



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAYFIELD
AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING**

**HELD AT MAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 1930 HOURS**

**Chairman of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council
Councillor R Fitzsimmons**

9C07

FINAL

R FITZSIMMONS
CHAIRMAN

SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Finance Report for September approved.
- Bonfire Society march and celebrations discussed.
- Kerbside waste and recycling proposals for 2010 discussed.
- Budget 2010/11 provisional proposals discussed.
- Pandemic flu arrangements noted.
- Committee restructuring proposals agreed.
- Walk Wealden Project discussed.

ATTENDANCE

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| Robert Fitzsimmons | (RF) | Present and Voting |
| Monica Aitkin | (MA) | Present and Voting |
| Paul Amans | (PA) | Apologies for Absence (B) |
| Patricia Balfour | (PB) | Present and Voting |
| Jayne Bramwell | (JB) | Present and Voting |
| Andrew Burnett | (AB) | Apologies for Absence (B) |
| Warwick Child | (WH) | Present and Voting |
| Jane Driscoll | (JD) | Present and Voting |
| Hubert Hills | (HH) | Present and Voting |
| Chris Lilly | (CL) | Present and Voting |
| Lloyd McLean | (LM) | Present and Voting |
| Graham Playfoot | (GP) | Present and Voting |
| Deveda Redman | (DR) | Present and Voting |
| Jerry Watkiss | (JW) | Present and Voting |
| Elaine Wheeler | (EW) | Apologies for Absence (B) |

Present and voting 12 Present and not voting 0
Apologies for Absence 3 Not present 0 Other Council Business 0

Also in attendanc:

Wealden District Councillors Brian Redman (BR), Graham Wells (GW), ESCC Councillor Robert Tidy (RT), David Thompson Parish Clerk (DT)

Apologies for Absence

WDC Councillor Jonica Fox (JF), R Standley (RS) and ESCC Councillor C Dowling (CD)

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.1. PB declared a prejudicial interest on item 9C7/10 (9P10/4.4) land at Knowle, Newick Lane.
- 1.2. JB and MD declared a general interest on item 9C7/10 (9P10/4/4) land at Knowle, Newick Lane.
- 1.3. There were no other declarations of interest by members on the agenda items.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND POLICE REPORT

- 2.1. The Chairman reported that he had received a written report from PC S Etherington, which also contained comments on the fireworks on Court Meadow. The view was that overall the celebration had been successful, however there were some issues.
 - Lack of Marshalls particularly on Tunbridge Wells Road.
 - Police surprised by the number of under aged drinkers.
 - Needed better representation at skateboard park.
 - Police were bussed to Memorial Hall, but could have been dropped off outside the march assembly areas and worked their way in to Memorial Hall.
 - Mobile toilets were needed.
- 2.2. To make improvements it was generally agreed that a Central Control Centre was needed which would include Bonfire Society, St John's Ambulance and Police, so that response to problems could be co-ordinated.

ACTION DT

- 2.3. JB asked PCSO Boyle about the number of parking tickets issued in Mayfield, and requested a regular review being carried out.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

4. MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2009 (9C06)

- 4.1. Twelve changes were agreed to the minutes after which they were approved by UNANIMOUS vote.
- 4.2. There were no observations on the minutes.

5. FINANCE REPORT (9FA06)

- 5.1. CL reported that there was little to add to the September Finance report, other than despite a heavy spending month, the year to date spend was still below budget.
- 5.2. There were no other comments or questions on the Finance Report.

6. REPORT FROM ESCC COUNCILLOR R TIDY (RT)

- 6.1 RT reported that ESCC was facing up to substantial budget pressures:
- Community Safety was being reviewed in particular the Crime Reduction Partnership, where all services were being reviewed.
 - Library use was on the increase and the Mayfield results were particularly gratifying.
 - BW92 efforts to find and prove the ownership of the access road from Yew Tree Lane were still causing problems.
- 6.2 In answer to questions ESCC were trying to save £35m over four years which represented an overall 10% reduction in costs, but in some departments this could be as much as 18%.
- 6.3 In answer to a question from CL, an increase of 3.5% this year and 3.0% next year could be expected in the next ECSS budget. Police results were not known.

