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**Minutes to the Parish Council Meeting held in Goods Yard House at 7:30pm on 3rd February 2025.**

Present: Cllrs Smith (JS), Norman (PN), Nathan (RN), Colenutt (MC) , Sanders (JS), Horner (GH - Chair), Burnett-Dick (CBD) McNally (MM) and Crosby (KC).

Absent: Cllrs Hutcheson (JH), Horner (GH) and Reed (NR).

In Attendance: Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council.

Public: There were 2 members of the public present for the meeting including County Cllr Taylor.

**Public Meeting:**

**Reports from District and County Councillors.**

**Cllr Georgia Taylor (East Sussex County Councillor)**

She reported on the recent rights of way meeting.
She reported on the unitary proposal from the recent government white paper.
Finally, she reported on the timescale for the village leak.
She was asked about the Edenbridge Road closure confusion.

**Cllr Rachael Millward (Wealden District Councillor)**She reported by email and sent her apologies.

Local Government Reorganisation – The proposal for the East Sussex unitary council. There was lots of concern about potential loss of local services and local assets. WDC are thinking they may hold another parish meeting. Wealden funds are available for playing pitches and there will be more to come for grass roots sports, green spaces and cultural facilities.
The WDC climate change green paper is out for consultation
Local Plan - WDC are still evaluating information available and hoping for more from government re how LGR impacts the process or otherwise.
Winnie the Pooh Centenary- WDC have confirmed some development funding and WDC have begun working with the creative partner to start to shape the project.

**Public**There were no comments from the public.

***Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7:50pm***

1. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs Hutcheson, Horner and Reed.

1. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.

The Chair reminded Cllrs to declare when necessary.

1. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2024.

 **Unanimously resolved and signed as a true record.**

1. Matters Arising.
None.
2. To consider co-option to the Council.
**Cllr Smith proposed Mike McNally seconded by Cllr Nathan and he was unanimously appointed.**
Cllr McNally signed his acceptance of office and took his place at the Council table.
3. Correspondence.

To receive list and consider actions.

1. To consider Rotherfield Football Club correspondence.
This item was deferred to a future meeting.
2. To consider recycling correspondence.

The Council considered this and would ask the writer to attend the next meeting to discuss options.
The Council would also consider the enclosed bin request received.

1. Finance
2. To accept the account summary 2024/25
3. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedule.
4. To accept bank reconciliation.
These items were deferred to a future meeting.
5. To ratify Committee Minutes
6. Planning **- The minutes were duly ratified by the Council.**
7. SLR - **The minutes were duly ratified by the Council.**
8. To receive report and quote for a new bus shelter – Update.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

1. To consider update from ESCC rights of Way meeting 6th January 2025 and actions arising.

The update was considered by the Council. Action on footpaths, pavements and signage would be followed up for next meeting. No further actions currently required.

1. To review plans for VE day.

Cllr Burnett-Dick reported on plans which were currently being finalised. It was hoped it would be like the last celebration with the possibility of involving the Bear Public House.

1. To consider proposal for new noticeboards.

The Clerk reported on costs for two new noticeboards up to £2500.

The proposed locations would be circulated by email for Councillors to report any concerns before installation.

1. To consider plans for annual meeting.

The Council asked for the conservators to attend to talk about the Pooh centenary and possibly try to get an update on unitary plans.

1. Items for Reporting or Inclusion in Future Agendas.

**For reporting:**

* Finger post costs
* Fete preparations.

**For future agendas:**

* Honey Run funds.

**Dates of Next Meetings:** 3rd March 2025.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm