**A Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee**

**took place at 7.34pm on Monday 9th January 2023**

**in the Midhurst Town Council offices,**

**The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst**

**MINUTES**

**Present** Cllr N. Yeo (Chairman), Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr D. Merritt, Cllr D. Smallman and Cllr R. Watts.

**Officer:** Sharon Hurr, Clerk

**CE/134/23 – Chairman’s Announcements:** None

**CE/135/23 – Apologies for Absence**: Cllr J. Sutton and Cllr L. Jeffries. Cllr G Upjohn was absent without apology.

**CE/136/23 - Declarations of Interest - To receive from Member’s declarations of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with The Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012:** None

**CE/137/23 - Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of meeting held on 12th December 2022 were agreed as an accurate record by all present.

**CE/138/23 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12th December 2022, to consider matters arising from the minutes that are not on the agenda:** Cllr Lintott, commented that the explanation regarding how to ‘Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement’ to West Sussex County Council was correct in the minutes but had not been correct in the recent edition of Midhurst Matters.

**Action:** The Clerk to ensure this is corrected in the next edition of Midhurst Matters.

Cllr Smallman arrived

Cllr Yeo suggested the War Memorial sign should be positioned on a post in the cemetery or be attached to the cemetery noticeboard.

**Action:** The Clerk to investigate further where the War Memorial sign could be sited.

Cllr Yeo reported that the Air Skier removed from the Recreation Ground was actually the Double Fitness Station, the replacement of which would have cost much more than the Air Skier, therefore an appropriate decision not to replace it, at this time had been made. The Clerk confirmed that this correction had been reported in the Finance, Asset and PolicyCommittee as part of the review of the Asset Register and thanked Cllr Yeo for providing this information.

**CE/139/23 – Public Participation:** No members of the public were present.

Meeting Reconvened.

**CE/140/23 Events Update:** The Clerk reported that a meeting will take place next week on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 10am in the Council Chamber regarding the King’s Coronation event (6th May 2023) and all Councillors are invited to attend if they wished. It is planned that the market will go ahead as usual on this first Saturday of the month and be positioned along Church Hill and West Street. A large public screen has been booked for the Market Square. The February half-term activity is currently being planned and will consist of either a guided walk or indoor craft activity. A litter pick will take place in early March 2023 and the Skate Jam has been booked for 20th May 2023. The Street Parties will take place on Saturday 26th August 2023 and Friday 1st December 2023.

The monthly markets are continuing to grown and Councillors are requested to provide their availability for the markets for the next few months.

A diary of events can be found at Appendix One.

The ‘Warm Spaces’ initiative has been launched, and up-take is currently low, but residents are being generous with paying for an extra drink at the three locations.

**CE/141/23 Committee to Identify Actions for 2023-24 –** The Chairman highlighted that the work on the Recreation Ground would be further considered and further work would be carried out on the cemetery. The Chairman also cited that the Community Highway Partnership required review and this would be included on the February meeting agenda.

**CE/142/23** **Policing in Midhurst:** The Chairman reported that he had spoken to a resident whom had concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the A272 approach from Petersfield and shown a particular interest in Community SpeedWatch. The Chairman suggested that currently the Town Council continues to borrow SpeedWatch equipment rather than look to purchase it.

**CE/143/23 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities:**

* **Northern Gateway:**  Cllr Sutton had provided an update which was reported by the Clerk:

Daniel Minter from Minter’s Garden and Property Maintenance had been requested to supply an estimate for grass seeding rather than turf, to be spread around the bulbs he has planted, at an appropriate time in Spring when the weather improves. The wildflower turf has been planted. Mr Minter will remove the fencing and all rubble shortly.

* **Bins:** Cllr Yeo reported that two dog bins will be replaced at South Pond with general waste bins. Cllr Watts also commented that there was a plan to replace the dog bins at St Ann’s Hill with general waste bins and also move one of them to a more convenient location near to the gated entrance.

**CE/144/23 – Actions**

* Fairtrade Town Status: Cllr Yeo reported that was no further update at this time.
* Relocation of Bins: Please see CE/143/23 above.

**CE/145/23 - Matters of Report: (Note: Decisions cannot be made under this item; it is for information only):**

None

**CE/146/23 – Date of Next Meeting –** 7.30pm, Monday 13th February 2023

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.09pm.

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Chairman

*Appendix One*

**Events Calendar 2023**

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| Times | Date | Event |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 7th January 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 4th February 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| TBC | 13th – 17th February 2023 TBC | Half-term Activity |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 4th March 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| TBC | Early March 2023 TBC | Litter Pick |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 1st April 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| TBC | 3rd – 9th April 2023 TBC | Easter Activity |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm TBC | 6th May 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market (King’s Coronation) |
| 12noon – 4.00pm | 20th May 2023 | Skate Jam |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 3rd June 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 1st July 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 5th August 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| 11.00am – 3.00pm | 26th August 2023 | Summer Street Party |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 2nd September 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 7th October 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| TCB | 23rd - 27th October TBC | Half-term Activity |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 4th November 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |
| 5.00pm – 8.00pm | 1st December 2023 | Christmas Street Party |
| 9.00am – 2.00pm | 2nd December 2023 | Farmers and Artisan Market |