

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

**MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 6PM
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 A MIER Cllr C MAYNARD 1 MEMBER PUBLIC

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE : Cllr T GROHNE Cllr B COUPAR	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
3	MINUTES: The Chair is authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 11 September 2023	
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Cllr Maynard – ESCC Overview (Attached Appendix 1) Advised new Highways contractor and new Steward Cllr Mier – Advised there is a petition against closure of Pett Level toilets Member of public (Rodney Buse - Marsham CLT) advised that he is looking forward to good communication and meeting with the Parish Working Party and that he has booked a meeting with Pett Parish Councillors and a meeting with the Clerk for Fairlight	
5	MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA: Shooting in field opposite QE2 Field : Clerk contacted Bowls Club and Football Club – now out of season but will advise in future of any issues Co-option of new members: Clerk checked if request could go on Rother My Alerts, no contact details found – Cllr Mier advised will ask question Finger Post Maintenance: Match Funding available from Rother, 2 per year, request for quote sent, clerk to follow up Football Club Risk Assessments: Clerk chase again	Cllr Mier BY BY
6	CORRESPONDENCE: Marsham CLT Newsletter – forwarded to all Parish Councillors and to the Parish Working Party for their consideration	
7	FINANCE: Need to decide on precept level for 2023/2024 at next meeting, ESCC email ref grass cuts for next year- map seems to show change in rural cut area, clerk to query before decision made	BY
8	REPORT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKING PARTY: Have met on 2 occasions so far, 1 st agreed a programme of works, 2 nd met with Action in Rural Sussex, both notes (and all future notes) are posted on Parish Council Website: www.guestling.org – Under PARISH COUNCIL, AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKING PARTY Waiting for a date to meet Rother District Council (now met and notes on website) after this they will meet with Marsham CLT and then Pett, Fairlight and neighbours of the site. Hoping to be able to report in January Cllr CARL MAYNARD LEFT 7PM	
9	SCHOOL PARKING: Guestling Bradshaw school has issues with parking, suggestion of any ideas to help alleviate: Car park extension or funding of lollipop person brought up as suggestions Cllr Knatchbull-Hugesen to speak to school about who funds and looking into if the Parish Council could support	PK-H
10	QE2 FIELD/PAVILLION – Meeting with architect suggested to get some ideas, Cllr Griffiths to arrange Sewage works are relatively urgent but are dependant on pavilion decisions and need to be done at the same time	MG
11	THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL GRANT APPLICATION: Plan to renew toilet facilities, approx. £14.5K, received a grant from Rother energy for LED lights. Also meeting with Cllr Coupar for support reference application for grant. Full grant application for £750 agreed by Parish Council. Clerk to make payment Clerk to investigate Parish Council fund lending	BY BY
12	PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RR/2023/2091/P BRIDGE HOUSE EIGHT ACRE LANE THREE OAKS TN35 4NL Proposed conversion of existing swimming pool building into a self-contained annexe and garage RECOMMEND REFUSAL DUE TO A LACK OF INFORMATION	

	<p>RR/2023/2152/P AMBERHEATH BUTCHERS LANE THREE OAKS TN35 4NG Alternative to permissions RR/2023/135/P for the demolition of a garage, erection of an annexe to be used as ancillary to the main dwelling and replacement entrance gates GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDED REFUSAL FOR BOTH THE PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS AND THIS DOES NOTHING TO CHANGE OUR OPINION. OUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS STILL APPLY</p> <p>RR/2023/2189/FN 1 DOLEHAM COTTAGES – land adj DOLEHAM HILL GUESTLING TN35 4LY Application to determine if prior approval is required for the erection of a storage barn for agricultural/forestry use THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A BARN TO SERVE THIS LAND BUT FEEL THE POSITIONING IS TOO PROMINENT IN AONB.</p> <p>RR/2023/2054/P LAND AT BURGESS RD IVYHOUSE LANE IND ESTATE GUESTLING TN35 4NR Extension of Block A comprising a single light industrial / warehouse unit of 232 sq m within Classes E(g) (formally B1), B2 and B8 uses together with associated car parking and landscaping OUR COMMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL OUTLINE APPLICATION RR/2016/85/P WERE: WE SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT SPACE. HOWEVER WE HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC IN THE NARROW LANE TO THE NORTH OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN PLACE. THE 7.5T WEIGHT RESTRICTION IS NOT ENFORCED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A SITE INSPECTION OF THE NARROW LANE TO THE NORTH TO ESTABLISH THE DAMAGE ALREADY CAUSED BY THE VOLUME AND SIZE OF COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC USING THE LANE. POTENTIAL INCREASE CAN ONLY EXACERBATE THE SITUATION THIS STILL STANDS. THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN IS COMPLETELY IGNORED WITH MANY LARGE CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES ENTERING THE SITE FROM THE NORTH IGNORING THE 7.5T WEIGHT RESTRICTION. BEFORE ANY EXTENSION TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS APPROVED THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE A CONSULTATION TO SHOW HOW AS MUCH TRAFFIC, COMMERCIAL AND STAFF ,IS TO BE DISCOURAGED FROM USING THE RURAL APPROACHES TO THIS SITE. THE CURRENT TMPs ARE NOT ENFORCED AND THE PC HAS NO CONFIDENCE THEY WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.</p> <p>RR/2023/2155/P OLD COGHURST FARMHOUSE ROCK LANE GUESTLING TN35 4NX Replacement of two existing barns with new similar sized structures in new positions and associated access and hard landscaping NO COMMENT SUBMITTED</p>	
13	<p>AOB: Chair reported they attended the first of what will hopefully become a short regular online meeting with our PCSO. Guestling is a low crime area</p> <p>Chair reported that they attended the Remembrance service at the Church to lay the Poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. She advised that it was so nice to see the church completely packed, this year, including representatives from the British Legion, cubs and scouts, who "planted" individual wooden crosses for each of the names on the war memorials from the two World Wars</p> <p>ESALC meeting Cllr Griffiths attending and will report, Rother Parish Assembly: Cllr Roberts and Cllr Griffiths attending and will report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING CLOSED 7.31PM</p>	
	<p>BRYONY YOUNG – PARISH CLERK 07730 015684 guestling.clerk@gmail.com</p>	

