



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of The Midhurst Town Council, took place
on Monday 20th January 2020 at 7:00pm in The Midhurst Town Council Office, The
Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst

MINUTES

Present: Cllr C. Lintott (acting Chairman), Cllr D. Coote, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr S. Morley, Cllr M. Richardson, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr J. Travers, Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr M. Whittaker

Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

One member of the public was present.

C/01/20 - Chairman's Announcements

Councillors were advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of the Clerk only. Cllr Duncan Knight had resigned and that a Casual Vacancy Notice would be posted effective from 21st January 2020 and;

The acting Chair read a statement from Cllr Mark Purves, Chairman. *“Next month’s Full council (February) meeting will be four years since I was first elected as Chairman of this council, this has given me cause to reflect on the last four years and also to look at what the future holds for me personally and the for the council. With this in mind I have taken the decision that next month’s full council meeting would be an appropriate time for me to stand down as Chairman. I will continue to serve as a councillor”.*

There will be an election for the Chair of Council at the Full Council meeting in February.

C/02/20 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr L. Jeffries, Cllr A. Procter, Cllr M. Purves and Cllr J. Sutton

C/03/20 - Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made at this time.

C/04/20 - Public Participation – Meeting adjourned

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting reconvened.

C/05/20 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolution - The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2019 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Whittaker, seconded Cllr Coote, unanimously approved.

C/06/20 - Matters Arising from those Minutes

There were no questions or comments.



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C/07/20 – Midhurst Vision (report attached)

A report had been previously circulated. Mr. G. Allnut attended the meeting and gave a progress report. The next workshop will take place on 14th February, hosted by Malcolm Allan.

Greening Initiative – there will be a presentation on 11th February at 6pm, venue to be decided. The basis of this is that ‘Green’ is one of the key principles driving Midhurst Vision. A presentation will be given by a garden designer and Councillors are invited to attend. Following this ‘Visit Chichester’ will give a presentation on how it can help with tourism in the area.

C/08/20 - Report from County and District Councillors

County Council Cllr Kate O’Kelly’s report attached.

- WSCC future of small schools - Officers have recommended to the Select Committee to consult on closure of Stedham. Cabinet met last week and ignored the new recommendations and have decided to consult on closure starting on 3rd Feb.
- Soft Sands Review - West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority are asking for views on a revised soft sand strategy for the Joint Minerals Local Plan.
- Adult Services - Health and Adult Social Care committee met on 15th January. It scrutinised the new proposals for adult social care. There is a new frailty hub due to open in the Spring at Midhurst Community Hospital.

Report from District Councillor G. McAra

- Draft plans are being drawn up for the Southern Gateway in Chichester. The proposal is for 20,000² meters of commercial space with four hundred houses. The railway crossing will remain but the bus station will be demolished.
- A Task and Finish group on Green Management is discussing plans for planting and managing natural vegetation in the local parks.
- The storms brought down a number of trees in the area. One large tree in Holmbush, Midhurst is blocking the stream and a water engineer has been called to deal with the situation.

C/09/20 - Finance Asset and Policy

Following an amendment to item F/11/20, to read £184.52 from £200, the Minutes were adopted and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 13th January 2020.

Proposed Cllr Travers, seconded Cllr Richardson, all agreed.

No questions raised.

C/10/20 – Carron Lane Improvement Working Group (Minutes attached)

Proposals:

- Hooli be instructed to create a website to host the details of the proposed Lido and the Survey, and that the website would be available for the Lido to use should it go ahead.
- Newsletter will contain; the architect’s impression, a location plan, information on the build and energy sources, Questions and Answers and a printed version of the survey on the back page
- Costs known so far (plus VAT) out of the allocated £6,000 budget:
Architect £3,000



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Logo Design £385

Website £1,400

Newsletter £800

It was resolved to approve the proposals as minuted in the Minutes of 23rd January 2020.

Proposed Cllr Upjohn, seconded Cllr McAra all agreed.

C/11/20 - Planning Committee

Resolution: The Minutes were adopted and signed by Cllr McAra as a true and accurate record of the meetings held on 23rd December 2019 and 13th January 2020.

Proposed Cllr Whittaker seconded Cllr Coote, all agreed.

C/12/20 – Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllr Travers had attended a meeting of MADhurst. Initial plans for the summer event were discussed. The theme will be ‘The 1920s’ and may tie in with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

C/13/20 - Matters of Report

Councillor membership of outside bodies and Trusteeships will be reviewed at the next Full Council meeting.

Following the resignation of Cllr Knight, the Clerk is to post a Casual Vacancy Notice for now, two vacancies.

Cllr McAra informed the members that he is stepping down as chairman of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee at the end of January.

Clerk to send a news release for addition in the Observer newspaper announcing the resignation of Cllr Mark Purves as chairman of the Council and to publicise the two councillor vacancies.

There being no further business the acting Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7:54pm.

Date:

Signed:.....

Chairman