

MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYFIELD AND
FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT MAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 10 APRIL 2006 AT 1930 HOURS**

6C:01

FINAL

M. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Councillor Chris Lilly joins Full Council
- Councillor Ted James resigns
- Amendment to financial regulations paragraph 3.6 approved
- Resolution on Argos Hill Windmill approved
- Co-operation project with Mayfield and Five Ashes Chamber of Commerce agreed
- Youth Drop-In Centre in operation

ATTENDANCE

Martin Pitcher Chairman	(MP)	Present and Voting (not minute 10.1)
Paul Amans	(PA)	Present and Voting (Chair for minute 10.1)
Peter Deller	(PD)	Present and Voting
Philip Dixon	(PX)	Present and Voting
Diane Kirkness	(DK)	Apologies for absence
Lloyd McLean	(LM)	Present and Voting
Jayne Bramwell	(JB)	Present and Voting
Graham Playfoot	(GP)	Present and Voting
Felicity Ryan	(FR)	Apologies for absence
Hubert Hills	(HH)	Present and Voting
Andrew Stokes	(AS)	Present and Voting
Deveda Redman	(DR)	Present and Voting
Catherine Swingland	(CS)	Present and Voting
Robert Fitzsimmons	(RF)	Present and Voting
Chris Lilly	(CL)	Present and Voting (from minute 3.2)

Present and voting 13 Present and not voting 0
Apologies for Absence 2 Not present 0 Other Council Business 0

Also Present

Wealden District Councillors Brian Redman (BR), Robert Standley (RS) and Anna Monaghan and ESCC Councillor Robert Tidy (RT)
David Thompson Parish Clerk (DT)
There was 0 members of the public present and no members of the press.
Apologies for Absence were received from ESCC Councillor Christopher Dowling and WDC Councillor Jonica Fox

MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1.1. MP declared an interest in Agenda item 12 and left the meeting while this item was taken. Councillor P Amans presided for item 12.
- 1.2. There were no other declarations of interest.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.1. The Chairman requested that Agenda item no 20 (co-option) be taken following Chairman's announcements. This was agreed.
- 2.2. There were no other Chairman's announcements.

3. CO-OPTION OF CHRIS LILLY TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR TED JAMES

- 3.1. The Chairman introduced CL to the meeting. His CV had been circulated to a previous meeting. It was proposed by AS and seconded by LM that Chris Lilly be co-opted as a full member of the Parish Council.

VOTE UNANIMOUS

- 3.2. CL signed the Declaration of Acceptance in front of the Clerk and took his place as a full member of the Parish Council.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 4.1. There were no questions from members of the public.

5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2006

- 5.1. Two amendments of fact were accepted as changes to the minutes. No errors were noted.
- 5.2. Subject to these changes the minutes were accepted as a true record by unanimous vote.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 6.1 JB reported that productive discussions had taken place with WDC over the provision of a team comprising WDC and community service workers who would be available to undertake general parish work such as street and litter clearing at no cost to the Parish Council. It was ruled by MP that this matter would be considered at the correct time.
- 6.2 There were no other matters arising.

7. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 MARCH 2006

- 7.1. The Chairman noted that since DK had sent apologies for absence there would be no report from the committee.
- 7.2 Three minor amendments of clarification were agreed after which the minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record.
- 7.3 In answer to a question from PD on minute 5F11/4.2 regarding the accounting processes involved, the Clerk reported that:
 - A gift of £500 had been received from a member of the public, on the condition that it was used to improve the Mayfield Memorial Hall.

- The Parish Council had included the gift of £500, in a larger grant of £5000 towards the replacement of the Memorial Hall kitchen facilities.
 - The RFO had been asked to produce the necessary audit trail.
- 7.4 PX raised an issue over minute 5F11/7.1 on the idea of dismantling the Argos Hill Windmill MP noted that:
- Parish Council policy was clearly stated.
 - That the members personal views were their own and were not Parish policy.
 - The item under minute 7.1 was an idea and at the present time no more than that.
- 7.5 There was some debate over possible sites on the old railway line, and the area north of the Old Tunbridge Wells Road was suggested. However it was noted that there were no redundant buildings available on this section of the track bed.

8. REPORT FROM ESCC COUNCILLOR ROBERT TIDY

- 8.1. RT reported that a major new initiative on the awareness and prevention of alcohol and drug abuse was underway with the formation of a specialist action team who would focus on education and awareness issues surrounding the subject . It was noted that whilst there was central government funding for drug abuse there was no provision for alcohol abuse.
- 8.2. ESCC were investing £4m in the creation of a New Generation Communication network which would enable free telephone and internet communication between schools. There would be a wider application at a later date.
- 8.3. The consultants report on the NCN21 was expected soon, after initial review by ESCC, it would be made available to the public, interest bodies, and local government. There would be full consultation before any proposals were adopted.

9. REPORT FROM WDC COUNCILLORS ROBERT STANDLEY, ANNA MONAGHAN AND BRIAN REDMAN

- 9.1. RS reported that £13m had been made available for the construction of 233 affordable homes over the next three years in the WDC area.
- 9.2. AM reported the current position with regard to discussions with David Milliband MP on proposed reforms to local government. A white paper would be available in June.
- 9.3. A new bowling alley and leisure complex had been provided in Hailsham.
- 9.4. WDC had produced a document “Ancient Woodland Survey” copies of which were available for the council.
- 9.5. WDC were developing ideas for partnership with parishes.
- 9.6. BR gave a summary of his duties on the WDC which, amongst other things comprised of:
- Scrutiny of the WDC organisation and processes
 - Reorganisation of the planning process
 - Review of the WDC constitution
 - Review of the WDC committee structure
- 9.7. LM thanked the WDC representatives for their reports and comments. There were no further questions for the Parish Council.

10. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 MARCH 2006 AND 3 APRIL 2006

- 10.1. For this item MP left the room, and was replaced by PA (Vice Chairman).
- 10.2. LM reported that the minutes placed before the committee were a correct record of events and collective decisions of the committee, which as usual, were based on the information placed before them. The minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record.
- 10.3. Regarding the application for Oakcroft in West Street WD/2006/0085/F and WD/2006/0086/LB it was noted that this item had been added to the agenda of Planning Committee Meeting 6P01 in error, resulting in public reservations not being fully considered. After debate it was agreed that:
 - The Clerk would write to WDC and explain the problems
 - The application would be reviewed at the meeting to be held on 17 April 2006
- 10.4. MP returned to the meeting after the conclusion of the item.

11. MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 APRIL 2006

- 11.1. MP reported that no minutes had been circulated and called upon PX to report on events.
- 11.2. PX reported that it was his intention to make a presentation to the next Council Meeting, prior to the formal presentation to the Annual Assembly. The presentation would cover:
 - Vision statement with topics on
 - Memorial Hall
 - Health Centre
 - Other issues
- 11.3. It was agreed that an item be placed in Yellow Pages and the need to consider any issues arising before the annual assembly. The timetable was tight:

Meeting 6C/2 8 May 2006

Annual Assembly 15 May 2006

PD impressed upon the committee to ensure all issues were followed up. Advance release of the presentation was considered.

ACTION DT YELLOW PAGES

ACTION PX PRESENTATION

12. MINUTES OF THE SECURITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 MARCH 2006

- 12.1. One minor correction was noted to the Security Committee minutes, which were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 12.2. RF reported developments in local policing; Specialist Neighbourhood Constables were being put into place by the police authorities. These SNCs would supervise seven PCSOs and co-ordinate activities.
- 12.3. It was noted that with the departure of PCSO P Claxton from Five Ashes that Paula Mackie would take over the Five Ashes duties.
- 12.4. It was noted that action was being taken to improve the communication networks available to neighbourhood policing units.

- 12.5. With regard to item 6 of the circulated questionnaire on Local Council Police Support Review 2006, RF was unanimously elected as the lead councillor on community safety as required under section 17 of the Crime Disorder Act 1998. RT confirmed that this position required a review of the community safety effects of all decisions made by the Council.
- 12.6. PA raised the issue of parking and signage for the village. PD reported that this issue would be considered by the traffic committee in due course, but at the present time Mayfield was nearing the top of the queue for a full parking review.
There were a number of other signage and parking issues reported by the PCSO. It was agreed that these would be clarified by the Clerk.

ACTION DT

- 12.7. HH asked about the amount of training undertaken by PCSOs RT reported that this was very extensive and covered all aspects of police work.
- 12.8. The latest crime figure for Mayfield and Five Ashes had been published.

13. REPORT FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

- 13.1. PD reported that there was nothing new to add to the Traffic Committee Report. The next meeting was on the 20 April when amongst other issues SID would be covered.

14. REPORT FROM THE KINGS GEORGES FIELD MAYFIELD CHARITY COMMITTEE

- 14.1. PA reported that the next meeting would be 22 May 2006 in the meantime there was nothing to report.

15. MINUTES OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND TREES COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 MARCH 2006

- 15.1. JB announced two minor changes to the minutes, after which they were agreed as an accurate record.
- 15.2. With regards minute 5R6/8.6 JB reported that the Bursar of St Leonards Mayfield had workmen inspecting the area, and the surfaces would be given temporary repair pending further work later in the year.
- 15.3. There were no other matters arising.

16. MINUTES OF THE YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS OF 8 MARCH 2006 AND 29 MARCH 2006

- 16.1. As DK was not available there would be no report on the Youth activities, this would be made at the next meeting.

ACTION DT

- 16.2. The Clerk answered a number of questions posed by members
- 16.3. PD and several other members considered that the project was good and needed to work. It was reported that attendance of the Youth Drop-in Centre so far was reasonable.
- 16.4. There was one minor correction to the minutes of 29 March 2006.

17. CLERK'S REPORT

17.3 There were no comments on the Clerk's Report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 GP asked whether the PC had responded to WDC with regard to the Argos Hill Windmill.

ACTION DT

18.2 AS reported that two lights were out in Queensmount. Clerk to follow up.

ACTION DT

18.3 PD reported on the meeting of the Small Rural Towns meeting, of which a full report had been given to the Development Committee. In summary the organisation was geared to job creation projects and it was hard to see how Mayfield and Five Ashes could gain an advantage. See also minute 5D9/8.1.

18.4 DR reported on the Old People's Welfare Committee Meeting of which she was the PC representative. They had requested a seat be placed in Fletching Street near the old fire station. Clerk to follow up feasibility and note in Yellow Pages.

ACTION DT

18.5 PD asked DR to comment on recent events regarding Avian Flu. It was noted that at this stage there were no likely possibilities of an outbreak and that press coverage was over reactive.

18.6 MP reminded Committee Chairman that our new member CL may like to join some of the Parish Councils Committees.

ACTION DK, PP, RF, JB, PX, LM, PD

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2110 HOURS.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL (AGM) WILL BE HELD AT:

VENUE: MAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE: MONDAY 8 MAY 2006

TIME: 1930 HOURS