



# Minutes of the meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

Venue Five Ashes Village Hall  
Date Monday 09 April 2018  
Time 19:30

C09APR18  
2017/18 Meeting 10  
**Adopted**

## Minutes

Chairman Cllr Deveda Redman

### Councillors Present and Voting

Deveda Redman	Elaine Wheeler	Chris Lilly	Eleanor Mc-Donnell-Slater
David Miles	Julie Upton	Gill Weavers	Robert Fitzsimmons
Monica Aitken			

### Also in attendance:

Cllr Brian Redman (WDC), Cllr Bob Standley (ESCC/WDC), and Diane Kirkness, (acting Parish Clerk).

### Public Questions

- There were no members of the public present.

**1. Apologies for Absence** Cllr Ian Parker, Cllr Tommy Buck, Cllr Patricia Balfour, Cllr Rosemary Neal, Cllr Jerry Watkiss, Cllr Herb Hills and Cllr Rupert Simmons (ESCC).

### 2. Declarations of Interests

- 2.1. There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Chairman's Announcements

- 3.1. The Chairman informed members that user-friendly guidance is being obtained to assist with declaring interests at meetings and completing Councillor's Registers of Interests.
- 3.2. Members were asked to consider attending any Standards Training courses that are arranged by Wealden District Council.
- 3.3. Committee Chairman were reminded to organise a time to go into the office to discard any unnecessary paperwork that is being stored to comply with the new data protection regulations.
- 3.4. Councillors were requested to consider the Parish Council's 2018/19 draft plan that has been circulated for discussion at the May 2018 Council meeting.

### 4. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 12 March 2018 (previously circulated)

- 4.1. It was **resolved** unanimously to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2018 as a true record.

### Matters arising from the minutes

- 4.2. It was reported that Five Ashes residents have been informed that a builder has been engaged for the Hospice in Five Ashes.

### 5. Reports from East Sussex County Council (ESCC)

- 5.1. Crews to repair the many potholes have been increased from twelve to twenty-three and work is on-going.
- 5.2. Cllr Standley is involved in the fair funding for Councils & Schools initiative and will report back. He gave an example of the schools funding at present. Uplands receive £4900 per pupil whilst comparable schools in East London receive 50% more.

## **6. Reports from Wealden District Council (WDC)**

- 6.1. The District Local plan is due to go to full council for consideration.
- 6.2. WDC has set up a Housing company, the first project will be in Jarvis Brook
- 6.3. The development of Mayfield Children's Home has been called in by WDC. The development could mean that sixteen vulnerable young people lose their home and several jobs may also be lost.
- 6.4. The planning permission for the Level House has been approved on appeal, although with many conditions.
- 6.5. The mobile signal in Mayfield & Five Ashes has been particularly poor over the past weeks which, apparently is due to maintenance work on the local mast.

## **7. Finance Report (previously circulated)**

- 7.1. The finance report to 31 March 2018 was reviewed.
- 7.2. The Finance Report to 31 March 2018 was approved unanimously and there were no matters arising.
- 7.3. Cllr Lilly requested that credit be given to the Clerk, Janna Todd, for her efficient work on the finance report to end year and that this be minuted. This was completed only one day following the 31 March 2018. This was agreed unanimously.

## **8. Minutes for adoption (previously circulated)**

- 8.1. The Parish Council **resolved** to adopt the following committee minutes and they were signed by the Chairman:

- Planning Executive: 12 March 2018
- Rights of Ways and Trees Advisory 21 March 2018

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 8.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## **9. Election of Councillor to Committee**

- 9.1. The Chairman decided to hold the election of Cllr Tommy Buck, in his absence over until May when committees will be reappointed at the full council meeting.

## **10. Mayfield Business Forum**

- 10.1. Members attention was drawn to the pilot Parishes in Bloom competition which Mayfield & Five Ashes were entering in 2018. Cllr Monica Aitken is leading a small sub-committee to organise the entry.
- 10.2. Herring-bone parking is being considered in front of the Mace store and neighbouring shops, together with an idea of reducing parking on the North side of Mayfield High Street from 2 hours to 30 minutes.
- 10.3. Plans to up-grade Mayfield roundabout have been put on hold.
- 10.4. More descriptive signage to encourage visitors to both Mayfield & Five Ashes is required as the present brown signs do not indicate the range of shops & facilities available. Signage for free parking and the public toilets needs to be more prominent. Cllr Lily asked that the signage issue be considered by the Community Safety & Traffic committee.
- 10.5. The visitor information point which is presently in Lambert & Foster will be moved into a new red telephone kiosk when BT remove the present kiosk which is scheduled after October 2018.

## **11. Mayfield play area upgrade (information previously circulated)**

- 11.1. The requisite number of homes have now been sold at the Love Lane development to release the S106 monies amounting to the sum of £46.5K. The circulated paper explained the expenditure on the Mayfield play area. It is hoped that work will commence in October 2018 but if the weather is

particularly inclement this may be delayed until spring 2019. The councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Lilly for all his work on the playground upgrade.

**12. Updates from Committees (for information only)**

12.1. Finance and General Purposes

- Nothing to report.

12.2. Rights of Ways and Trees

- Nothing further to report

12.3. Planning Committee

- Nothing to report

12.4. Community Safety and Traffic

- There have been a few road traffic collisions at the A272/A265 junction recently that really shows the need for a mini roundabout at the junction.

12.5. Community Development

- Nothing further to report

**13. Updates from representatives (for information only)**

13.1. There were no updates

**14. Other items of information and next agenda items**

14.1. There were no other items of information.

**The meeting ended at 21.00**

**The next meeting of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council will be:**

**Venue: Mayfield Memorial Hall**

**Date: Monday 14 May 2018**

**Time: 19:30 hours**

.....Chairman's Signature

.....Date

**Actions in Progress:**

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION		STATUS
<b>Actions from meeting C14APR14</b>			
14.3	Three quotes for fencing of Jubilee Woods (after installation of sub-station)	JT	On hold
<b>Actions from meeting C12JUN017</b>			
15.3	Resolve village sign compass sign <b>W/c 12/3/18 weather permitting</b>	JT	In hand
<b>Actions from meeting C10JUL17</b>			
13.2	Replacement plaque and wording on village sign	JT	In hand
<b>Actions from C12MAR18</b>			
14.1	Write to SE Water to request Mayfield is a water distribution point	JT	Open
14.2	Meet with MAYFACS to discuss vulnerable residents list <b>At Community Development meeting</b>	JT	Closed