
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYFIELD AND
FIVE ASHES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD
AT LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD,
ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2007 AT 1930 HOURS**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Plans for exhibition finalised
- Community Hall progress reviewed

ATTENDANCE

Philip Dixon (Chairman)	(PX)	Present and Voting
Peter Deller	(PD)	Present and Voting
Chris Lilly	(CL)	Present and Voting
Paul Amans	(PA)	Present and Voting
Garnet Shackel	(GS)	Present
Iris Bruce	(IB)	Present
John Coulter	(JC)	Present
Leonard Trevellion	(LT)	Apologies for Absence
Ted Handley	(TH)	Not Present
Steve Harland	(SH)	Present
Geoff Gregory	(GG)	Present and Voting

Councillors Present and Voting	5	Apologies for absence	0	Not present	0	Total	5
Other Members Present	4	Not Present	1	Apologies for Absence	1	Total	6

Also Present

David Thompson (DT) Parish Clerk

MINUTES

1. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

1.1. There were no declarations of interest.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2.1. There were no Chairman's announcements.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2006

3.1. It was noted that the minutes had been approved by the Full Council.

4. ACTIONS

4.1. Actions progress is as follows:

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
• 6D7/5.9	BR to ascertain whether Conservation area submissions needed to be submitted in standard format – no standard format required.	CLOSED
• 6D7/10.1	South Street Allotment Site – Grass over Now considered unlikely as 8-10 affordable homes are firmly scheduled in WDC Non Statutory Plan.	CLOSED

5. REPORT FROM THE MAYFIELD COMMUNITY HALL STEERING GROUP SUB COMMITTEE (6G02)

5.1. CL submitted a verbal report:

- The Sub Committee had met on 15 January 2007.
- The Committee was well supported with twelve people present.
- Development thinking was progressing well.
- Report to Full Council – March 2007.
- Draft report in February 2007.
- Visit to Herstmonceux Community Hall.
- Confirmed that the Reeve/ Collard group had not withdrawn from the project.

5.2. Outstanding issues were:

- Details and information from the Reeve/Collard group – a reply to the Clerk's enquiries with regard to future intentions had been received.
- Incorporation of the Medical Centre, a separate building seemed unlikely, but space provided within the Community Hall structure seemed likely.
- Lottery fund issues.
- Commercial development projects in other villages AIRS investigating.

5.3. Discussions on the report:

- PD asked for clarity over the VAT implications for including a Medical Centre – HMRC will waive 10% thereafter VAT could not be recovered, however the rent from the Medical Centre would be sufficient to fund costs. IB noted that development companies would advise on the issues.
- It was noted that at the present time no funds were available to purchase professional advice.
- PD asked for a summary of pros and cons over the inclusion of a Medical Centre in the Community Hall structure.
 - CL considered village aspect no difference but from the hall aspect the benefit was that the funding from the Medical Centre could be used to raise a capital loan.
 - Dr Coates had submitted a list of needs, and although they wanted a separate building, compromise was inevitable.
- GS noted that it was an urgent requirement to move the Doctors' Surgery because it lacked adequate disabled access. IB was of the view that the Doctor and the PCT had only five years to act.
- CL – It was considered that the inclusion of the Medical Centre within the Hall structure was a viable proposition.
- A central list of funding bodies had been built up – IB had done considerable work on this issue.
- Lists of Hall users had been created:
 - Regular
 - Casual
 - Potential

5.4. GS was concerned to know what the relationship with Five Ashes was like, and the extent of liaison with them.

- It was noted that the plan presentation would take place in two parts, one in Mayfield and one in Five Ashes at a later date.
- Five Ashes project was for a Village Hall, Mayfield project was for a Community Hall.

5.5. It was noted that the Big Lottery Fund deadline for application is 30 April 2007 was of prime importance. With regards to community inclusion, the Community Hall project would allow much greater uses by:

- The Primary School
- Mayfield Festival (where 400 seats are needed).

The deadline was giving the project more impetus.

5.6. Other issues raised:

- PD had considered that the commercial venture had the benefit of speed, with better options and fund raising opportunities, but the public funded proposal was now closing the gap.
- IB commented on the state of the current building compared with Hertsmonceux.
- It was noted that rents could rise, but as now there could be a two tier system.

5.7 With regards the recent visit to Herstmonceux Village Hall, which had an area of some 600sq metres, the following items were noted

- The Hall was good and would meet most but not all of the known requirements for the future hall.
- It was significantly better than the present Memorial Hall.
- It has a number of useable areas which do not cause interruptions with users of other areas of the hall.
- Storage areas were good.
- Toilets were not good and were limited.
- Insured for £700,000 – land excluded.
- Built and led by an energetic councillor with proven track record.
- Hall is permanently booked.
- Clerk's office and Hall Management Office is a shared facility.

6 PARISH PLAN EXHIBITION ARRANGEMENTS

6.1 The main part of the exhibition would be the twenty-three 'Slides' on the thinking behind the Parish Plan. These would fit on the Clerk's display package.

6.2 There would be a questionnaire on the proposals for the Village Hall. After debate the questionnaire proposal was changed slightly to incorporate an 'other comments' area.

6.3 The following arrangements were agreed:

- Questionnaire on plan.
- Comments form for Conservation Area boundaries.
- 50 copies of questionnaire.
- Slides to be laminated and numbers one and fourteen be amended prior to lamination.
- 'A' board to be displayed.
- Posters to be displayed on Notice Board.
- Press release to be prepared.
- 'Senior' Councils to be advised.
- Tourism to be included

ACTION DT/CL/PD

7 PARISH PLAN PROGRESS

7.1 Held over to February meeting.

8 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 GS – Are the Oak trees in Court Meadow at rear of Hall preserved? The Clerk thought they were but would confirm.

ACTION DT

8.2 There were no further information items.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2105 HOURS

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE:

VENUE: LONDON HOUSE
DATE: MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2007
TIME: 1930 HOURS