



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASHURST WOOD PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 18th February, 7.00pm at the Council Meeting Room.

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Loveday (Chairman); Tyrrell (Vice-Chair), Draper, Forbes, Haite, Lee and Spoor

IN ATTENDANCE: Rebecca Roberts (Clerk); Ceri Evans (Handyman)**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 1

The retiring Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. To Elect Chair-person and Vice-Chair

Cllr Loveday was unanimously re-elected as Chair and Cllr Tyrrell as Vice-Chairman

2. Public Questions

Retired Councillor Bussell spoke about Dor's Patch, also giving a history of the planting of the area. She reported that she and her husband will be handing the job of tending to the patch throughout the year up, as it is a lot of hard work, especially as there is no water source nearby. Three courses of actions were suggested by Margaret:

- To remove the existing plants, grass over and then plant with bulbs and wild flowers
- To buy new plants and split some existing ones for an instant improvement, but with no one tending to the patch thereafter, this could be a waste of money
- Someone else may like to take on the work, however they should be aware that it is time consuming and hard work even if they love gardening

A long term solution is now required

Cllr Loveday thanked Margaret and Geoff for all their hard work and continued support of the War Memorial flowers.

Members discussed further and the suggestion of approaching a local landscaping company to sponsor the site and tend to it was agreed. The suggestion will be advertised on the Village Facebook sites. It was also suggested to include the area at the entrance to the Village at the top of Hammerwood Road/Lewes Road junction.

3. Apologies for absence

None

4. To receive Declaration of Interests from Members in respect of any matter on the Agenda

None

5. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19th February 2019

The minutes were **approved as an accurate account of the meeting.**

6. Recorded Meetings: to approve deletion of recording – *there were no recordings currently being held.*

7. To receive the income and expenditure and review the budget for Public Services - the reports were viewed and it was noted that additional money had been budgeted for garden and properties maintenance.

8. Clerk's report – the Clerk's report was received

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- 9. To receive a report from the Handyman** - the Handyman's report was received. Cllr Loveday thanked Ceri for his hard work.
Members discussed getting costs for a drainage tanker to come and clear out the drains in the Village.
- 10. To discuss viable projects for 2020/21** – members discussed projects for the Council to carry out and agreed that the junction of Maypole Road/School Lane was still on-going. It was agreed that the following 5 suggestions would be put to residents via the E-News, Village Newsletter and at the Annual Village Meeting
- a) A 20mph limit through the Village
 - b) Re-establish Neighbourhood Watch
 - c) Allotments/garden share
 - d) One-way system
 - e) Footpath from the Twitten to John Pears Field
- 11. To discuss the maintenance of Dor's Patch** – see above
- 12. To discuss restarting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – members discussed restarting the Neighbourhood Watch and asking for volunteers. This will be discussed further with the new PCSO when they start in April and it will be mentioned at the Annual Village Meeting.
- 13. To receive an update on the proposed allotments** – there has been no further update on the proposed allotments. It was agreed to email the landowner to see if there had been any developments.
- 14. Winter Management Plan** also reported at the full Council
- a) To receive an update – it was noted that the Winter Management Plan had so far not needed to be implemented. The plan would be reviewed in the summer with the aim to get a contractor in place for snow clearance if needed.
- 15. To receive an update on Highways matters** – members noted that the recently resurfaced road surface of Maypole Road was already deteriorating. It was agreed to email our County Councillor to see if there are any updates. It was noted that the white lines at the junction of Maypole Road/School Lane had now been repainted.
- 16. To receive an update on possible tennis court improvements at John Pears Recreation Ground** – Cllr Forbes reported that a meeting had taken place with MSDC, Cllr Belsey and the Clerk. The Council was told that everything is in place for the new court access system, but there are a few issues that MSDC aren't happy with. Once these have been dealt with, progress will be made.
- 17. To receive an update of the Speed Indicator Device** - the Cluster Group rota seems to be working well. It was reported that there are currently 10 locations around the village for the devices to be positioned. It was agreed that the devices are a great addition.
- 18. To consider replacing the notice board outside the Village Centre and removing the one at the old Post Office/Newsagents** – it was agreed to look at replacing the old notice board outside the Village Centre and to dispense using the one opposite the Three Crowns. This can be reconsidered at a later date should the pub re-open and it is deemed necessary. Notices are also displayed on the Council website as well as the notice board.
- 19. To decide how often the Public Services Committee should meet each year** – members discussed and it was agreed to hold between 2 and 4 meetings a year as and when required.
- 20. Any items for reporting or inclusion on future agenda** – none

21. Date of next meeting – to be confirmed

Meeting Closed: 8.14pm

Chairman.....

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