

**Minutes of the meeting of East Dean Parish Council**  
**17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm**  
**Held at East Dean Village Hall**

**Present:** Sarah Peirson –Vice Chair, Peter West, Sara Hutton-Potts, John Holt and Sam Hook  
Neil Georges-Chair (via speaker phone)

**Apologies** Jeremy Hunt – West Sussex County Council  
Henry Potter – Chichester District Council

**In attendance:** Alexia Ward - Parish Clerk  
Six parishioners

Sarah Peirson chaired the meeting as Neil Georges could not attend in person.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **1. Matters arising from Minutes**

Neil Georges thanked all those who had been involved with the Bonfire and fireworks on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Village Clear up and putting up the Christmas Tree on Pond Green.

#### **2. Update from District and County Councillors**

Jeremy Hunt WSCC was unable to attend the meeting and reported that he had no pressing matters relating to East Dean.

Henry Potter CDC was also unavailable for the meeting and reported that there had been little activity over the festive period and little of consequence to report.

#### **3. Financial update**

Alexia Ward said the balance of the Lloyds Current Account was £3,450.94 and the Helen West Legacy account balance was £19,859.52. Alexia Ward said that she had made two payments one of £25.00 to St Wilfrid's in memory of Mike Hall and one of £120.00 to Keith Goacher for cutting the bank opposite the Old Vicarage and the triangle by the church entrance in Newhouse Lane.

The Parish Council had agreed a precept of £1,145.00 for the year 2022/2023 prior to the meeting.

#### **4. Correspondence**

Alexia said that she had received an email from Goodwood informing the Parish Council of a vintage cycling event EROICA BRITANNIA which will take place at the Goodwood Motor Circuit and routes through the South Downs on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. John Holt said he would attend the Zoom consultation meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to find out further information.

#### **5. Update on flooding and sewerage**

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

Neil added the sewage leak into the water course near Charlton had been mended. Neil also added that so far, the springs in the village had not started to run but thought they may start in the near future depending on weather.

## 6. Update and Highways

Neil Georges noted that the Parish Council will continue to monitor the state of the roads and report where necessary. The Council also noted a road closure on East Dean Hill on 25th January 2022 for Scottish and Southern Electric to have access for essential tree works under power lines.

## 7. Update from Parish Councillors

John Holt said that he had all the relevant information to update the Winter Management Plan and would circulate soon.

Sam Hook said that she would recruit more parishioners to help form a group to initiate the Community Speed Watch.

Sara Hutton-Potts reported that there were only a couple Guys entered into the competition and if there was to be more participation, we would have to think of ways to make it more interesting for the children of the village.

Sarah Peirson reported that there had been no planning applications.

Neil said that he would contact Josh Collins re the silt accumulation beneath the out fall of the catch pits in the pond.

Peter West said that he had removed the remainder of the Christmas Tree from Pond Green.

## 8. Any Other Business

### - The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon

The Parish Council agreed to organise the lighting of a Beacon on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Sarah Peirson, John Holt and Alexia Ward formed a committee to run the event and invited Tim Weeks to join them. The initial meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. If anyone would like to help with organising this event please contact Sarah Peirson at [eastdeanparishcouncilsarah@gmail.com](mailto:eastdeanparishcouncilsarah@gmail.com)

### - Bench Proposals

Alexia Ward said she had been contacted by the River Hope Project, who had placed their sculpture on Pond Green during a sponsored walk in July, to ask if they would be able to place a sculptured bench in the Village Hall grounds. The Parish Council discussed the request and decided that it was more appropriate to only allow benches for those with a strong connection to the village. Neil said he would reply to the organiser.

Alexia said she had been approached by a resident asking if they could place a tree or bench on Pond Green as a lasting memorial. The Parish Council decided more information was needed and that Neil would contact them.

### - Goodwood Paddock

Sara Hutton-Potts asked if the small paddock at the western end of the village could be used as a recreational space or an area to plant trees. Neil Georges asked Sara to contact Goodwood and find out whether it was feasible.

- **Spring Clear up Day**

Neil Georges suggested a Spring Clear up day to litter pick, general tidy up and check the drains. This will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 10 -12.

**Date of Next Meetings**

11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 AGM at 7pm and Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 7.30pm

**At East Dean Village Hall**