and that the authorities had said that it would be moved soon.

5. Update on flooding and sewerage

Neil said he would continue to correspond with Southern Water with regard to drainage in East Dean. Neil also added that he had reported a sewerage leak into the water course near Charlton and Southern Water had responded quickly to mend it.

6. Update and Highways

Neil noted that there had been some repairs to the pot holes on East Dean Hill. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the state of the roads and report where necessary.

7. Update from Parish Councillors

John Holt had asked Alexia Ward to inform the Parish Council that he would update the Winter Management Plan with new contact details and the location of the snow plough. He had also said that the salt had been delivered to him at Droke Farm. John also had said that he would be checking the river course on his fields to ensure they were free of debris and to remind other households to check their river course. Sam Hook said that she was trying to get some more people to help with the Community Speed Watch and when she had enough volunteers she would contact Jason Lemm PCSO to get Speed Watch up and running. Sam also said she had visited Singleton and looked at the new measures they were undertaking to control speeding through their village for example Village Gates, speed sign display units and maintaining the village with a sense of place.

Sara Hutton Potts said she would be designing and displaying posters to advertise the Guy Competition, and would contact the judges and arrange prizes.

Sarah Peirson had confirmed that there had been no planning applications.

Josh Collins would be speaking to Neil about the pond.

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

Peter West said that the village maintenance would be discussed in AOB.

8. Any Other Business

- **Village Clear Up**

The Parish Council agreed that the weekend of 20th-21st November 2021 for the Village Clear Up. The council thought that holding the clear up over two shorter periods on two days would attract more help from the parishioners. Peter West and Neil would look at what needs attention in the village beforehand. The kerb from the bus shelter to Pond Green required some weed control as over the last year the weeds had grown up. Alexia was asked to instruct Martin Gibbard to do the weed control and Keith Goacher to cut the bank opposite The Old Vicarage and strim the triangle beside the entrance to the church in Newhouse Lane.

- **The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022**

Some of the Parish Council agreed to form a committee with the Village Hall Management Committee to arrange the celebrations for the Queens Jubilee over the weekend 2nd June to 5th June 2022. A preliminary meeting will be held in the next few months. Tim Weeks kindly offered to organise a beacon for the village over the Queens Jubilee Festivities which will be discussed at the joint committee meeting when they take place.

- **Bonfire Night**

Neil Georges said that he would be reviewing and updating the Risk Assessment for the fireworks and bonfire evening to be held on 5th November 2021. Peter West offered to do the collection for the fireworks.

Date of Next Meetings

17th January 2022 at 7.30pm

11th April 2022 AGM at 7pm and Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm

At East Dean Village Hall