

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

**MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 8 JANUARY 7PM
AT GUESTLING VILLAGE HALL**

CHAIR: Cllr M ROBERTS

PARISH COUNCILLORS: Cllr G FURNESS Cllr P KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN Cllr M GRIFFITHS

PARISH CLERK: BRYONY YOUNG Cllr C MAYNARD 3 MEMBER PUBLIC

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr T GROHNE Cllr B COUPAR Cllr A MIER	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr M Griffiths – Item 10, architect is son-in-law Cllr M Roberts – Item 11, Trustee of Marsham CLT	
3	MINUTES: The Chair is authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 13 November 2023 Addition to minutes of meeting held 13 November 2023 of agreement by Parish Council to ESCC grass cut agreement for 2024, option 2	
4	MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA: Finger post Maintenance - Clerk to chase up quote – NOW RECEIVED Football Club Risk Assessments – To be discussed at Contract renewal discussions at April Meeting Clerk to investigate Parish Councils ability to fund lending – Clerk advised that Parish Councils can lend to local “bodies” but only if they hold Power of Competence which has 2 criteria (which the PC do not currently hold) Guestling School Parking – Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen advised spoken to headteacher, will talk to PTA. Suggestion is that crossing control is put back, County and PTA to come to an arrangement and may ask PC to contribute (ongoing?) to facilitate - ONGOING	
5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Cllr Maynard – County report distributed to PC (Appendix 1) Potholes – Advised been out with steward, speaking to Assistant Director regards “warranty period” of work Member of public asked question regards Affordable Housing and was referred to later report as to actions of the Affordable Housing Working Partys current status	
6	CORRESPONDENCE: Email from owners of “Willow Farm” (Land At Rock Lane (Lot 1 Old Coghurst Farm)), awaiting response from Rother <i>Member of public left 7.33 PM</i>	MR
7	FINANCE: Clerk to put current financials on website <i>Cllr C Maynard left 7.39 PM</i>	BY
8	PRECEPT 2024/2025: 4.5% (current rate of Inflation @ Nov 2023) proposed Cllr Furness, seconded Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen – UNANIMOUS VOTE , clerk to advise Rother	BY
9	VERGE ON CORNER OF 8 ACRE AND BUTCHERS LANE; REINSTATEMENT, BOLLARDS? Clerk to approach Highway Steward to advise of parking for station use and subsequent issues and ask how Highways are going to act to either stop parking on the area, make it safer or to keep the visibility spray that is required at the bridge	BY
10	PAVILION: THOUGHTS ON ARCHITECT VISIT - MOVING FORWARDS: Architects overview suggested plans sent around to Parish Councillors – PC agreed do want to move forward (along with the Football Club) Ask Football Club if they have a FA contact to arrange for a site meet to further discuss (with both parties, Football Club and Parish Council)	BY
11	REPORT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKING PARTY: Since last meeting the working party members have met with Rodney Buse from Marsham Community Land Trust, Fairlight Parish Council, and have a meet scheduled with Pett Parish Council. The intention is to meet with residents and interested parties next and the Working Party are looking at the mechanism to do this All meeting notes and further information is available on the Guestling Parish Council website (www.guestling.org.uk) under the heading Parish Council, Subheading Affordable Housing Working Party	

12	<p>MEETING WITH MP; COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC/ HGV'S:</p> <p>Chair requested a meeting to discuss the problems of HGVs ignoring the weight limits within the Parish and incorrect routes being used in the area. MP Sally-Ann Hart attended and discussions we had regards suggestions to reduce traffic through the Southern Part of the Parish. The MP agreed to support revisiting closure or width restriction suggestions once a walkabout with our ESCC Councillor and the MP secretary of the area has been carried out - ONGOING</p>	MR
13	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</p> <p>RR/2023/2400/T COGHURST HALL CARAVAN PARK IVYHOUSE LANE GUESTLING TN35 4NP Ash (T2744) – reduce the height from approximately 18-20m to approximately 4m. retaining the remaining stem THE PARISH COUNCIL CAN SEE NO REASON TO LEAVE A 4 M STUMP AS THE WORKS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY KILL THE TREE. LOOKING AT THE TREE REPORT SUBMITTED THERE ARE ALOT OF TREES TO BE REMOVED. GIVEN THIS SITE IS IN A.O.N.B, STILL CLAIMS TO BE A WOODLAND SITE AND IN LINE WITH FUTURE CARBON REDUCTION PRESSURES WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A COMPREHENSIVE REPLANTING SCHEME IMPLEMENTED</p>	
13	<p>AOB: Southern Water approached about Three Oaks sewage works – Clerk to ask for PC and Southern Water site visit Request to arrange meeting of Pett/Icklesham/Fairlight/Guestling – Marsham meeting (and involve MP) regards issues with Southern Water, Clerk to email clerks/Chairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING CLOSED 8.25PM</p>	BY BY
	<p>BRYONY YOUNG – PARISH CLERK 07730 015684 guestling.clerk@gmail.com</p>	

Cost of living payment set for February

Eight million people on means-tested benefits will receive a cost-of-living payment in February to help with high bills. Those on low incomes and receiving benefits such as universal credit are eligible but should be wary of scams – on legitimate payments, there will be a reference on a recipient's bank account of their national insurance number, followed by DWP COL, or the reference HMRC COLS for those who are eligible through tax credits.

The £299 payment will be made directly into bank accounts, without the need to make a claim, between 6 and 22 February.

This story was reported [nationally](#).

Funding boost to bolster green skills

Council bosses have welcomed funding that will help boost green skills and support the county's move to net zero. East Sussex County Council's Employability and Skills Team successfully bid for £240,000 from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to launch the Retrofit Skills East Sussex project.

As the project progresses, it is hoped that a range of activities, such as careers campaigns and subsidised training courses, will be offered to support the Retrofit Skills Plan. Updates on the project as it progresses can be found on the [council's website](#). Read more about this story [here](#).

Winter events to take place in East Sussex libraries

A programme of free winter events for both children and adults is taking place in libraries across the festive season and beyond. The events will include author talks, festive crafts and activities, as well as storytelling experiences. On 27 January, Lewes Library and the Lewes Literary Society will host writer, illustrator and cartoonist Chris Riddell in a celebration of the well-loved illustrator Raymond Briggs.

Events are free, but booking may be required. For more information on the upcoming events, visit the Events section on eastsussex.spydus.co.uk. Read more about this story [here](#).

Winner of prestigious art prize announced in Eastbourne

Jesse Darling was announced as the winner of the Turner Prize at an event held at Eastbourne's Winter Garden, winning £25,000 in prize money. The four shortlisted nominees for the prize have had their work on display at the Towner Gallery since September 2023. The Turner Prize was established in 1984 and is one of the world's best-known prizes for the visual arts. It aims to promote public debate around new developments in contemporary British art.

Read more about this story [here](#).