

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2023 7PM AT
GUESTLING VILLAGE HALL**

CHAIR: Cllr MARION ROBERTS

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr PETE MUNRO Cllr PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN Cllr MARTIN GRIFFITHS

Cllr MARION MUNRO Cllr GRAHAM FURNESS

LOCAL/DISTRICT C'LLORS: Cllr ANDREW MIER Cllr CARL MAYNARD **3 MEMBERS PUBLIC**

PARISH CLERK: BRYONY YOUNG

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES : Cllr JONATHAN VINE-HALL Cllr ANDREW ELDRIDGE	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
3	MINUTES TO RESOLVE: The Chair authorised the minutes of the last meeting	
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Cllr Mier – Number of outstanding planning applications is 34% lower than 2019 Cllr MAYNARD ARRIVED 7.12PM Cllr Maynard – County update sent (Appendix 1)	
5	MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROTHER CONSULTATION ON LEISURE STRATEGY – Clerk replied as previous minutes • SPEEDWATCH/BLACK CAT DEVICE, MEMORIAL TREES – Covered separately in agenda • CHURCH LANE TREATMENT WORKS - SW FOI RESPONSE – Charging levels as per SW website: “£24 for each hour of employee time spent on your request. In addition we will charge 10p for every sheet of paper we need to print or copy... cost of 1st class post if you ask for ...this format”. “Will not ask for payment if the information is held by us in a readily available format” 	
6	CORRESPONDENCE: Guestling Parish landowner ref damage of land and property – email read out by chair	
7	FINANCE: £20 hall cost	
8	BUDGET/PRECEPT DECISION 2023/2024: Restricted fund % contingency, clerk to look at put CIL in separate account Cllr Knatchbull-Huggessen proposed 4% increase on precept, seconded by Cllr Furness – unanimously agreed. Clerk to advise RDC Cllr MIER AND CLLR MAYNARD LEFT 8PM AND THE 3 MEMBERS OF PUBLIC	BY BY
9	BLACK CAT PERMIT FUNDING REQUEST FROM SPEEDWATCH: Request for £304.05 cost for permits from ESCC for placement of Black Cat device. Request to move one from outside Coghurst to Friars Hill from Chair, agreed by person who put forward funding request, Proposed Cllr Knatchbull-Huggessen, seconded by Cllr P Munro, unanimously agreed to fund. Clerk to complete permit request online ESCC	BY
10	GRIT BINS: Replace grit bin in Ivyhouse Lane – already have £ agreement from PC (£328, £108 per fill) – Clerk apply online. Clerk send email regards grit bins removed from Peter James Lane and Watermill Lane and ask for replacement	BY
11	MEMORIALS AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS: Suggestion by Cllr M Munro of a sponsored memorial cup for Hastings Athletics – all agreed, Chair to put to HA Suggested donation in name of David Hance to school – Clerk to chase contact email sent to school 2 medium sized oak trees to be purchased for QE2 field (approximate cost £120 each)	MR BY BY
12	CORONATION OF KING CHARLES II CELEBRATIONS IN GUESLING PARISH: Suggested assistance in street parties and a car run, further meeting required. Flyer to be delivered to all residents, Clerk to set up email address(DONE)	ALL
13	A.O.B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Parish Councillors required, need to advertise vacancies – Link with Coronation ? • Standing orders – extra policies required – GDPR, Complaints, Reserves Policy, Press – address at first council meeting after election • Request for overview of previous planning decisions at all planning meetings going forward MEETING CLOSED 9.06PM	BY
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APPENDIX 1 - County Report for Jan 2023 from Cllr Carl Maynard

Historic proclamation document to be displayed in County Hall

On the 6th of December, the High Sheriff of East Sussex presented a framed version of the proclamation of King Charles III to the Chairman of East Sussex County Council, Councillor Peter Pragnell. The proclamation was presented at the start of Full Council, and will go on display at County Hall.

The proclamation contains the words which were read from the steps of County Hall in September to proclaim the new King after the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The High Sheriff, Jane King, said she wanted to present the gift as 'a reminder and souvenir of that very momentous day'. The council plans to display the document in a place which will allow as many people as possible to view it.

Environmentally-friendly gritters ready for winter in East Sussex

Gritters running on low emission biodiesel will be working to keep East Sussex moving safely this winter. Preparations are underway to ensure the 21 'green' gritters are ready for snow forecasts or when the road surface temperature falls near to or below freezing.

The vehicles and their drivers were recently tested during Operation Snowdrop, an annual event which allows the gritters to be thoroughly checked and sent on trial runs of the county's gritting routes. In addition to the gritters, the Highways team has over 9,500 tonnes of salt stored in four depots across the county, with 766 grit bins countywide refilled over the summer for use on public roads and footpaths.

Over the winter, the gritters will treat all A and B roads along with some C roads – a total of 42 per cent of roads across the county, with over 1,252km of roads treated on a primary route gritting run.

Refurbishment projects announced for three libraries

Improvements to three East Sussex libraries mean that customers will find it even easier to access services. Work will take place in Rye, Newhaven and Hollington to improve their layout to enhance customer experience, with children's areas and study spaces being upgraded and new seating installed. The improvements will support the library service to deliver its aims, including improving child and adult numeracy and literacy.

The schemes will also help to reduce the libraries' carbon footprints with a range of improvements to the buildings themselves. Work at Rye Library began last month with a new children's library planned, new furniture, an improved layout and more flexibility for customers to stay, enjoy and study within the space.

Extensive refurbishment work will begin at Hollington Library later in the spring, with a range of works being undertaken to update the building. Details of any closures will be advertised in libraries and online as soon as they have been confirmed.

Apprenticeship training funding boost

Funding to cover the full training costs of an apprenticeship is being made available to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) across the county. Through the council's Apprenticeship Levy transfer scheme, the Transform programme is offering small and medium businesses in East Sussex the chance to apply for a share of over £300,000.

The Transform project aims to help SMEs in East Sussex access apprenticeship advice and funding and is part-funded by the European Social Fund and led by East Sussex County Council. It is delivered by the Sussex Council of Training Providers (SCTP).

Apprenticeships offer an opportunity for people to take the first steps onto the career ladder, change career paths or develop new skills in a current role, earn money while training and gain qualifications from entry level to the equivalent of a master's degree. Several local businesses have already benefitted from the advice and support offered by SCTP's Transform Skills Advisers.

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