

SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting MINUTES

Meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2024 7.30pm – The Sports Pavilion,
High Street, Handcross

Sally Mclean - Clerk to the Council Email clerk@slaughampc.co.uk Website: <http://www.slaughampc.co.uk>

Press and Public are welcome to attend - The Parish Council is an open and transparent local authority and encourages public attendance at meetings.



Present: Cllrs Julia Elliott, Eric Prescott, Lesley Read, Bob St George, Adrienne Melville, Debbie Beckinsale, Carol Steggles, Gary Marsh

Others Present: 1 member of Public

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllr MacNaughton, Cllr Morris, Cllr Dunn, County Councillor Bruce Forbes
- 2. Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda:** To record any declarations of interest: None
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/s held on The Annual Meeting 27th June 2024** -To receive and accept the Minutes Proposed Cllr St George, Second Cllr Prescott APPROVED RESOLVED
- 4. Adjournment for questions from the public:** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting in accordance with Council's Standing Orders, to receive questions from members of the public in attendance in respect of items on the agenda

Member of the public asked for an update on Item Ref 6.3 – Neighbourhood Plan, St Martins

Planning Application and Site Development Update Cllr Prescott:

- The developer is interested in proceeding with a planning application that includes the East site.
- If the planning application for the East site does not progress, the developer may seek to gain access to develop the West site. The Council may be asked to grant access to the West site in exchange for the developer covering the costs of the planning application (quid pro quo arrangement).

Council's Consideration The Clerk advised:

- The Council needs to consider these developments and await the relevant documentation outlining costs, as well as details surrounding the importance of the restrictive covenants, especially considering that the information was incomplete when reviewed by the developers legal team.
- The Council would need to reconvene to review and potentially amend the previous resolution, as the current situation represents an alteration to the original motion.
- This review will also consider the offer that was discussed in principle, with the Council needing to reassess their position.

- 5. Matters from District & County Councillors:** to receive verbal reports from representatives of other authorities

5.1. Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC): Press Release/s updates *cc'd in advance*

- **Mid Sussex District Council – Mid Sussex District Plan 2021 – 2039: Submission**
Mid Sussex District Council has formally submitted its District Plan and accompanying documents to the Secretary of State. The District Plan will now be subject to independent public examination by a Planning Inspector. As part of the examination process, the Planning Inspector will hold public hearings and we anticipate these will be held in Autumn-Winter 2024. Once confirmed, all details relating to the examination process will be advertised, made available online at <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/mid-sussex-district-plan/district-plan-review/> and sent to those people who asked to be notified of the examination. The District Council has submitted the following documents in accordance with regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The submission and supporting documents and the Notice of Submission are available for inspection at following locations: Councils Website: <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/mid-sussex-district-plan/district-plan-review/>
- **Increase in Parking Charges** – Increase in charging across the District <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/parking-travel/parking/>
- **Gatwick - Northern Runway Plans | London Gatwick Airport** Members are encouraged to review the Plans - District Councillors will be attending a briefing at the end of the month and will report back to Council. The latest developments regarding Gatwick Airport's Northern Runway project involve the proposed alterations to the existing northern (standby) runway to allow its routine use alongside the main runway, effectively creating a dual runway operation. This project, now classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), is designed to increase the airport's passenger capacity significantly.
- The project includes various enhancements, such as repositioning the northern runway by 12 meters, expanding terminal buildings, constructing new facilities like a hangar and a waste facility, and creating additional car parking spaces. Environmental and road improvement works are also part of the plan.
- Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) has submitted a Development Consent Order (DCO) application for these changes. The application was accepted in August 2023, and the examination process will continue until late August 2024. The final decision is expected by spring 2025, with construction potentially beginning later that year. <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR020005>
- The consultation process has included several phases, with the most recent focusing on highway design changes and the overall environmental impact. The West Sussex County Council, among other stakeholders, has been actively involved in reviewing and responding to these plans throughout the consultation process. For more detailed information, you can visit the Gatwick Airport or West Sussex County Council's official pages on the project. <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/planning/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-nsips/gatwick-northern-runway-project/>

