

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Fulking Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall, Fulking  
on Thursday 5 July 2007 at 8.00pm**

**Present:** Chairman Mrs Jenny Vaughan, Vice Chairman Mr Tony Brooks, Councillors Mr Richard Corner, Mrs Jennifer Parmer and Mrs Pamela Rowland and Clerk to the Council, Mrs Sheena Trist.

**Apologies for Absence:** None

The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, including paragraph 12(2) was adopted by the Parish Council.

County Councillor Mr Peter Griffiths spoke briefly about the health review and the downgrading of local hospitals, ongoing problems with Preston Nomads Cricket Club, highways, and the proposed National Park and its boundary. Mr Griffiths indicated that he would be happy to attend a Parish meeting about the Hospitals and Health services so that PC members and residents views could be made known.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2007 were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of Interest by Members (if any) are shown against the relevant items in the minutes.

**Matters Arising**

**Rights of Way** Bollards on Bridleway 6B the Backway. The PC agreed to let the subject lie unless there were further complaints.

DDMO 07/01 – Perching Drove. The order was not confirmed. The Landowner is in consultation with WSCC regarding legal costs and his solicitor to ensure that the agreement previously drawn up was now still workable.

**Highways** Pot hold opposite Stammers Hill had been reported by the Clerk and subsequently filled in.

Parking on the bend by Shepherd & Dog pub. Despite several attempts by the previous PC, there had been no outcome from discussions with the Landlords and so it was agreed that little more could be done.

**The Sheds  
Clappers Lane** Permission for the retrospective works was granted by Mid Sussex District Council on 18 April 2007

**Market  
Garden  
Clappers Lane** MSDC Planning had advised the Clerk that the case had been passed to their Legal department for enforcement action, but could not give a timescale as to when any action would be taken. The recent tarmacking of the driveway was thought to be acceptable by MSDC although materials had not been submitted to them in the first instance.

**Huet Caravan** The site had been cleared of the remaining rubbish and the Clerk had written to Mr Tucker to thank him for his assistance.

**Preston  
Nomads  
Cricket Club** It was not known if PNCC would appeal against any of the various planning applications that had been refused. Mr Holden of 5 Clappers Lane had written to the PC to complain about traffic, particularly a double decker coach which could not get through due to its size and residents were asked at 10.00pm to move their cars so it could get past. It was suggested that a Liaison Officer be appointed to act as a go-between, or a meeting arranged between PC members and PNCC to discuss the problems. District Councillor Mr Maidment said that he would be willing to chair such a meeting.

**North Town  
Field** At the PC meeting held 12 April 2007, Jen Green was proposed and voted as a Trustee to the NTF. This was put to a public vote at the APM but did not go through as a member of the public complained that the process was not correct. It was proposed that a meeting of the PC and NTF Trustees be held to discuss.

Mr Bob Rowland asked the PC if the Trustees individually knew where the original Trust Deed is kept and when could it be made available to the Parish Clerk to take a copy for the PC's records and, more importantly, where the freehold title deeds of the land were held? The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Trustees, Mr Brian Harris, to find out.

D.J. Flynn had been mowing the grass but it had been so wet and was growing fast, he was unable to pick up the grass. If he did, it would cost a lot more to have it taken away or there would be a big pile in the field somewhere.

Rospa report. This had been carried out and a site meeting was to be arranged to go through all the points and decide who/what/how works are tackled.

**Village website**

Richard Linford had volunteered to take on the role of coordinating the village website. The domain name Fulkingvillage.com was available for a sum of £9 for two years.

District Councillor Mr Maidment requested time to speak to the meeting. He reiterated Mr Griffiths concerns about the Health Service, spoke about waste and the new recycling/landfill system and the pressure being put on the district to build 15,000 new homes by 2016.

**Financial Matters**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed off the external audit paperwork, interim audit, cheque list and cheque stubs. Thanks were given to Mr Rowland and Mr Hughes for assisting the Clerk with the audit.

Councillor Richard Corner explained his views on indemnity cover and he was requested to get quotations for cover up to £.25m.

**Village Signs**

The PC had received various letters/e-mails from Mr Paul Wayne regarding the refurbished village signs. He had also written to Pigeon Post and so it was decided to gauge reaction to that letter before further comment/action be taken by the PC.

**AOB**

A letter had been received from MSDC advising that the Planning Policy Division were to reappraise the Fulking conservation area. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Lankaster at MSDC to advise that the PC would like to be involved and to let them know when they would be coming.

Councillor Jennifer Parmer had been approached to request that the sign at the junction of The Street and Clappers Lane be replaced/refurbished. The Clerk advised that despite several requests to the WSCC Highways department nothing had been done, but that Mr Robert Claxton of Fulking Cottage had repaired the sign as best he could and it was felt that for the time being this would suffice.

The lawn mower originally purchased to mow the grass in the playground was for the time-being redundant as this area was now being cut by the current contractor. Councillor Parmer agreed to store the mower and Councillor Brooks agreed to deliver it to her.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Poynings Parish Council suggesting a joint meeting to discuss the new housing proposals, and the PC agreed that it was a good idea to have such a meeting. The Clerk to advise Poynings accordingly.

Mrs Alison Daly expressed her dismay at the PC for not continuing to liaise with the owners of the Shepherd and Dog pub to try to resolve the parking problems. Councillor Parmer agreed to speak to them again. If this came to nothing, Councillor Corner offered to speak to the Police and the Clerk to e-mail County Councillor Mr Griffiths to see if he could assist.

**Dates of Next Meetings:** 11 October 2007, 10 January & 10 April 2008. The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed ..... Date: .....