

**GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND PLANNING MEETING MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL (PC) MEETING HELD MONDAY 11 MARCH 7PM  
AT THREE OAKS 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 Cllr T GROHNE Cllr B COUPAR Cllr A MIER

2 MEMBERS PUBLIC Cllr ANREW DUNLOP (Pett PC)

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	<b>APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:</b> None	
2	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> Cllr M Griffiths – Item 11, architect is son-in-law Cllr M Roberts – Item 9, Trustee of Marsham CLT	
3	<b>MINUTES:</b> The Chair is authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 8 January 2024	
4	<b>MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk has put current financials on Parish website</li> <li>• Precept detail sent to Rother</li> <li>• Email sent to Highway Steward regards verge Eight Acre and Butchers Lane – <b>AWAITING RESPONSE</b></li> <li>• Southern Water ref sewage works – got response saying issues with signoff, keeps being delayed, clerk to ask for onsite meeting</li> <li>• Attend Marsham meeting ref. Southern Water issues</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>BY</b></p> <p align="center"><b>BY</b></p> <p align="center"><b>BY/MR</b></p>
5	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b></p> <p><b>Cllr T GROHNE</b> – Increase by Rother of 47% on brown bins – concern as to whether this will cause lots of cancellations and therefore issues with fly-tipping etc</p> <p><b>Cllr B COUPAR</b> – Grant for toilets for Three Oaks Village Hall confirmed from Rother</p> <p><b>Cllr A MIER</b> – Part of Guestling is in the catchment area for Marsham sewer, Landowners have been awarded £300k to improve natural flood “defences”, a lot of credit should be given to local residents for moving this forward</p> <p>Current consultation about banning vehicles from local beaches – Closes 3<sup>rd</sup> May  <a href="https://www.rother.gov.uk/consultations/vehicles-on-rother-beaches/">https://www.rother.gov.uk/consultations/vehicles-on-rother-beaches/</a></p> <p>National Empty Homes Week (4-10 March) – Rother is always looking for properties for social rental and has been purchasing properties</p> <p><b>Cllr C MAYNARD</b> – Potholes and patching in local area, will be road closures to cover (under emergency powers so unfortunately no prewarning)</p> <p>Will organise Parish Council to have a walk-around with Highway Steward (after patching works), will also meet with residents who have requested a meeting</p> <p>ESCC Traffic and Safety Manager is retiring and when new structure is known we will be advised</p> <p>Member of the public wished to bring to the attention of the Parish Council (and distributed copies at the meeting ) of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) June 2013 produced by Rother District Council - <a href="https://www.rother.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan/background-evidence/homes-and-housing/">https://www.rother.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan/background-evidence/homes-and-housing/</a> - specifically the entry in the Tables and Maps Final file – entry for Pett (<i>Should be Guestling</i>): Land adjoining “Fairview”, Pett</p>	
6	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> Email ref suggested Marsham PC meeting – MR has responded	
7	<b>FINANCE:</b> None	
8	<p><b>SCHOOL TRAFFIC AND PARKING – ANDREW DUNLOP (PETT PARISH COUNCILLOR):</b></p> <p>Issues with parking and traffic around Guestling school have been mentioned at Pett Parish Council and to Fairlight Chair but not formally. Cllr Dunlop has had meetings with the Head of Guestling School and the Head of the Parents Association.</p> <p>Land that runs around the back of the school is possibly available for purchase, either for parking or to improve Forest School facilities – suggestion money is given from the three Parish Councils that the school serves.</p> <p>National Highways would need to be initially involved to ask what would be required as traffic management changes on an A road for an entrance/exit to a parking area</p> <p>Cllr Knatchbull -Hugessen proposed that the PC consider the idea, to extend Forest School facilities (with purchase of the land jointly by Guestling, Pett and Fairlight PC’s) and then licence to the school for use, seconded by Cllr Furness</p> <p>Clerk to contact National Highways initially to ask for a meeting or how we would move forward</p> <p align="center"><b>Cllr Andrew Dunlop left 7.58pm</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>ALL</b></p> <p align="center"><b>BY</b></p>

9	<p><b>REPORT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKING PARTY:</b>  Working party has now met with representatives of Pett PC [meeting notes are on GPC website]. Notice has been published on website, Facebook and Pett on the Net inviting residents to share their views regarding affordable housing (this has now closed). 11 responses received representing a range of views. The Working Party has offered to meet with those who have responded, so far 4 people have indicated they would like to do so and we aim to arrange meetings immediately after Easter.  A letter is being drafted to be sent to Marsham CLT asking for an update on various items. Working Party aims to report to the PC at its May meeting.</p> <p>All meeting notes and further information are available on the Guestling Parish Council website (<a href="http://www.guestling.org.uk">www.guestling.org.uk</a>) under the heading Parish Council, Sub-heading Affordable Housing Working Party</p>	
10	<p><b>CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE</b> – PC feels this is already encapsulated in the Code of Conduct that all Councillors adhere to</p>	
11	<p><b>QE2 FIELD PAVILLION – NEXT STEPS:</b>  Organise meeting with Hastings Athletic to discuss what their ambition is (as there are certain standards required when clubs go up the league)  Cllr Maynard to provide contacts at Westfield Football Club  Decision to be made if we go the FA route or just replace with a newer pavilion like current</p>	<p><b>BY</b> <b>Cllr M</b> <b>ALL</b></p>
12	<p><b>REPORT FROM HIGHWAYS ENGINEER FOLLOWING JETTING AND DRAINAGE WORK IN IVYHOUSE LANE:</b>  “Area checked around Rotherview Nursery, 2 days around there. The water is now flowing to the areas it should be.  Up by Coghurst Farm within the public footpath there is the ditch line and header wall which needs a small amount of digging out. The 2 gullies on that corner run in to it.  Rotherview nursery, the pipeline runs through Coghurst Lodge where a chamber can be found in the back garden, which then runs out to Coghurst caravan park into a ditch line there. Small amount of repair work to pipe is needed to improve this outfall.  A lot of the gullies running along the road end up within this outfall which is why ponding occurs frequently.  And finally, the hill section past Coghurst Caravan Park, all the gullies and pipework down here were completely full of grit and road stone travelling down the hill.  It took some time but we’ve been able to clear a lot of the pipework out. here is an outfall chamber adjacent side of the road that takes a lot of the water coming down hill which again we’ve got running but needs further attention to increase water flow rate  I was unable to get all the way to the top of the hill down to the sheer amount of cleaning these pipes needed, think we fell short by 5 – 6 gully connections from Jct Chowns Hill.  I’ve been putting together a design to improve and repair the issues within the area’s highlighted and will send it to my manager soon. Hopefully for the time being its improved the situation here.  I am proposing quite a bit of work within the area to take place to improve the situation which can sometimes slow down the process, but I am still putting together the design work currently.”</p>	
13	<p><b>THE LOCAL PLAN: TIMETABLE AND METHODS FOR REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSIVITY:</b>  Rother Officers will be going out to Parish Councils to discuss the Local Plan (should be available after Easter), consultation will end 12 weeks from issue.  Need to establish how information is got out to Parishioners and how to get feedback – Marsham Meeting suggested</p>	<p><b>BY/MR</b></p>
13	<p><b>AOB:</b> There is a new ESCC traffic box in Ivyhouse Lane near Coghurst Holiday Park</p>	
	<p><b>BRYONY YOUNG – PARISH CLERK 07730 015684    <a href="mailto:guestling.clerk@gmail.com">guestling.clerk@gmail.com</a></b></p>	