7. REPORT BY WDC COUNCILLORS GRAHAM WELLS (GW) AND BRIAN REDMAN (BR)

- 7.1. GW reported on the recent WDC Planning Conference held at Uckfield on 4 November 2009.
- 7.2. Kerbside Recycling – Wealden Rural Areas
- Mayfield and Five Ashes starts early 2010, March for Mayfield and part of Five Ashes, Summer 2010 for the other part of Five Ashes.
 - Bin for green garden waste – flat corrugated cardboard, shredded paper, brown envelopes, grass, prunings etc.
 - Refuse bin (now renamed) landfill bins – rubbish not suitable for recycling, disposable nappies, pet litter etc.
 - Blue caddy – newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes (with windows), computer paper, yellow pages telephone book. Goes with green waste bin.
 - Red caddy – all types of plastic bottles, food and drinks cans, aerosols, kitchen foil, foil food trays, beverage cartons. Collected with landfill bin.
 - What happens to recycled rubbish? – There are contracts in place for paper, steel cans, aluminium cans/foil, plastic bottles, green waste, glass bottles and jars, beverage cartons.
- 7.3. Walk Wealden project was designed to promote local areas to get more people walking, leading up to the 2012 Olympics. The walks events will particularly be aimed at those who may not currently be very active or do much walking. WDC want these events to promote short health walks that may only be one mile long. Walking can benefit many target groups as it contributes to both mental and physical health, and is in line with the Government's Change4Life campaign.

Why should Parish Councils get involved?

- Promote your local area.
- Encourage your local community to live healthy lifestyles.
- Involve your community in a high profile district-wide project linking to the 2012 Olympics.
- Be offered health walk leader training for volunteers.

- Provide a leisure activity for residents without needing a lot of facilities or equipment.
 - Work with partners to consider developing regular health walks.
- 7.4. There was concern from members over how small communities would cope, because of lack of bin space, and concern over the potential lack of capacity with the bins if there were to be fortnightly collections.
- 7.5. RT confirmed that the ESCC recycling units would remain.
- 7.6. BR had nothing to report, but explained the background to the WDC decision over the recent planning application in Rotherfield Lane, where the owners rights had to be respected.
- 7.7. CL enquired over the WDC rate increase. BR reported that this was still being debated, and they were trying to keep costs down through the Transformation programme.
- 7.8. JB noted that in the Mayfield Grange Planning Application more car parking space was being sought. It was noted that the Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Plan allowed for two car parking spaces per dwelling.
- 7.9. It was noted that the LDF analysis from WDC would not be ready until early 2010.

8. RESOLUTION 9C14 APPROVAL OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 8.1. It was noted that because there was not a quorum at the last planning meeting, the Committee's views on the Planning applications had been expressed by GP, consequently the Parish Council needed to endorse the views of GP, because the individual Planning Applications had not been made available to them. It was noted that all planning applications are ready available in the Parish office for consultation.
- 8.2. It was noted that the results of the planning discussion had been sent to WDC after the meeting because of the deadline difficulties imposed by the three weekly meeting cycle.
- 8.3. Members decided that they were unable to vote to confirm the decision made, therefore the **RESOLUTION 9C14:**

That the Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council approve the following Planning Applications was not proceeded with.

Members felt that they did not have sufficient knowledge to make the decisions without the necessary information being available.

- 8.4. It was noted that although the Planning Committee consisted of five members, in this case four of the members were not able to attend the meeting. It was decided to nominate a further three reserve members so that a similar case would not happen in future.
- 8.5. Nominations were LM, JB and JW. These nominations were agreed by the Council.

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9. RESOLUTION 9C15 CHANGE OF DATE OF JANUARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

- 9.1. The Chairman explained that because of the need to change the date of the Councillors' training meeting it would be necessary to change the date of the January 2010 Full Council Meeting.
- 9.2. The following **RESOLUTION** was put to the Full Council:
Proposed by Councillor R Fitzsimmons, seconded by Councillor D Redman

Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council RESOLVE to change the date of the meeting of the Full Council from 11 January 2010 until 18 January 2010, to allow for the SALC training session and suspend Standing Order Number 4.

The RESOLUTION was carried by UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10. BUDGET 2010/11 RUN IC

10.1. CL introduced the Budget Run IC to the Full Council, and explained the Budget process. The budget had been circulated previously so that members were aware of the content.

It had been necessary to cut back expenditure from the total wish list to a level which could be met by a modest increase to the precept.

