



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7:30pm
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19.**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr M. Purves (Chairman), Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr A. Procter, Cllr R. Watts, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr S. Morley, Cllr N. Yeo

Officer: Julian Quail Assistant Town Clerk

Also Present: Cllr G. McAra, Jess Brown-Fuller, Events and Promotions Officer and Bridget Clements, CDC City and Towns Coordinator

CE/013/21 – Apologies for Absence – Cllr Upjohn was unable to access the meeting.

CE/014/21 - Declarations of Interest - None declared.

CE/015/21 – Minutes of Meeting of 11th January 2021 – The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 11th January 2021, with the exception at CE/012/21 - Matters of Report, which stated that Cllr Purves informed the committee that CDC has stopped the review of local recycling centres. It was not CDC but WSCC.
Proposed Cllr Morley, seconded Cllr Yeo, all agreed.

CE/016/21 – Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11th January 2021

None

CE/017/21 – Public Participation – adjournment of meeting.

Bridget Clements, CDC City and Towns Coordinator, introduced herself and explained that her role was to work as a co-ordinator for projects progressed by The Midhurst Vision and TTCIC.

Meeting re-convened.

CE/018/21 – COVID 19

Cllr Lintott praised the work done by The Midhurst Pharmacy in delivering vaccines at the Memorial Hall.

CE/019/21 – Policing in Midhurst

The committee noted the statistics provided by Sgt West from Chichester police, which are encouraging.

Cllr Yeo asked for the committees help on identifying further locations for mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SID). Once chosen WSCC would provide a risk assessment and advice on their viability.

Action: The committee to provide Cllr Yeo with their thoughts on location of SIDs.



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CE/020/21 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities

Northern Gateway, Cllr Sutton – Following the decision taken at the last C&E meeting to invite Peter Anderson Studio to provide 2D illustrative designs for the proposed town entrance signage, there is a possibility that SDNPA will provide a £1,500 grant towards this piece of work.

Carron Lane Playground, Cllr Yeo – Following consultation, Cllr Yeo provided indicative costs for potential work at the play area. This could include the replacement of swings and the addition of play boards and multi-use slides. In addition, there is the option of upgrading the goal area by improving the surface area and possibly adding cricket stumps and a basketball hoop. It was agreed that Cllr Yeo should continue to progress options and provide additional details on the art of the possible and associated costs.

Action: Cllr Yeo to brief the next meeting on further options for developing the Carron Lane recreation ground.

Parking Bollards - Carron Lane, Cllr Yeo – It was noted that cars were still parking on the verge and damaging the grass. It was agreed that nothing further would be considered until the car park reopened. The RoSPA inspection and signing off the skate park is expected on 19th February. It was also noted that a fence will be erected next to the car park gate to stop people driving across the recreation ground.

Riverwalk Project, Cllr Watts – Cllr Watts is going to arrange for a meeting with Midhurst Vision.

Information Kiosk - It was proposed by Cllr Purves and seconded by Cllr Lintott that Ralph Restoration be invited to restore the Information Kiosk for £4,380.00. Cllr Purves, Cllr Lintott, Cllr Procter, Cllr Sutton, Cllr Watts, Cllr Smallman, and Cllr Yeo agreed. Cllr S. Morley against. Motion carried.

Fingerposts, Cllr Lintott – It was agreed that the tender for the replacement of the fingerposts could be progressed. On receipt of the quotation, Mr Quail will bring the detail to the committee for their consideration and confirmation of the proposal at which time the content should be shared with the Midhurst Vision to assist their wayfinding project.

2021 Flowers, Mr Quail – A quotation and options for Summer and Winter flower for this year were provided to the committee prior to the meeting. It was proposed that by Cllr Lintott, seconded by Cllr Purves, that a variant of option 4, known as option 4b, with some Winter flowers and the additional watering, should be agreed with the company. This would include the reduction of square planters on Petersfield Road from five to three, allowing for the funding of additional watering. Cllr Purves, Cllr Lintott, Cllr Procter, Cllr Sutton, Cllr Watts, Cllr Smallman, and Cllr Yeo agreed. Cllr S. Morley abstained. Motion carried.

CE/021/21 – Budget Monitoring

The committee noted the current financial position for the end of December.

CE/022/21 – Events

Easter - The Events and Promotions Officer proposed a four-day Easter egg hunt, which would involve letters being placed on nine laminated pictures of eggs in the Town and shop windows, which will spell out a nine-letter word. It would run from Easter Friday to Easter Monday. Successful entrants would be placed in a draw for a prize. The costs of the event are believed to be in the region of £50. All agreed.

2022 Queen's Jubilee - The committee were asked to consider options for next year's Queen's Jubilee.



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Website – A soft launch of the new website has taken place. Committee members to have a look and let Mrs Brown-Fuller know if any amendments are required.

Photographs – It was suggested that a photograph competition take place for good quality pictures of Midhurst, which could then be placed on the new website. It was noted that there is a need to assign copyright.

CE/023/21 - Matters of Report

Cllr Morley informed the committee that despite the bad weather the fencing alongside the cemetery looks good. He also raised concern at the level of communication by CDC regarding the dredging of South Pond, which has upset a lot of people. This was an opportunity for a constructive discussion on addressing a perennial problem.

Cllr Purves informed the committee that the SDNPA were asking parishes to become involved in a pilot to sow wildflowers along grass strips in towns and villages. The pilot study also involves the removal of grass cuttings after mowing. It may be possible to do this in Midhurst from the bridge on North Street to the bus station.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date.....