APPENDIX 1

East Sussex County Council - Monthly Report October 2023

Adult Social Care

New family hubs open in Eastbourne

Families in the Eastbourne area can now access a range of support services under one roof as two new Family Hubs open their doors. They are the latest of the 11 Family Hubs East Sussex County Council to open this year, giving access to a host of professionals.

Visitors to the hubs can get support and advice from midwives, health visitors, Early Communications Support Workers, Early Years Practitioners, Community Engagement Coordinators and Early Years Keyworkers. Activity sessions will also give children, parents and carers the chance to socialise and support their children's needs and development.

More information about the Family Hubs can be found on the County Council's [website](#). Read more about this story [here](#).

Day service celebrates 50 years

A special celebration event has been held to mark the Golden Jubilee of Beeching Park. This year, the service is celebrating 50 years of providing day services for people with learning disabilities. The park, which is the home of Hastings and Rother Day Service, has seen two monarchs, 12 Prime Ministers, and has delivered over 12,000 days of service.

The site has the latest facilities and equipment for clients' use, including training kitchens, activity rooms, a computer suite and a large garden for relaxation, gardening, and sports. The service opened on the Bexhill industrial estate in 1973 and became a day service providing activities and support to adults with learning disabilities in the late 1990s.

More information about Beeching Park is available on the [1 Space website](#).

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

Free maths courses available for adults in East Sussex

Free maths courses are being offered in East Sussex to help adults build their numeracy skills and to mark Number Confidence week, which runs from the 6th to the 10th of November. The courses are being offered as part of a new national programme, The Multiply Project, to help improve people's confidence with numbers.

18 different maths and numeracy courses are being run at locations across the county including Plumpton, Hastings, Eastbourne, Lewes, Rye, and Newhaven. Courses are free and available to residents aged 19 or over, with beginner sessions to boost confidence and help participants build on the foundations of their maths knowledge, as well as more advanced offers up to a Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification.

All Multiply courses are fully funded and accept self-referrals. For more information and to sign up to courses, visit the [Careers East Sussex website](#). To find out more about Number Confidence Week, visit the [National Numeracy website](#).

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

Communities, Economy and Transport

East Sussex town to receive a Tree City of the World award

Bexhill has joined 170 towns and cities across the globe to receive a Tree City of the World 2023 award. Following a successful application by Rother District Council, the town is one of just 21 places in the UK to receive the accolade. Run by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, the award recognises cities and towns committed to ensuring that their urban forests and trees are properly maintained, sustainably managed, and celebrated.

More information about the award can be found on the programme's [website](#).

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

County Council's support for Armed Forces wins **GOLD** Award

A commitment to support current and former military personnel and their families has earned East Sussex County Council national recognition. The authority has been given a Gold Award under the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Support Scheme, the highest honour which recognises the positive role employers play in supporting the armed forces community.

To achieve the accolade, the council had to provide 10 additional paid days leave for reservists, and have supportive HR policies in place for reservists, veterans, Cadet Force adult volunteers and the spouses and partners of those serving in the Armed Forces.

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

New highways control hub to help plan work on county roads

New technology is now in place in the form of a control hub to enable East Sussex County Council's highways contractor to monitor activity, track work and find ways to improve the service.

The introduction of the hub follows the council's decision to invest an additional £15.7 million to address increasing road damage caused by extreme weather. The money is paying for more patching and surface dressing work to bring roads in poor condition up to a good standard and protect them for longer.

Reports of road defects can be made [online](#), where information about how East Sussex highways are managed and upcoming roadworks can also be found.

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

Project explores impact of art on youth mental health

An ambitious project to examine the positive impact of art on mental health has been launched in East Sussex. To understand the specific mental health and wellbeing benefits exposure to the arts can have for children and young people, a survey has been commissioned by East Sussex County Council's Public Health team as part of the Eastbourne ALIVE project.

The survey will assess how Eastbourne ALIVE's artistic and creative activity contributes to children and young people's social, emotional and mental health, as well as their wellbeing. The information collected will be used to help shape future planning for mental health and wellbeing services in East Sussex.

Working with young people, local cultural organisations, businesses, and the wider community, Eastbourne ALIVE includes public art installations, dance and music events, as well as school visits to Towner Eastbourne.

More information about Eastbourne ALIVE can be found [here](#). Read more about this story [here](#).

Governance Services

Council receives positive peer review feedback

East Sussex County Council has received a strong vote of confidence following a recent independent peer review.

The council participated in a Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) with the aim of further improving the authority's work. The review is offered to all local authorities by the Local Government Association and included a three-day site visit in June 2023. The independent CPC report found the county council to be well-run and well-managed, open and approachable as well as a trusted and respected partner. It also noted that it was clear from the interviews conducted that 'the organisation does what it says it will do and does it well', with the review team finding a strong record of delivery across all key service areas.

The final CPC Final Feedback Report can be found [online](#).

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