

WOOLBEDING WITH REDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd November, 2022

In Redford village hall at 7p.m.

Present: Cllr A. Hearle (Chairman)
Cllr H. Talbot-Baker
Cllr. P. Hansford
Cllr. T. Causer
Elizabeth Robinson(Clerk)

Kate O'Kelly (WSSC)
Judy Fowler (CDC)

There was 1 member of the public attending

1. Welcome and Chairman's Remarks

Cllr Hearle said he had attended the SDNP meeting on planning and he had circulated the minutes. The principal point is that pre-applications are not being shared any more to save money. He is meeting with the National Trust shortly and had sent round a list of points to discuss. Cllr Hansford and Cllr Talbot-Baker will attend the meeting with him as they are commoners.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Burton and David Elliott (NT) sent their apologies.

3. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Local Reports

5.1 Kate O'Kelly (WSSC)
Her report is attached.

**Transport and Infrastructure
Speed Policy**

The new speed policy in West Sussex is due for scrutiny then will go to the WSSC cabinet this month – it is something our group pushed for and will mean more flexibility in **reducing** speeds on all roads. The new policy will mean that speeds need to suit the particular setting and this will take precedence over strict adherence to recorded average speeds or the number of driveways as in the previous policy.

Cycling

Midhurst Greenway meeting - I had an update from WSCC officers, the consultants are due to report back with new options to go South of the Pond in Midhurst and incorporate a new 20mph zone covering the heart of the old part of Midhurst. They hope to have a wider stakeholder meeting in the New Year then another community wide consultation.

Rother Valley Way – meetings with landowners along the route continue including discussions about route options. Anyone who wants to join the FoRVW and support the project let me know. Next wider meeting of the FoRVW is on 25th Jan 5.15 at the SNDPA Centre in Midhurst. All welcome.

Housing and Communities Boundary Review

The Boundary commission have published their new proposals for the changes to Chichester Constituency. Big surprise – Selsey is now back in but they are proposing to remove Harting, Midhurst and all the North wards and put them into the Arundel and South Downs Constituency. It is good news that Selsey is back in with Chichester as everyone who lives there gravitates towards the City. They have however now included Bersted and Pagham, 2 of the Arun District Wards in the Chichester Constituency. Overall it means 8 of the Chichester District Wards would be in the ASD constituency rather than Chichester. My view is that ideally the footprint of the MP / constituency fits as close to the District Local Authority boundary as much possible which helps collaborative working / lobbying. The North of the District is often an afterthought as far as the District Council is concerned and this would make matters worse. I think the 2 Arun wards would be better in with Bognor or ASD. If Bersted and Pagham were in either ASD or Bognor they would at least be in the right District of Arun. If anyone would like to make their views known the second phase of the consultation is open until 5th December the consultation is at BCE Consultation Portal (bcereviews.org.uk) The District Full Council are debating this issue on 22nd Nov and the County Council Boundary review panel are looking at it as well on the 22nd Nov.

The chairman asked the clerk to circulate the consultation address and end date to the parish e mail addresses

Environment and Wellbeing Health and Social Care

Debate at WSCC Full council on social care funding I spoke on this issue for our group highlighting the challenging workforce issues and the devastating effect the lack of work force in social care is having on the NHS – delaying hospital discharges, increasing A and E waiting times and the increasingly concerning poor ambulance response times. Primary care access and Ambulance response times were scrutinised at the Health and Adult Social Care Committee today. It became evident that the overwhelming problem locally is delayed discharges – 237 people medically fit for discharge across the 3 hospitals Worthing St Richards and Princess Royal. WSCC have been given more money than they expected in the Autumn statement for adult social care but the challenge is recruiting and retaining the workforce. I called for a commitment for non-urgent GP appointments to be offered within 7 days.

5.2 **Judy Fowler (CDC)**

Her report is attached.

Chichester Youth Connections Service

This service has been set up in response to the negative impact of the coronavirus on young people. It supports young people who live or go to school in the district who are lonely or isolated or lacking in self-confidence and unable to connect to others. There is a counselling service: advice on careers, money or housing, or activities in a new interest, eg. Sports or the arts. Young people can access this in 6 or 8 sessions. If you know anyone between the ages of 13 and 19 who may benefit from help please email the team at: chichesteryouthconnections@chichester.gov.uk.

Supporting You team

As part of the Supporting You campaign, from 1 November a new team will provide holistic support for those who are struggling with the rise in the cost of living. Contact is supportyou@chichester.gov.uk or call 01243 534860.

Xmas Parking in Chichester

There will be free parking in the Ave de Chartres car park after 4 p.m. for the Xmas lights switch-on on 26 November and for the late night shopping events on Thursdays 15th and 22nd December. The 'one hour free parking when selecting two hours' by using MiPermit will be reintroduced to apply throughout the district.

Environmental matter

CDC recently resolved to join WSCC's concession contract for the planning and deployment, service and maintenance of electric vehicle charging points across West Sussex. The provider for this is Connected Kerb who will be looking at where to install the EVCPs and has already proposed 15 locations within Chichester District, with an emphasis on providing EVCPs close to residential dwellings that do not have access to off-street parking.

CDC has recently acquired 2 electric vehicles and 2 electric bikes for staff to use on work-related journeys. One of the bikes is folding to enable it to be taken on the train or in a car to be used in a different locality. The office-based vehicles are to encourage staff to use public transport to get to work.

Neutrality Mitigation

In October the planning committee resolved to enter into a legal agreement with a local landowner and SDNPA to deliver a mitigation scheme to offset the building of 150 units of accommodation, in order to achieve neutral development (which does not cause harm to Chichester harbour as a result of nitrogen being discharged into the harbour). It is hoped that entering into this scheme will help to determine applications that have been held up by the need to demonstrate nutrient neutrality.

Contract Service

Bottle tops can now be recycled at home. WSCC have announced that plastic bottle manufacturers have changed the type of plastic which means it is easier for CDC to collect and recycle bottle tops so long as the tops are placed back on the bottles.

NB No loose lids in recycling smaller than that of a jam jar. Loose lids clog up the machinery and get lost. For what can and can't be recycled visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling-and-waste-prevention-in-west-sussex/a-to-z-of-recycling>.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 28th September were approved and signed.

7. Finance

7.1 Cllr Talbot-Baker had circulated the cash book and the finances are healthy.

7.2 The following cheques were signed
Cheque no 840 Redford village hall £25
Cheque no 841 Clerk's salary £192

7.3 There was a discussion about the precept and it was unanimously agreed that the council should ask for £2000 which is a reduction. The council felt as the finances are in a good state that a lower precept should be asked.
Proposer Cllr Hearle Secunder Cllr. Talbot-Baker

8. Planning

There are no new applications.

9. Highways

There were no issues

10. Winter Plan

Cllr Causer who is in charge of highways wanted to discuss whether the council should have a winter plan in case of snow. The council has never had one and previously relied on the National Trust.

Cllr. Hearle said he would bring this up at his meeting with the National Trust in December.

11. Training Days

There were no suitable ones.

12. Correspondance

There was nothing.

13. Any Other Business

There was nothing.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25th January, 2023.

Signed Dated

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