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**Minutes of the Parish Council Strategy Committee held in the Pavilion on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7:30pm**

**Present: Cllr G Horner (Chair), Cllr R Eastwood, Cllr R Nathan, Cllr A Higgins, Cllr C Burnett-Dick, Cllr B Maude, Cllr M Colenutt, Cllr P Norman and Cllr J Sanders.**

**Absent: Cllr J Smith, Cllr C Beare, Cllr A Emery and Cllr J Wood.**

1. To accept Apologies for Absence  
**Cllr J Smith, Cllr C Beare, Cllr A Emery and Cllr J Wood.**
2. To hear members' Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed  
The Chair reminded Cllrs to declare when necessary.
3. To accept minutes from the last strategy meeting.  
**Unanimously approved and signed as a true record.**
4. 2026 vision and plan – Actions

The plan was reviewed for progress.

The Chair agreed to update the document with further actions agreed at the meeting for circulation as a working paper.

For some areas on parish assets and housing there were no updates.

For others there were updates and action points agreed.

In brief:

- It was felt that adding links on our website to other websites that provide sustainability information would be beneficial. **Cllr Eastwood to liaise with the Clerk to arrange.**
- **It was agreed to investigate developing a positioning statement on energy resources.**
- It was noted there had been progress with litter picks, volunteering and that other items.
- Cllr Maude reported on the recent meeting with AIRS and the Church and the progress with the Church Street Community Café project.
- The lifeline scheme was highlighted and **it was agreed to promote this and other schemes in partnership with the GPs.**
- Rural isolation was noted as a local concern and the Council would look at ways this could be addressed.

- Closer links with playschool and an offering to young mums to meet possibly at Goods Yard House was discussed.
- Dementia issues within the aging community were mentioned – **The Clerk would get information from the East Grinstead Clerk on their dementia scheme.**
- **The Council agreed to continue to promote funding for the Ashdown Forest as a local resource.**
- **The Council agreed to promote sustainability and to include a report in the next newsletter.**
- **The Council agreed to continue to support local volunteers and groups to encourage more helpers – Fete, youth groups, fun run etc..**

5. Short term projects – update and actions

Goods Yard House project was almost complete and this would enable the Council to focus on other matters going forward.

**The Council agreed to progress with a project to improve the Barn on the Croft with loft boarding and better drainage following a site meeting with the user groups.**

**The Council agreed to review costs for a more sustainable pavilion including energy sources, roof style etc.**

The Council had received additional playground quotes. It was hoped that the playground project could be finalised this financial year and, as per the PC meeting in September, had devolved this decision to a small working party to report back in November with a proposal.

6. Budget planning 2020.

The Council continues to support the VE celebrations for May 2020 and this was being progressed by the working party. Costs to be advised.

The Council agreed to budget for an updated website to better suit mobile devices and comply with accessibility legislation.

7. Matters for Reporting and Inclusion in Future Agenda

The Chair reported on a successful meeting at the Croft Barn with the Fete Committee to resolve the scout storage and division of the barn. The plan going forward was reported to the Council and welcomed by the Council as a positive step forward for all parties.

8. Date of next meeting October 2020

Meeting closed at 9:35pm

