

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held remotely using Zoom
On Wednesday 20th January 2021

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs Haywood, Ball, Harris, Mrs Johnson, Jones, Knight, Mansfield, Mrs Mills, Newton, Mrs Pendleton and the Clerk

1. APOLOGIES (Approved) - None
(Noted) - Councillor Davies

2. MINUTES – The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th December 2020 having been circulated were approved. Minutes will be signed once meetings on Zoom are not required.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD – Three members of the public were present. The three members of the public wished to discuss Rampion 2 and it was agreed that the members of the public wait until this was discussed under agenda item 10c

5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - .No report

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT –

County Councillor Mrs Pendleton reported on the following,

- West Sussex County Council Tree Plan – trees in ownership of WSCC will be maintained, no new tree planting is planned. Any trees not in good order that belong to WSCC to be advised to Mrs Pendleton
- West Sussex County Council Budget 2021-2022 – balanced with 1.9% increase plus 3% for Adult Services
- Potholes – people reporting potholes need to contact Love West Sussex (love.westsussex.gov.uk) if pothole repair not completed within 28 days then contact Mrs Pendleton
- COVID-19 – Bognor Regis Medical Centre have eight local practices on a daily basis, the number of vaccinations need to be increased and other centres needed and Middleton and Bognor are day’s behind other areas.

Councillor Mrs Johnson stated that some residents have a problem attending, County Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that if transport is needed then they can get help.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT –

District Councillor Mrs Haywood reported that Arun District Council have produced a Design Guide and is on their website and will send details to the Clerk.

Shrubbs Care Park - The procurement process in respect of electric cars charging point has been put on hold.

District Councillor Mrs Pendleton reported that the Arun DC Local Plan is being updated and infrastructure deficit roads can be included in the update so requested what roads needed to be included.

Planning – Development sites – strategic sites in the parish need to be identified as there is no Neighbourhood Development Plan the parish will need to try and influence what development is included.

District Councillor Mrs Haywood stated that Arun DC have launched on their website a Planning Application Finder Service. The Clerk was requested to obtain details.

8. ITEMS not otherwise on the Agenda which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency due to special circumstances – There were none

9. FORWARD PLAN

Nothing to report at this time

10. MATTERS ARISING

a) Update on actions from previous meeting –

The Chairman stated that we are still waiting on a decision by the Inspector in respect of the first planning application for the Care Home on the Poultry Farm site in Yapton Road. Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that it is expensive to go for a Judicial Review in respect of the planning approval for the Care Home. The Chairman stated that she did not see this being undertaken by the Parish Council but could be done by individuals in the community.

Councillor Mansfield raised concerns over the possibility of flooding in the parish and requested the Clerk to West Sussex County Council Highways. Councillor Mrs Mills agreed and stated that in Yapton Road the drains are blocked and that maintenance is not being carried out. Councillor Mansfield stated that all the drains in Yapton Road are full of mud and so not draining away and the whole pipe network needs jetting. Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that there is a special machine that the new contractor is using and she will contact Roger Elkins at West Sussex County Council.

b) Update Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Chairman asked members how we shall progress on this matter. Councillor Mrs Mills stated that the questions on the NDP need to go to Arun DC for a response to assist the decision making process. This was agreed by all members. Councillors discussed a number of items which included the following,

- Suggestions for housing development areas
- Brownfield sites
- Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)
- Housing developments in parish may not be popular
- West Sussex County Council own all or most of housing development land.
- Three farms in state of dereliction – parish council not in position of power
- Obtain Newlands Barn on Guernsey Farm for community use

- HELAA states 1,400 house developable in parish, land mostly owned by WSCC cannot propose less that Arun DC will accept in the NDP so wait for further information, the housing number may be less.
- Arun DC have strategic sites need to influence house build potential
- Three farms have various planning issues, suggest we wait to see if planning applications come and defend our position.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk send the questions on the NDP to Donna Moles at Arun DC.

c) Rampion 2 – Informal Consultation

The Chairman asked that members of the public open the discussion,

Dr Ross raised the following points

- More information from Rampion, Informal Public Consultation, misleading presentation.
- Applying for the whole of the search area
- Alternative options are possible

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council is not a lobbying group, there will be some people for and some against the project and how will you get your views across. Dr Ross stated that other parish councils accepting briefings and that parishioners need a balanced view on the project.

