



Sedlescombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 19:30 Sedlescombe Village Hall CR2

Council Meeting Minutes

Cllrs Present:

Roy Chapman (RC). Beverly Coupar (BC). Nicola Moore (NM) **part time, left the meeting at 20:30**. Peter Anson (PA). Parish and District Cllr. Jonathan Vine-Hall (Chairman of the Parish Council) (JVH). District & County Cllr Carl Maynard (CM) **part time CM left the meeting at 1947**. Mrs Jackie Scarff (JS) (Clerk/RFO)
There were 0 members of the public.

Item	Agenda Item (C21.)	
46	To receive and accept Apologies (LGA 1972 s85) Cllrs P Glew, S Sidgwick, D Caney, J Saull-Hunt	
47	To receive questions from members on reports from the District and County Councillors There were no questions.	
48	Interests in accordance with 2012 Code of Conduct 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 to the clerk. JVH declared an interest in item 58 as the Chairman of the District Planning Authority, he chaired the meeting but did not take part in the decisions.	
49	Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion. There were no members of the public present.	
50	To consider for approval the minutes of the full council meeting 22nd June 2021 Resolved the minutes were approved and a true record and duly signed by the chairman.	
51	If the committee wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed: '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 was no requirement to pass this resolution.	
52	To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting in 2022 Resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 27 th April. The clerk was asked to book the Village Hall.	
53	Sedlescombe Sports Pavilion and associated grounds. To receive an update for the sports pavilion and agree any actions required. The draft minutes from the last committee meeting were noted. PA resigned from the committee. BC & NM agreed to join the committee. 1947 CM left the meeting. Resolved the Terms of Reference be adopted with the addition of the following clause in section D Committee functions. ' <i>The committee are responsible for limiting the noise and usage to ensure that it does not adversely affect the residential amenity of the neighbours.</i> ' The cllrs discussed the following items that needed a decision before the next committee meeting. To discuss areas of maintenance required – the carpark area around the pavilion grass maintenance and weed control and agree any actions required. JVH thanked RC and Steve Meredith for the worked carried out clearing the overgrown grass, brambles and weeds around the pavilion. JVH suggested that it would be too much for volunteers to maintain this area and that a grounds maintenance company should be employed to look after this area. The clerk presented a quote from	

	<p>Orchard Landscapes of £98 per cut for 6 cuts during the year between April and October as required. Resolved that this quote be accepted.</p> <p>To discuss repair or replacement of the double doors and agree any actions required. RC offered to check the doors to see if the locking mechanism can be repaired and also replace the external door handle on the away changing room. RC also offered to check the gutters and clear them if required.</p> <p>To discuss the recruitment of a cleaner and agree any actions required. BC suggested that she ask a local mum in the first instance. If she is not interested then the PC can advertise locally.</p> <p>To discuss the usage by Hastings Runners and agree any actions required. The clerk explained that Hastings Runners are regularly using the sports field for training sessions which are not pre booked. Other users are unhappy that they are not being charged for the usage. The clerk was asked to make contact and agree that the runners can use the facilities but will need to book and hire it.</p> <p>To discuss a request from Blackbrooks Garden Centre to use the facilities FOC for a staff BBQ as a thankyou for their hard work during the pandemic. Resolved that the clerk contact Blackbrooks and explain that it is not possible to use the pavilion for this type of event currently.</p>	
54	<p>Highway Matters To receive and update and agree any actions required. JVH explained that the plan has been updated for presenting to highways. The clerk had received some proposed dates for a meeting with highways. The clerk was asked to ask the police inspector to attend.</p> <p>JVH explained that at a meeting with Highways England and Tom Tugendhat MP, Greg Clark MP, Huw Merriman MP and Sally Ann Hart PM to discuss Highways England’s package of works to improve safety along the A21 corridor Stream Lane was highlighted as an issue and would be considered in any proposed changes.</p> <p>JVH reported that the Black Cat Radar (BCR) has arrived. At the last RALC meeting 6 council signed up to be part of a group that would like to borrow the BCR once it is up and running. In order to facilitate the loan it would be better to have one laptop that is purely for use with the BCR. The clerk was asked to apply for a grant to the SSRP to purchase the laptop.</p>	
55	<p>To hear an update on the Summer Fete and agree any actions required. JVH congratulated BC for organising the Fete at short notice. BC explained that a very small team have worked extremely hard to put it together, she showed a plan for the day, there are approx. 40 different stalls. JVH offered to post details on Facebook pages and the clerk was asked to email residents on the distribution list.</p>	
56	<p>To hear an update on the Playground Project and agree any actions required. BC reported that the grant application to RDC has been submitted and the final request for additional information had been resolved that morning. BC has also applied for a Lottery Grant which could take up to 12 weeks to hear any news. BC explained to the cllrs that the price of steel had increased substantially which has resulted in the original quote being revised.</p>	
57	<p>To consider a response to RDC re Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Resolved: The clerk is to write to the Rother District Council and express support for the new PSPO.</p>	
58	<p>Planning: To agree a response to the following planning applications. NM left the meeting 20:30 RR/2021/1097/P: Vanlyn, Tollgate Road, Sedlescombe TN33 0RH Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2019/1014/P to allow increase in floor area of dwelling.</p>	

No Comment

[RR/2021/1293/L & RR/2021/669/P](#)

Little Swailes Green Farm - The Byre, Little Swailes Green Farm, Cripps Corner, Sedlescombe TN32 5QU
Conversion of the existing Byre building into a single holiday let accommodation and minor landscaping works.

[RR/2021/1354/L & RR/2021/672/P](#)

Little Swailes Green Farm, Workshop, Office & Store, Little Swailes Green, Sedlescombe TN32 5QU
Removal of existing storage containers and the construction of two single storey extensions to the Country Ways Oak Furniture Makers Ltd business allowing for additional workshop and showroom space, an external showroom with a glazed canopy above. Conversion of existing office and storage building into a single holiday let (self catering accommodation) and two storey side extension. Planting and minor landscaping works.

Comments for both the above applications for little Swales Green Farm.

The location is very overlooked from the roadside, rights of way and neighbouring properties. The comparison to Bearhurst Farm does not seem relevant as Little Swailes Farm is a medieval farmhouse, the location appears to be more secluded and large amounts of the extension were done below ground level.

Location of footpaths - Compasses Lane, on the left its No 15A. The other one is on the Swailes Green Road, right next to the industrial building, it goes down the little lane to Footlands Farm No 17A.

The proposal would create a large industrial estate in the countryside and does not conserve the special landscape character of an unspoilt part of the High Weald AONB. The DASA states that it should not detract from the wider street scene or countryside location, which this development appears to do. Recommend refusal.

[RR/2021/857/P](#)

Ufford, The Street, Sedlescombe TN33 0QG
Proposed single storey extension and alterations including external material changes

The property is a detached 1960's built bungalow standing in its own grounds, the majority of which are located just outside, or share a border with, the village conservation area. It is located in a 'back-land' site, behind properties fronting The Street.

Although it shares a boundary with 'The Manor' (Grade 1 listed) the property itself is not listed.

The proposed works include demolition of an attached store-room/entrance hall to the Left of the property, to be replaced by accommodation running the full depth of the property and extending approximately the same width as the existing Store/Entrance hall. The plans include additional internal works to parts of the existing building to incorporate the new rooms provided by the proposed plans.

There do not appear to be any overlooking or light issues and it appears to be an improvement to, and in keeping with, the existing property.

It does not appear to impair any amenities enjoyed by, or inherent to, the adjoining properties. The cllrs have no planning objections and support this application.

[RR/2021/957/P](#)

Old Barn, Hawkhurst Road, Sedlescombe TN33 0QS
Demolition of existing garage & loose boxes and replacement with new garage/garden store.

JVH declared an interest as the land owner of an adjoining field.

The existing buildings are separated the proposal is that they will be demolished and one building will be constructed.

It seems to be in keeping with the property but there an oak tree which is very close to the proposed

	<p>new building. Due to the additional access the cllrs would ask that through planning conditions it remains as garage/garden store for the current property.</p> <p><u>RR/2021/559/P</u> 6 Park Shaw, Sedlescombe, TN33 OPP Single rear Dormer, replacement of a single side garage with a carport And a hipped roof, a single storey rear extension, a front Velux Dormer and front porch. The design of the windows at the front of the building in the roof is inconsistent with the street scene and are out of character with the building as they are different sizes and levels. The continuous dormer is too dominant at the back of the building.</p>	
<p>59</p>	<p>Finance and Audit To receive the financial reports to the end of June 2021 The bank reconciliation for Unity Bank shows a balance at the end of June 2021 of £40,164.30. The balance in the council's other bank accounts remains unchanged.</p> <p>The Annual budget spend to date report also shows the projected budget to the end of the year which is in line with the budget set. The Safer Sussex Grant has been received and was used to pay the cost of purchasing the Black Cat Radar box. The budget received covered the full amount of the purchase, excluding VAT which will be claimed back. The budget should be read in line with the Ear Marked Reserves (EMR) report which shows the movement of money from the General Reserve into the relevant EMR. £20,000 to the newly created (as minuted in the June full council meeting) Sportsfield and Pavilion reserve was from the underspend in the last financial year. £10,000 to the newly created (as minuted in the June full council meeting) Recreation reserve was from the underspend in the last financial year</p> <p>To consider for approval the payment of invoices received Resolved to approve the payments below. 20/07/2021 BACS 450.00 AB Fire & Security 20/07/2021 BACS 35.00 Roy Chapman 20/07/2021 BACS 113.44 Clerk 20/07/2021 BACS 184.00 Keith Robertson 20/07/2021 BACS 517.20 AB Fire & Security 20/07/2021 BACS 15.00 Sedlescombe Village Hall 20/07/2021 BACS 250.00 Xreflow 20/07/2021 BACS 922.45 HMRC 26/07/2021 BACS 12.20 Pauline Glew 26/07/2021 BACS 95.25 British Gas Total Payments £2,594.54</p>	
<p>60</p>	<p>Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future agenda items not requiring decisions. RC reported on the monthly PCSO meeting which mostly highlighted break ins.</p>	