



# Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7:35pm  
IN THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD LIBRARY,  
KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr G. Upjohn (Chairman), Cllr D. Coote, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr C. Lintott  
**Officer:** Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

### **CE/64/19 - Apologies for Absence**

Cllr M. Purves, Cllr S. Morley, Cllr M. Whittaker and Cllr D. Knight

### **CE/65/19 - Declarations of Interest**

None declared

### **CE/66/19 – Matters Arising from The Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

None to consider.

### **CE/67/19 – Public Participation**

No public were in attendance.

### **CE/68/19 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day**

MTC Events and Promotions Officer, Kayleigh Collyer, briefed the committee on her meeting with representatives from the British Legion and Easebourne Parish Council. The British Legion would like the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day to be recognised in the locality and have suggested holding an event at the Cowdray Ruins supported by the two parish councils. While the committee is happy to support such an event it was felt that Cowdray may not be the most appropriate venue in terms of permission, traffic and it all being outside. After some discussion, it was alternatively proposed that a 1940's tea party/tea dance could be held at the Memorial Hall and in the adjoining SDNPA/Capron House car parks on North Street. Depending on the weather, the event could be held inside and/or outside, with a band playing live if available and within budget. It was further proposed that MTC provide £500 towards the event, with funding to be matched by the British Legion and Easebourne Parish Council. While the committee are content for the Events Officer to be involved with the planning of this event, responsibilities must be equally spread across all three parties. It was also suggested that an Ecumenical service take place at the Methodist Church on North Street. All in favour.

### **CE/69/19 – Reports from Working Parties**

- a. **Information / Telephone Kiosk** – The groundsman has painted the floor with non-slip paint and fixed the 'Information' signs. It was agreed that the leaflets should be provided only from the local area. Cllr Sutton is monitoring leaflet distribution.
- b. **Community High Street Initiative** – This is being progressed by Cllrs McAra and Smallman. All the bollards and some of the cycle racks have been repainted by the community payback team. The finger posts need re-aligning or replacing; the Assistant Clerk was asked to investigate whether they could be re-aligned and if so to obtain three quotes. The Assistant Clerk was asked



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to share the report and photographs prepared by Cllr Smallman with Councillors which provides a status update as to the current state of the street furniture.

## **CE/70/19 – Midhurst Christmas Lights 2020-22**

A business case for the Midhurst Christmas Lights, on North Street, Rumbold's Hill and West Street for the period 2020 to 2022 had been circulated with the agenda. The committee were concerned at the proposed increase of the recommended company given that this did not include a new display, save for additional strip lighting in Red Lion Street/Spread Eagle. It was agreed that the final decision should be postponed until early next year. It was also recommended that lowest bid should be invited to attend a meeting with representatives from the C&E committee and the Assistant Clerk to answer questions on their proposal. The Assistant Clerk reported that the current contractor had offered to provide a quote to re-dress the large tree next to the Stag Garden and fix the intermittent illumination of the stag motif; as there is budget available over and above this years recurring cost (of c£1,100) he was asked to obtain a quotation to aim to get both sets of lights installed/working for this season.

## **CE/71/19 - Matters of Report**

Cllr Coote reminded the committee that a group of people were helping to plant hedging at the entrance to Holmbush on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Upjohn asked for the Silent Soldier to be removed.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8:40pm.

Date: .....

Signed:.....

Chairman