



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 24th JUNE 2019 AT 7:30pm
IN THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD LIBRARY,
KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr G. Upjohn (Chairman), Cllr D. Coote, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr S. Morley, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr M. Whittaker

Officer: Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

No members of the public attended.

CE/14/19 – Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman reminded the committee that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of the Clerk’s Minutes only.

CE/15/19 - Apologies for Absence

Cllr D. Knight, Cllr M. Purves, Cllr J. Sutton,

CE/16/19 - Declarations of Interest

None declared

CE/16/19 – Matters Arising From The Minutes of 28th May 2019

Item 05/19 - Cllr Coote asked what further progress had been made in the possibility of the Town Council taking over the management of the land owned by Hyde-Martlett housing by the fire station. Cllr McAra will be heading this project and will present a business plan to this committee for discussion.

Following comments on the hanging baskets and planters this year the Assistant Clerk will investigate other companies and options for next year.

CE/17/19 - Representations from the Public

No members of the public were present.

CE/18/19 – Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Cllr Morley updated members on the current situation. Although he had found a suitable SID which would record data, he felt that he would like to do more research especially talking to the Speed Watch group to discuss using a hand held devices as an alternative option. He will continue to speak to the Police and West Sussex County Council regarding the siting and approval of having a SID. He asked for re-assurance from the Town Council that it was still keen to support a SID or alternative speed watch device in Midhurst, and he will be seeking this from local residents as well before any money is spent.

CE/19/19 – Northern Gateway

Cllr Sutton, who started the project, was absent from the meeting. To join Cllr Sutton a working group is required to carry this project forward. Cllrs D. Coote, D. Smallman, G. Upjohn and C. Lintott will be members of this group.



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Cllr Morley proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Sutton for her work in getting this started. All agreed.

CE/20/19 – Red Telephone Box

This is to be refurbished as a tourist information centre. There was no update. The Clerk will have an update for the next meeting.

CE/21/19 – Government Funding

CDC have allocated £4,000 to Midhurst for ‘community led high street cleaning initiatives’.

Ideas for how this money is to be spent was discussed. Benches, finger posts and bollards around town were immediate items that were highlighted as in need of maintenance. Cllr Smallman to undertake a survey of all the street furniture and report back at the next committee meeting.

Midhurst Green Volunteers will be approached to discuss what equipment they might require which can be purchased for them.

A Purchase Order for the funds will be received from Chichester District Council and a report on how the money was spent will be required by CDC later on in the year.

CE/22/19 – Pollinator Action Plan

It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for these seeds. The area around the edge of the Carron Lane recreation ground was deemed the most suitable area for these to be planted. It was acknowledged that the ground has to be made good for planting and that it has to be maintained properly for good growth and yields as these are not naturally growing wildflowers.

CE/23/19 – Litter and Crime

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting for the Crime Reduction Forum group. The Clerk will contact Piers Taylor at CDC.

Cllrs L. Jefferies, G. Upjohn and M. Purves will attend as MTC representatives.

CE/24/19 – Matters of Report

Cllr Morley commented on the Ofsted report on childcare in the County and said that a letter was being sent to voice our dissatisfaction on the results of the report.

Cllr Morley asked that the HMICFRS inspectorates report on the West Sussex Fire Service be discussed at the next Full Council meeting. This had been circulated by the Clerk.

Cllr Lintott reported that Cllr McAra’s report on the future plans for the recreation ground is finalised and will be discussed at the next Finance and Policy meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Date:

Signed:.....

Chairman