Examination Timetable The examination stage

The examination opened on 27 February 2024 - The examination is expected to close on 27 August 2024

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR020005/examination-timetable>

- 5.2. **West Sussex County Council County Local Committee (WSCC/CLC)** – Press Release/s updates *cc'd in advance*:
None Present – None present
6. **Committee Reports:** Council to consider the recommendations, receive and note committee and advisory group/updates: To approve meeting and or briefing notes received in advance of the meeting convened:
- 6.1. **Finance & Policy Committee:** To update members on current activities: To approve meeting/note minutes and recommendations: Nothing new to report. The Committee to meet in September to review policies and regulations
- 6.2. **Recreation:** To update members on current activities and to approve meeting/note minutes from meeting held:
- The Parish Council hosted The Rude Mechanical Theatre company on the Recreation Ground having lost access to their regular venue in Slaugham. It was a great success and they hope to return next year.
 - The Committee are looking at the pumping system/drainage for the Sports Pavilion to ensure that the system can cope with larger events.
 - The old Romanian building is falling into dangerous disrepair, additional damage being caused by local children playing inside the site. Enforcement to be contacted to ensure landowner secures the area.
- 6.3. **Neighbourhood Planning: Land at St Martin Close** - To update members on current activities and to review and approve meeting/note minutes where required: The SNP review is on hold until the District Plan has completed examination: also see item 4
- 6.4. **Planning Committee:** Members to consider updates: To approve meeting minutes of meeting/notes *cc'd in advance*
- 6.4.1. To update members on the Hemsleys/Finches Masterplan Application [DM/24/0114](#) The Council have formulated their latest response to the current planning application *cc'd in advance*
- 6.4.2. Cllr Prescott attended a briefing on Woodhurst Lodge, Pease Pottage in relation to a future application coming forward that will look to reinstate parts of the hospital currently redundant.
- 6.5. **Communications Committee:** Members to consider updates: To approve meeting minutes of meeting/notes *cc'd in advance*: The working group met to review progress on the website, newsletters, and their frequency and distribution. They are also exploring future engagement strategies on the enhancements to the High Street project, with various proposals being considered. The next meeting is scheduled for the 10th September 2024.
7. **Chairman's Report:** to receive verbal report for the Chair:
8. **Clerks Report** – to receive information, verbal or written report from the Clerk papers *cc'd in advance*
- 8.1. [Handcross Primary School, Hoadlands to London Road](#) areas - **Monday 29th July 2024** for approx. 5 days, (all work will be completed within the school summer holidays).
9. **Finance Matters Payments and receipts** The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to approve: Bank Reconciliation for month June 2024 Approval in line with scheme delegation (*Ref: Bank Payment Analysis Part May & June cc;d in advance attached*) **RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee approves the schedule of payments for July 2024
10. **Correspondence/Information Items/Publications/Consultations:** (*Correspondence cc'd in advance to members*)
11. **Highways/Footpaths:** to review highways projects/items
- 11.1. Slaugham, Park Road/Village Green/Heritage damage – Update on temporary repair works.
Cllr Keating advised that the CIC are looking at options and hoping to issue a proposal for the repairs in the next few weeks.
- 11.2. Traffic Calming Working Group – Recommendation - Members are asked to adopt the working group terms of reference The group have been established to investigate, analyse, and recommend traffic calming measures to the Council *cc'd in advance*. **APPROVED RESOLVED** Cllr Marsh, Second Cllr St George
12. **Police / NHW Report / Resilience Group Reports**
- 12.1. Crime Reports *cc'd* members – Updates issued to members in advance
13. **Any other matters that the Chairman wishes to raise for future discussion:**
14. **Date of next meeting/s –**

Signed: _____ Date: _____