Mr Moorcroft stated his support of Dr Ross comments and that local official channels need to say something against the wind farm, without local official support difficult to represent people living on the coast. Rampion see Parish Council's as the official voice for their parishioners. The Chairman stated that information has been given to the public, unfortunately due to COVID-19 meetings with the public in the village hall is not possible

Mr Paul stated the Parish Council represent members of the public and there is an unbalanced argument from Rampion. The impact on Middleton-on-Sea with the scale of the turbines will be horrendous, visitors to Middleton-on-Sea want no wind farms there will be an impact on the local economy and the Parish Council should have a view on the project. Councillor Mrs Johnson agreed that the Parish Council should have a view but possibly at a later date. Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that a balanced view is needed and residents need to have a view. The Chairman stated that residents led the objections for the Care Home. Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that the people objecting to the wind farm need to be set up as a group. The Parish Council website and Middleton News can be used to give both sides of the argument to residents. Councillor Mansfield stated that residents should have a view, a Parish Poll could be used for this major issue but needs more information and possibly too soon at this time. Councillor Ball reported that in discussions with local residents he has not seen much opposition. Dr Ross stated that the Climping Parish Council newsletter will have a two page article on the objections to Rampion 2 and will send this to the Parish Council for the article to go into Middleton News. Councillor Ball asked if this big offshore wind farm was going against Government guidelines. Dr Ross believed this was the case and the wind farm should be more than 25 miles offshore. Councillor Knight raised the issue of the size of the turbines. Dr Ross stated the current size of turbine is not economic and a bigger turbine is being proposed with 116 turbines which may be less. The Chairman requested that Dr

Ross produce a report for Middleton News this will be circulated to Councillors and placed on the website.

d) Arun DC adoption of new Code of Conduct

The Clerk having previously circulated a report was noted by members. It was agreed to wait until Arun DC decided on acceptance of the new code of conduct before considering the Parish Council position.

e) Approval for Operation Watershed Application Worms Lane

Councillor Mansfield stated that this was on hold at this time awaiting a response from Kevin Macknay of West Sussex County Council

11. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

- (a) The minutes dated 16th December 2020 and 6th January 2021 having been circulated to members were noted. Councillor Mrs Johnson reported that the A259 Feasibility Survey proposals will cost in the region of £29 million pounds with improved pedestrian and cycle ways. The A259 survey takes into account the approved planning applications for housing from surrounding parishes. Councillor Mrs Johnson requested that the parish council seek to be a member of the Yapton & Climping Advisory Group which include may local parishes. This was agreed by members. The Clerk was requested to see if the Parish Council can be included into the group.

12. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- (a) Nothing to report.

13. PARISH LAND AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct
(b) WSCC – Coronavirus Updates (*11 reports circulated*)
(c) Arun DC – Coronavirus Updates – (*2 reports circulated*)
(d) WSCC News Release – Fire Service progress
(e) WSCC News Release – Advisory Panel approve Fire Service (*circulated*)
(f) WSCC – Highways, Transport & Planning Members Update (*circulated*)
(g) WSCC News Release – Paint system bridges way towards lower carbon footprint (*circulated*)
(h) WS Fire Service – Warning after spate of deliberate fires (*circulated*)
(i) WSCC News Release – Keep West Sussex Safe (*circulated*)
(j) WSCC News Release – Zebra Crossing eases social isolation in Felpham (*circulated*)
(k) WSCC News Release – West Sussex moves to Tier 4 (*circulated*)
(l) WSCC News Release – Climate Change & carbon reduction plans (*circulated*)
(m) WSCC News Release – Continued support during lockdown (*circulated*)
(n) WSCC News Release – Council to set out savings proposals (*circulated*)
(o) WSCC – COVID Winter Support Fund (*circulated*)

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) Bank Accounts -

The Clerk reported on the following **Bank Accounts**

Current Account

£ 1250.00

Business Reserve

£126385.53

Total

£127635.53

b) Accounts for Payment

SLCC	Membership	*	£166.00
Admor Ltd	Middleton News	*	£1107.00
BRTF	Installation Village Gateways	*	£674.21
Friends of Pond & Green Charity	Bulbs from Grant Funding	*	£254.49
Lock Centre	CCTV Service	*	£120.00
WSCC	Payroll	*	£1226.56
Total			£3548.26

- *Issued prior to meeting*

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the Chairman reminded members that the next meeting will be held on the **3rd March 2021** at 7.00pm and the meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Unconfirmed