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**MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAYFIELD  
AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT FIVE ASHES VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 1930 HOURS**  
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**PART ONE MEETING WITH THE COUNCILS OF MAYFIELD PRIMARY AND  
FIVE ASHES PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING**

- Nineteen questions were put to the Council
- Nine Actions accepted
- Two actions from last year completed
- Parish plan questionnaire results circulated

### **ATTENDANCE**

Martin Pitcher Chairman	(MP)	Present and Voting
Paul Amans	(PA)	Present and Voting
Peter Deller	(PD)	Present and Voting
Philip Dixon	(PX)	Present and Voting
Diane Kirkness	(DK)	Present and Voting
Lloyd McLean	(LM)	Present and Voting
Jayne Bramwell	(JB)	Present and Voting
Graham Playfoot	(GP)	Present and Voting
Hubert Hills	(HH)	Present and Voting
Andrew Stokes	(AS)	Present and Voting
Deveda Redman	(DR)	Apologies for Absence
Catherine Swingland	(CS)	Present and Voting
Robert Fitzsimmons	(RF)	Present and Voting
Chris Lilly	(CL)	Present and Voting
Geoff Gregory	(GG)	Present and Voting

Present and voting 14      Present and not voting 0  
Apologies for Absence 1      Not present 0      Other Council Business 0

### **Also Present**

Wealden District Councillors Robert Standley (RS), Jonica Fox (JF), ESCC Councillor Robert Tidy (RT)

David Thompson Parish Clerk (DT)

There were 16 members of the public present and in addition 16 members of the School Councils, 16 parents and teachers and two members of the press..

Apologies for Absence were received from ESCC Councillor Christopher Dowling (CD) and WDC Councillors Brian Redman (BR) and Anna Monaghan.

## MINUTES

### 1. MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES SCHOOL COUNCILS

- 1.1. The Chairman welcomed the School Councils to the November meeting of the Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council meeting.

### 2. QUESTIONS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCILS

- 2.1. Beth Newson – We have noticed that cars don't stop at our panda crossing even when the light is red. Is there anything that the Parish Council can do to stop this?

Answer – PD will place an item in Yellow Pages. RF suggested that if the children take down the car index number and tell their parents, the Council will be able to track down the vehicle owner. He also confirmed that cars are known to cross the crossing at red.

- 2.2. Beth Newson – Do you need to have special qualifications to become a Parish Councillor?

Answer – MP No special qualifications are required but you must be a resident of the Parish or be a businessman who has premises in the Parish.

- 2.3. Toby Newson – Are there any plans to create a nature garden in Five Ashes?

Answer LM and RS – Many years ago there used to be a nature garden in Five Ashes but this was privately owned and eventually fell in disuse. It was a good idea and the Clerk would investigate whether it was possible to create such a garden.

#### **ACTION DT**

- 2.4. Toby Newson – Are there any plans to lower the speed limit in Five Ashes?

Answer – There were at present many plans and these are being progressed by the Traffic Committee.

- 2.5. Sam Claxton – Why aren't there any police in Five Ashes?

Answer – There is a Police Community Support Officer – Sam was asked to write to the Parish Council and ask why the police are never seen and that he would like to see one. The Council would then ask the police to respond.

#### **ACTION SAM CLAXTON**

- 2.6. Sam Claxton – Are there any plans for any new shops in Five Ashes?

Answer LM – There were no plans at present, but there was a scheme to perhaps place a small shop in the New Five Ashes Village Hall. MP asked if it would sell sweets – answer – yes. However GP reported that as yet there was no interest in the project. CS reported that the Hen on the Gate was considering such a project and that they were very near Five Ashes.

- 2.7. Rachel Hart – Is it possible to put a pavement on the other side of the road to our school?

Answer – MP asked whether if needed one and if there were space restrictions. The Clerk to investigate.

#### **ACTION DT**

- 2.8. Rachel Hart. What is the favourite part of your job as a Parish Councillor?

Answer MP – The annual meeting with the School Councils to answer questions.

