

Ruscombe Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Held in the William Penn Room, Loddon Hall, Twyford

On Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7:30pm

Councillors Present: Mr M Evans (Chair), Mr P Cassidy, Mrs A Hasted, Mr G Merrick, Mr P Evans and Mrs J Holmes,

Others Present: None.

Clerk in attendance: Mr G Winder.

7:30pm Mr M Evans opened the meeting.

129/23 Apologies for Absence: Mr G Howe, Mr J May, Mr F Newman (TPC) and Mr M Andrea (TPC).

Declaration of Interest: No new interests to declare.

130/23 Minutes: Minutes for 7th June 2023 circulated via email, approval proposed by Mr P Cassidy, seconded by Mr G Merrick and approved unanimously.

131/23 Public Comments sent to the Clerk or Councillors: A number of comments received concerning cutting of grass verges and one concerning house repair for information.

Action: Clerk to write to WBC and update Council.

132/23 Update from Twyford Parish Councillor: None present.

133/23 Update from Wokingham Borough Councillors: None.

134/23 Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan: Mr M Evans shared with Council that the examiner has been appointed and that some responses have been received to the recent consultation. There will be some work needed. Leani will brush up on historic building etc. Mr M Evans will look at Ruscombe Historical Society and look at information he has received from a resident. RPC need to start thinking about a referendum and to look at the rules. Council should have a referendum date soon. RPC can use website and social media to encourage voting while reminding voters to bring ID. Ten percent are required to vote.

135/23 Planning Applications:

231382 Already submitted 'no comment'.

231518 Dumbledore, Ruscombe Lane. First floor extension at back does create a large block of construction although RPC will enter 'no comment'.

7.44 Mrs Holmes joined meeting.

136/23 Ruscombe Ponds: Mr M Evans shared with Council that crossroads pond still has all the brambles with action on hold until end of bird nesting season. Mr Merrick will look into getting them cleared.

137/23 Pennfields Orchard: CR Landscapes has dropped maintenance but has given RPC the name of SCS Landscapes as a possible contractor. They already

work for Hurst and Twyford PCs. Mr Merrick to pass details to Mr Cassidy with a view to engaging SCS.

138/23 SID Maintenance: The SID is still working having been fixed again. Mr M Evans asked of we need new batteries. Mr Merrick to look into battery source. Mrs Holmes advised Council that she still has the ladder. Mr M Evans suggested passing it to Dave.

Mr Merrick advised Council that the water butts have been sourced and delivered. Clerk to get back to Mr Merrick about the £12 owing to RPC as cost was less than sum advanced by Council to Mr Merrick.

139/23 Trees: Nothing to report.

140/23 Loddon Hall RPC Rep: Nothing to report.

141/23 CIL Money:

Town Sign – Location was still outstanding query from last meeting, Design is in progress and post is priced.

142/23 Finance: Payments to consider:

CR Landscapes £ 126.00 Paid #1/5

Mr Merrick Expenses (Water Butts) £ 240.00 Paid #2/5

Parish Online £108.00 Paid #3/5

Clerk Wages and Expenses £943.93 Paid #4/5

SSE (June) £58.07: Paid Direct Debit

These payments were proposed by Mr G Merrick, seconded by Mr P Evans and approved unanimously.

143/23 Reports from liaison rep:

Mr M Evans confirmed that he had circulated minutes of NPCG to Council

144/23 Any other business:

Mr M Evans asked if anyone has time to attend the Grant Funders Forum meeting.

He also asked who was attending TPCs Meet the Councillor session at Waitrose.

Clerk to get dates for circulation to Council.

Mr M Evans closed the meeting at 8:11pm

Chair Signed_____

Date_____

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Chair initials_____

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