



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7:00pm
IN THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD LIBRARY,
KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Coote, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr J. Travers, Cllr M. Whittaker
Cllr M. Purves (arrived 7:15pm)

Also present: Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

No members of the public were present.

C/62/19: CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was chaired by Cllr C. Lintott until Cllr Purves arrived.

She requested that mobile phones be turned off, and advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of the Clerk only.

C/62/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr L. Jefferies, Cllr D. Knight, Cllr S. Morley, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr G. Upjohn

C/63/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made at this time.

C/64/19: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution - The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2019 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Whittaker, seconded Cllr McAra, unanimously approved.

C/65/19: MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters raised.

C/66/19: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There being no members of the public, the meeting was not adjourned.

C/67/19: REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Judy Fowler and County Council Kate O'Kelly did not attend.

No report had been received from Cllr Fowler.

County Councillor O'Kelly's report was read by the Chairman. Report attached.

Councillors agreed with Cllr Coote that it would have been good to have had both Cllr Fowler and Cllr O'Kelly at the meeting to answer questions and discuss matters. He hoped that they would attend the next meeting.



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Cllr Coote commented on the electric vehicle points and cycling strategies as positive for the county. It was suggested that as there is a cycling repair point at the Memorial Hall, SDNP that this advertised in the BT Information kiosk in town.

Cllr Lintott commented that there is nothing on the Midhurst Vision website which shows the results of the questionnaire.

7:15pm - Cllr Purves arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Report from District Cllr McAra:

- Following County Cllr O’Kelly’s note on Midhurst Vision he informed Council that he had attended a workshop and that the response of the questionnaire had been very successful. The two most requested things wanted were a swimming pool and a supermarket in town.
- The County Council will be reducing the grass cutting from seven to five cuts in Midhurst. This will have a major impact on the town and will be a topic for consideration at the next FAP meeting. Cllr McAra will bring a paper to the meeting.
- Cycling Design Guide – the process is moving slowly but is progressing.
- Discussions are on-going over the, now closed, Midhurst Cottage Hospital. One suggestion being put forward is for the expansion of the doctors’ surgery with an adjoining medical centre with specialist facilities.
- There is a new exhibition at the Novium Museum on ‘Aliens, Zombies and Monsters’ starting 28th September 2019.
- The shop vacancy figure in Midhurst remains within acceptable levels. Cockburn’s tea rooms will re-open this week under the ownership of the Midhurst Museum.
- Being a member of a ‘Task and Finish’ group on parks and green spaces within the district, District Cllr McAra mentioned that the group is discussing the idea that, if Parish Councils are interested in working with the District Council in taking ownership of its local park or green space, it may be suitable for the District Council to pass the ownership over. The formalities and details have yet to be discussed. This should be a topic for consideration by Midhurst Town Council once further information is available.

C/68/19: FINANCE ASSET AND POLICY COMMITTEE.

There being no questions it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 29th July 2019, and were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Minutes were adopted by Council.

Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Sutton, all in favour.

C/69/19: ASSET SUB-COMMITTEE

Cllr Travers will join the asset sub-committee.

There being no questions it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th September 2019, and were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Minutes were adopted by Council.

Proposed Cllr Purves, seconded Cllr Travers, all in favour.



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C/70/19: PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 22nd July, and were signed as a true and accurate record of the meetings. The Minutes were formally adopted by the Council.

Proposed Cllr Whittaker, seconded Cllr Lintott, all agreed.

P/25/19 – Minsted Quarry – Cllr McAra noted that, as written in the Press, the SDNP had withdrawn the designation of the Severals site from its short list of sand extraction sites. Very positive news for Midhurst Town.

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th September 2019, and were signed as a true and accurate record of the meetings. The Minutes were formally adopted by the Council.

Proposed Cllr Purves, seconded Cllr Whittaker, all agreed.

C/71/19: COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd July 2019 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Minutes were formally adopted by the Council.

Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Coote, all agreed.

CE/30/19 – Report from Events and Promotions Officer: Cllr Coote paid thanks to Kayleigh Collyer for her hard work and good preparation for the carnival. He also paid thanks to MADhurst for their month-long event which was well organised.

C/72/19: BUDGET 2020/21

Councillors were reminded to prepare business cases and think of any future funding requirements for specific projects in the 202/21 financial year. These are required to be submitted to the RFO. The first draft budget will be presented at the October FAP meeting.

C/73/19: TRAVELLERS

Deferred to the asset sub-committee to discuss.

C/74/19: CO-OPTION

The Chairman reminded Members that there are 3 vacancies. Any person wishing to be considered for co-option need to submit their Statement to the Clerk before the Council meeting in October when they will be invited to address the council and voting will take place.

C/75/19: REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS

There were no reports.

C/75/19 MATTERS OF REPORT

The Clerk reminded councillors that she will be working Monday to Thursday, and not Fridays, effective immediately.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the networking date with Easebourne Parish Council as Thursday 17th October.



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There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Date:

Signed:.....

Chairman