



Sedlescombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 19:00 Sedlescombe Village Hall CR2

Council Meeting Minutes

Cllrs Present:

Pauline Glew (PG), Roy Chapman (RC), Beverly Coupar (BC), Sally Sidgwick (SS) Parish and District Cllr. Jonathan Vine-Hall (Chairman of the Parish Council) (JVH).

District & County Cllr Carl Maynard (CM) part time, left at 19:49

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) Peter Anson (PA), D Caney (DC), N Moore (NM)	
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 27th July 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 response to the further consultation of the Public Space Protection Order The cllrs agreed that there would be no further comment.	
53	Sedlescombe Sports Pavilion and associated grounds. To receive an update for the sports pavilion and agree any actions required. RC reported that the committee had decided that the costs of the proposed alterations outweigh the benefit. The group were now looking at the possibility of re developing the site of the current garage. The kitchen would be given a makeover. A cleaner has been hired for 2 hours per week. There had been a discussion about finding a way to extend the carpark. The cricket contact is still interested but the team have a number of things they are working on to establish if they could use the ground next season. Some urgent internal works have been done so that the away team showers can be used. RC will send a quote to the clerk for the cost of two new posts for the gates on the public footpath. The ditches had been done for this year. RC explained that the trees along the roadside behind the sports pavilion need to have the canopies lifted. The clerk explained that the committee would like to have a budget to be able to have the tree work done when a third quote has been received. Resolved that a budget of £520 + VAT was agreed.	

<p>54</p>	<p>Highway Matters To receive and update and agree any actions required. The clerk reported that a meeting with Brian Banks (BB) and the traffic consultants had been positive. BB advised that the PC get a survey done by East Sussex Highways (ESH) which will cost £500 but will look at the design details and costings of what would be required to meet the project aims and give some feedback. The PC will then have two choices, to access match funding would require that ESH are used to do the work, the East Sussex match funding grant is capped at £50,000. The other option is to get quotes from suitable contractors and fund all the work ourselves.</p> <p>BC reported that the new speed gun should be delivered next week so the group will be able to get back out running speedwatch sessions.</p>	
<p>55</p>	<p>To agree the council insurance arrangements for the forthcoming year. The clerk explained that the 3-year Long Term agreement with Came and Company had come to an end and the latest quote had increased to £1467.82 and this would be reduced to £1396.93 if we took the long term agreement. The clerk suggested that she get two more quotes. All agreed that the clerk should get two more quotes. To contact the VH and find out which company they use. RC commented that the Public Liability insurance should be on display.</p>	
<p>56</p>	<p>To hear an update on the Playground Project and agree any actions required. BC reported the good news that her grant application to RDC had been successful. BC is still chasing for quotes to install the accessible roundabout. JSH asked if there had been an application to the Sussex community grant, BC confirmed that she was awaiting news from the lottery grant.</p>	
<p>57</p>	<p>To discuss an update on the BT Openreach Pole and agree any actions required. The clerk explained that following the report of an objection she wanted to find out whether the cllrs would be prepared to enter a wayleave arrangement if BT Openreach proposed it. JVH explained that the land has conditions that no structures are allowed to be erected. Resolved that the pole must be removed.</p>	
<p>58</p>	<p>Planning: To agree a response to the following planning applications. CM left 19:49 Planning: To agree a response to the following planning applications. RR/2021/1584/P Vanlyn, Tollgate Road, Sedlescombe TN33 ORH Proposed internal alterations and loft extension.</p> <p>The cllrs commented that the tree belonging to next door is not shown on the application but will be affected by the proposal. The cllrs were concerned about the impact on the tree. The design is not in keeping with other properties due to the straight design of the extension to the roofline. The mass of the building would be extended to the boundary line with windows overlooking the neighbouring property.</p> <p>RR/2021/1590/P 13 Orchard Way, Sedlescombe TN33 ORD Side extension forming new utility room.</p> <p>The cllrs commented that they thought aesthetically a pitched roof would be preferable but had no objection to an extension.</p> <p>RR/2021/2066/T 13 Orchard Way, Sedlescombe TN33 ORD Oak Quercus robur - Remove excess epicormic growth back to a strong growth point, to a maximum of 2 linear metres.</p> <p>The cllrs would defer to the tree officer.</p>	

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6 Oaklands Park, Sedlescombe TN33 0FB

Proposed garage conversion into annexe with side link and detached garage.

The cllrs have no planning objections

**59 To present the current outstanding resolutions and agree any actions required.
Ongoing Resolutions At September 2021**

Resolution	Date of Resolution	Status	Action Required
Write to the Rother District Council and express support for the new PSPO.	July 2021	Done and actioned on PSPO	
BT Openreach pole	June 2021	With Pole Objections team. Awaiting response.	
Blac Cat Radar Pole licence	June 2021	Awaiting agreement from ESCC Highways	Ongoing negotiations, appear to have been resolved.
Laptop Grant	July 2021	Awaiting result	
Application for Highways assessment for traffic project	Agreed at traffic meeting	Application made and awaiting a response.	

60 Finance and Audit

To receive the financial reports to the end of July 2021

The bank reconciliation for Unity Bank shows a balance at the end of August 2021 of £61,862.51. The balance in the council's other bank accounts remains unchanged.

The clerk reported that the payroll provider has given notice and will be retiring at the end of March 2022. The clerk will find some alternatives to present to the council.

To consider for approval the payment of invoices received

Resolved to approve the payments.

61 Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future agenda items not requiring decisions.

RBF: the farmer has been to cut and bale and will be back to collect the bales.

Residents who live in Balcombe Green would like to cut their hedge and have asked for permission to cut from inside RBF. It was agreed that the farmer be directed as to what could be done to the hedge.

The clerk had been asked to discuss planting 200 trees in RBF for the school. If the project was acceptable PA would be happy to lead it. There was a discussion about other places that the trees could be planted to protect RBF which is a wildflower field. It was agreed that the trees shouldn't be planted in RBF but the sports field could be considered.

PG explained that she had been asked what had happened to the money given to the council when the youth club closed. The clerk confirmed that it was held as an ear marked reserve to be used in connection with children's activities.

JVH explained that the district council would soon be advertising for accommodation to be rented to help with the settlement of Afghan refugees.

A new discretionary grant will be released to help businesses grow.

The meeting was closed at 20:32