



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

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Minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Asset and Highways Committee held on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7:30pm in West Hoathly Village Hall

Members

Paul Brown (Vice Chairman)	Jenny Edwards *
Neil Greatorex	Claire Hilton
Martin Robinson	Douglas Denham St Pinnock (Chairman)

* denotes absence

Also present:

Rita des Forges (Tree Warden)
Helen Schofield (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present

280) To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jenny Edwards and Nick des Forges (Tree Warden).

281) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors in respect of any matter on the Agenda

There were none.

282) To approve minutes of the Meeting of the Asset & Highways Committee held on 18th November 2019 ([Document Reference 1936](#))

The minutes were approved and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

283) To receive the [clerk's report](#) and note any points of interest

The clerk's report was noted.

Paul Brown will pick up the portable Speed Indicator Device from Ashurstwood and it was agreed to position it in West Hoathly for the first week.

No further progress had been made on the cycleway. This will be an item for discussion with the William Robinson Trust on 21st January and Martin Robinson and Paul Brown will follow up to make contact with the other landowners.

284) To review [expenditure against budget](#) for the year to December 2019

The expenditure against budget was noted.

Invoices have not yet been received for the mowing of Finche Field and the work on footpath WH11.

The contractor has been asked to replace the swing seats in North Lane Rec.

Assets

285) To receive report on North Lane Recreation Ground

A resident reported there were still ruts from setting up the Bonfire. This has been followed up with the Bonfire Society who have done some work but need to wait for the ground to dry before it can be completed.

The handyman has cut back branches overhanging the path behind the public toilets. The fence between the house and the Rec is leaning over. It was agreed to write to the householder regarding this.

The dog bin at the top of the steps to Chapel Row is often reported as not having been emptied. According to MSDC it is emptied but is used a lot. They will monitor the situation but can't at the current time offer extra collections.

286) To receive report on Finche Field

Rent is still outstanding from one allotment holder. A letter has been sent giving them formal notice that the allotment plots will be reallocated if payment is not received.

It was agreed that the allotment holders annual meeting would be held on Saturday March 7th at 10:00am.

It was agreed to purchase 2 bags of MOT to minimise the potholes in the Finche Field car park.

Highways

287) To note issues on parish footpaths and bridleways

There was nothing new to report

288) To consider response from Highbrook regarding gateways

Following the last meeting Highbrook residents had written to the clerk with their suggestions. The clerk had responded to the points raised but some of the suggestions would need to be agreed by WSCC Highways. The clerk has a meeting arranged with the WSCC Highways Area Manager on 30th January. One of the discussion points would be the gateways and it was proposed to invite a resident to that review.

289) To consider projects the Parish Council may wish to pursue using Developer contributions for local infrastructure.

Various possibilities were considered. It was agreed to pursue the option of using the local community infrastructure S106 money to fund a 40mph TRO for the current derestricted limit from Horsted Lane to Tyes Cross. As a first step this will be discussed with the WSCC Highways Manager on 30th January.

It was noted that contributions were also allocated to Sharpthorne New Playground which is owned by Mid Sussex. It was AGREED to review the current facilities so that a proposal for improvements could be made to Mid Sussex. This will be included in the next meeting agenda.

A question was asked regarding Community Infrastructure Levy. It was agreed to bring this to the next Parish Council meeting with a view to asking local District Councillors to raise it again on behalf of the Parish Council.

290) To note items of interest or for consideration at the next meeting

Date of next meeting 16th March 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:50.

Chairman-----