



# Sedlescombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 19:00 via zoom

## Present:

David Caney (DC). Roy Chapman (RC). Beverley Coupar (BC); Peter Anson (PA). Jackie Saul-Hunt (JSH). Nicola Moore (NM). Pauline Glew (Vice-Chairman)(PG).(from 19.11)  
Parish and District Cllr. Jonathan Vine-Hall (Chairman of the Parish Council) (JVH). Mrs Jackie Scarff (JS) (Clerk/RFO)  
County and District Cllr Carl Maynard (CM). There were 0 members of the public.

Item	Agenda Item (C20.)
46	<b>Apologies received and accepted from:</b> Sally Sidgwick (SS) for Personal reasons
47.	<b>To receive questions from members on reports from the District and County Councillors</b> There were no questions. JVH thanked CM for his contribution at the Rother Planning Committee meeting on the PGL application. JVH reported that the planning committee had around 660 views on online which is approximately double any other on line meeting.
48.	<b>Interests in accordance with 2012 Code of Conduct</b> <b>To receive councillors' declarations of interest regarding matters on the agenda and consider any written requests for dispensation as a result. Any changes to register of interests should be notified.</b> JVH declared a personal interest in the planning item 57 on the agenda. He continued to chair the meeting but took no part in the discussion on the application.
49.	<b>Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion.</b> There were no members of the public.
50.	<b>To consider for approval the minutes of the full council meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and the extraordinary meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.</b> RESOLVED: That the Chairman is authorised to sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 and the extraordinary meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a true record of the meeting.
51.	<b>If the committee wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed:</b> 'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.' There were no requirements to pass this resolution.
52.	<b>To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting and agree any actions required.</b> The clerk recommended that this meeting should be cancelled for the time being as it is unlikely that current Govt restrictions will be amended and therefore the meeting cannot take place. Resolved that the meeting be cancelled.
53.	<b>Sedlescombe Sports Pavilion and associated grounds.</b> <b>To receive an update for the sports pavilion and agree any actions required.</b> The clerk reported that now the drawings have been received she will be asking for quotes. The Footballers will start back from 1 <sup>st</sup> April. Claremont school have asked to use the tennis courts and the football pitch twice a week until they break up for the summer holidays. PA asked for the drawings to be circulated. JVH explained that he and RC had looked at the decking and identified some repairs to improve the condition. JVH updated the cllrs regarding cricket on the field this season. It is quite likely that the two teams will use the Sedlescombe pitch for the forthcoming season, but then are hoping to use the new proposed facilities at Claremont school. The clerk reported that the Croqueteers had informed her that they had decided not to use the Sedlescombe sports field this season.

	PG joined the meeting 19:11 Resolved that the materials for the decking to be ordered.	
<b>54.</b>	<b>Highway Matters</b> <b>To receive and update and agree any actions required.</b> To consider a request to engage the traffic consultant to undertake two speed surveys and agree any actions required. DC explained that he was hoping to finish the work required to progress the project to reduce the speed in the village. The Blackcat RADAR cannot be used at the needed and proposes to engage the consultants that were used to collect the previous data. The planned STAG meeting would identify the exact locations for the required survey. Resolved that DC organise the speed tests through GTA Civils. PA raised the ongoing issue of water coming down Steam Lane. CM will contact the highways steward and ask him to visit.	
<b>55.</b>	<b>To discuss the state of the footpath between the Village Hall and Hurst Lane and agree any actions required.</b> The Parish Council have received a complaint about this footpath. The clerk had contacted the highways steward who had reported that he would pass it on to Rother District council. CM agreed that ESCC have previously cleared the path and will ask if this can be cleared, warning that it may not be a high priority. DC highlighted that there is also damage to the footpath that has previously been reported. ESCC Highways have put 2 plastic barriers there. It has fallen away further and is a danger. RC highlighted another issue in the same vicinity. CM offered to investigate further.	
<b>56.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the Playground project and agree any actions required.</b> BC reported that she has written a short questionnaire, which will be sent to the school, asking about the playground usage. The team would like to get the school children involved next month. JVH asked if there was any progress on whether there would be an application to Biffa. The team have not been able to uncover the reason why the Biffa website won't accept applications.	
<b>57.</b>	<b>Planning.</b> <b>To consider a response to Rother District Council on the following application.</b> <b><u>RR/2021/189/P</u></b> Beggars Roost, Sandrock Hill, Sedlescombe TN33 0QR Proposed erection of replacement agricultural storage building Resolved, The Parish Cllrs support this application.	
<b>58.</b>	<b>Finance and Audit</b> <b>To receive the financial reports to the end of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b> The face of bank statement showed a balance in the current account of £17,704.66 as at 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2021. Received and noted and appended to the minutes.	
<b>57.</b>	<b>Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future agenda items not requiring decisions.</b> a) <b>Red Barn Field</b> – PG has requested a quote from the farmer for the summer cut and bale. The sheep are not available for the field this year. PA offered to ask a contact to see if they could supply sheep to graze RBF. b) <b>Monthly Meeting with the PCSOs</b> – The meeting is set for March 25th c) <b>Sedlescombe Jobs Network</b> – Nothing to report. d) <b>Any other-</b> JVH asked if the dark sky monitoring had started. It will start in the next few days. JVH reported on the fibre broadband project. The project is now at 83% of target so close to reaching the level to trigger the GOVT funding.	
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:54pm	

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