



Minutes of the Ashurst Wood Annual Village Meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2018, 7.30 pm at the Village Centre.

Present: Parish Council Councillors; The Clerk, Assistant Clerk and 69 members of the public. Also in attendance: West Sussex County Councillor Jacquie Russell and Mid Sussex District Councillor John Belsey.

7.30pm: Cllr Brian Phillips, Chairman of the Ashurst Wood Village Council, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. **Minutes of the last Annual Village Meeting - held on 25th April 2017 - were approved and signed.**
2. Council Report:
 - Highlights of the year 2017/2018
 - Report on the financial year 2017/18
3. Presentations:
 - Conservators of Ashdown Forest by Steve Alton
 - South East Coast Ambulance Service and Community Defibrillators by Joanne Crerar FdSc McPara
 - General Data Protection Regulations by Cllr Derek Wailes
 - Would you like to be a Councillor? With the new elections next year (May 2019), Cllrs Margaret Bussell and Claire Judge gave a talk on their experiences
 - West Sussex County Council Highways, questions were put to Richard Speller Area Manager (Mid Sussex)
4. Question and answer session; detailed on separate sheet.

All presentations can be viewed on the Village Council website or copies of the slides are available from the Council office.

Signed: Date:
Signed at the following Annual Village meeting

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QUESTION TIME

1. Paul Fildes, Lewes Road

Commented that he understood the Council could receive up to £5,000.00 per year rental for the site of the telecom pole situated at the entrance to Hammerwood Road from the A22 and asked whether this was going to the village.

Richard Speller from WSCC Highways, Area Manager (Mid Sussex) replied that the utilities have a legal right to site the pole and that no rental was received.

2. Colin Twigg, Hammerwood Road

Enquired as to why the yellow lines recently painted between School Lane and Hammerwood Road had a gap of about 20 yards just before reaching Hammerwood Road.

Cllr Brian Phillips replied that the repainting, including zig zag lines outside the school was part of a road safety project. The gap in the lines was left for use by the residents of two or three houses in School Lane.

3. Victor Hopkins, Maypole Road

Asked why Wall Hill Road had not been gritted during the recent bad weather.

Cllr Brian Phillips stated that Wall Hill Road was the responsibility of East Sussex County Council and therefore he couldn't give a reply.

4. Paul Fildes, Lewes Road

Wondered whether the Village Council had any information on what was happening with the Three Crowns.

Cllr Jenny Forbes replied that the Council had contacted the owners on several occasions, both about the condition of the property and also to enquire as to what was the current situation with regard to re-opening the pub. The replies had been very vague, but the information given was that they were ready to work with the right applicant for the pub. The Three Crowns had been registered as a community asset.

5. Gwen Shuttleworth, School Lane

Asked why Ashurst Wood was not having a Silent Soldier figure for the World War 1 commemorations erected in the Village.

Cllr Jenny Forbes replied that this had been discussed at a Council Meeting and it was decided not to proceed.

6. Georgia Robinson, Allens Close

Wanted to know if anything could be done about the behaviour of the builders on the site in Hammerwood Road as when walking past the site she and other people have heard a lot of very bad language and also experienced vehicles blocking the pavements and parked badly. The parking had caused problems with ambulances going to the school.

Cllr Brian Phillips responded that there was not much the Council could do, but if it was a public nuisance it should be reported to the police by phoning 101.

Cllr John Belsey, said that complaints were under review by Mid Sussex District Council and he would report back on any action to be taken.

Robert Lewin, Cansiron Lane, agreed with the comments on bad parking.

Rudabe Rudin, Wellfield, suggested that the Council could contact the site foreman. Brian Phillips responded that any resident could do this.

Jona Eichner who lived opposite the site stated that she had mentioned to the builders that the verge outside her property was being damaged by lorries. They had been polite and helpful and promised to reinstate the verge when the work was finished.