- 2.9. Jack Lavington – How old so you have to be to be on the Parish Council?

Answer MP – Eighteen years old with no upper limits, say at least 100.

- 2.10. Poppy Warren – Where does the Parish Council get its money from and how much do you have?

Answer MP – The Council gets most of its money from the “Precept” which is collected by Wealden District Council from taxes levied on the residents. The precept in 2006/7 is £70,434. The Council will spend nearly £100,000 and the balance of the money will come from grants, fund raising and Council reserves.

- 2.11. Nadia Attoe – Last year, our school council suggested the idea of putting some bike racks in Court Meadow Car Park. What do you think of this idea? Are we likely to get some in the future?

Answer MP – The cycle rack suggestion was adopted by the Council and the work was finally completed at 1.00 pm today. They will be ready for use tomorrow.

- 2.12. Oliver Warren – We have noticed that people park their cars all over the place in the Court Meadow Car Park and even on the meadow. Would it be possible to paint car parking lines in the car park? We think it might be safer.

Answer PD – The painting of lines in car parks has to be carried out in accordance with special regulations. We are trying to get both our car parks lined out.

- 2.13. Maria Green – My family has just moved into the village. We would like to recycle our plastic bottles but there is not a bank at the recycling point. Do you think Mayfield could have one?

Answer MP – We are planning to open a second recycling point near the Mayfield Roundabout in the next financial year. We will try and get facilities for plastic bottles.

**ACTION DT**

- 2.14. Claudia Salway – Our Headteacher, Mrs Hooper, is thinking about getting our school bell working again. Would you be able to support the school with some money to check that it is safe and get it to work?

Answer MP – We will ask our F & GP Committee to consider this.

**ACTION DT**

- 2.15. Katie McCowan – We have noticed that someone is driving a motorbike around the skate park when it is not allowed. What can be done to stop them?

Answer MP – The Police Community Service Officer will be asked to investigate and take action. If children can discreetly record the index number of the motorbike, without being seen this will help.

**ACTION DT**

- 2.16. Jack Wiles and Kyle Merrick – Quite often, when we play football, our ball goes over the fence and we have to go and get it. The area against the wall is overgrown and there are pieces of glass there. Would it be possible to clean this area up as it is a bit dangerous?

Answer MP – We will check the area and clean it as necessary.

**ACTION DT**

- 2.17. Nina Bolger – We think the public toilets in the car park of Mayfield are quite dirty and smelly with lots of graffiti on them. Who cleans them and how often is this done?

Answer DT – The toilets belong to Wealden District Council and are supposed to be cleaned daily. The Council will investigate and take corrective action.

**ACTION DT**

2.18. Ethan Todd – We have noticed that a lot of people are still dropping litter around Mayfield? Do you think it would be a good idea once a month to advertise for people of the community to get together and collect it all?

Answer JB – It is a good idea but health and safety regulations prevent a voluntary effort being made. However arrangements are being made for a litter collection to be made on Thursday and Sunday.

**ACTION JB**

2.19. Rhys Jenner – We think it would be a good idea to have a toy shop in the village. Can you do anything to encourage this?

Answer LM and PD – Not very much because shops can only survive if they have lots of customers and there are not many children in Mayfield and Five Ashes. We recently had a model shop called Square Wheels who had customers from all over East Sussex but in the end was forced to close because of the high rents which are charged on the shops.

**3. PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE**

3.1. The Chairman thanked the two schools for their input to the Parish Plan. Summary tables of the results had been distributed at the meeting.

**4. ACTIONS FROM LAST YEAR**

4.1. Action progress was as follows:

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
5C7/3.4	Can extra litter clearance be arranged? Litter clearance area increased together with number of days litter collected.	<b>CLOSED</b>
5C7/3.7	Can we have a cycle rack in Court Meadow? Cycle rack now installed.	<b>CLOSED</b>

**5. CLOSE OF MEETING**

5.1. The Chairman thanked the two School Councils for their questions and said that they would be informed of progress made with the issues they had put before the Council.

**THIS SECTION OF THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1930 HOURS.**