10.2. Members brought up the following issues:

- The budget excluded reference to hanging flower baskets for Mayfield – Clerk would include for next F&GP review.
- The need for the library to be reviewed.
- The reason for cutting £840 from the Five Ashes playing field security project.

10.3. There was a report on progress with the War Memorial Project and the possibility of funding from other sources.

ACTION DT

10.4. JB and CL were concerned over the noise made by fireworks at the Bonfire night celebrations, and it was now considered that the noise had an echoing effect in the valley areas of the village. Clerk to follow up noise levels with WDC and Bonfire Society.

ACTION DT

10.5. It was agreed that there would be a further review of the budget at the next meeting of the F&GP Committee.

ACTION DT

11. PANDEMIC FLU

11.1. It was reported that the lower floor of London House had been made available to the Parish Council should an outbreak of Swine Flu occur.

11.2. It was also reported that a separate telephone line had been obtained.

11.3. DR reported that in our area there was as yet no significant increase in swine flu cases.

12. RESOLUTION 9C18 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12.1. As part of the Clerk's Committee restructuring exercise it was proposed to amalgamate the Development Committee and the Court Meadow Management Committee. The following RESOLUTION was put to the Full Council.

RESOLUTION 9C18 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor Redman, seconded by Councillor P Balfour

Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council RESOLVES to instruct the Clerk to form a new Committee to commence business in January 2010, which will be known as the Community Development Committee, and will cover the remits of the existing Development Committee and the Court Meadow Management Advisory Committee.

12.2. The RESOLUTION was carried by 11 voters for and 1 abstention.

13. RESOLUTION 9C19 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- 13.1. As part of the Clerk's Committee restructuring exercise it was proposed to amalgamate Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Risk Assessment Committee The following RESOLUTION was put to the Full Council.

RESOLUTION 9C19 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor C Lilly and seconded by Councillor D Redman

Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council RESOLVES to instruct the Clerk to reform the Finance and General Purposes Committee to commence business in January 2010, which will cover the remits of the existing F&GP Committee and The Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.

- 13.2. The RESOLUTION was carried by UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14. MINUTES ADOPTION

- 14.1. The following minutes were adopted by the Full Council by UNANIMOUS vote:

9F05 Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting 23 September 2009

STATUS APPROVED

9P10 Planning Committee notes 26 October 2009.

STATUS APPROVED

15. REPORT FROM TRANSITION MAYFIELD REPRESENTATION

- 15.1. PB reported that the group were trying to organise a classical concert on Court Meadow in March 2010, and had asked for assistance from MMM.

16. REPORT FROM MAYFIELD VILLAGE CENTRE

- 16.1. LM reported that he would be examining the plans on Tuesday 10 November.
16.2. It was hoped that Warwick Child would be attending the next meeting.

17 REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE

- 17.1 There was no report from the Chamber of Commerce.

18 CLERK'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2010 9X07

- 18.1 The Clerk accepted a minor amendment to the report.
18.2 The information section data was explained. It was agreed that the minute status section would be set out in more detail.
18.3 LM asked whether minutes were placed on the Notice Boards. In answer it was noted that only the Agenda for Full Council, F&GP and Planning Meetings were placed on the Notice Board.

19 ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- 19.1 WH reported that the Churchyard expenses were now in the order of £12,000 per year, and that some £15,000 would be needed to repair the Church steps.
- 19.2 JB reported that Tony Lay had organised a traffic calming exercise for Newick Lane and that she had attended the meeting. It was agreed that there would be a special monitoring exercise.
- 19.3 JB reported that the Parish Council were preparing a statement of case, for the appeal against WDC ruling over the Footpath 13 diversion, and that evidence was being gathered together.

It was noted that the Parish Council would be supporting and submitting the completed statement of case and that a copy of the full report would be placed in the Parish office.

- 19.4 The Clerk was requested to invite PC S Etherington to the December meeting of the Full Council.

ACTION DT

- 19.5 It was noted that Open Door had held a meeting to help and co-ordinate the activities of the village organisations. There would be an exhibition in the Church and the Parish Council may well be asked to provide assistance.

- 19.6 The Clerk would update the website.

ACTION DT

- 19.7 It was reported that six councillors, plus the Clerk had attended the Remembrance Sunday Service.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:02 HOURS.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE:

VENUE: MAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE: 14 DECEMBER 2009

TIME: 1930 HOURS