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

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

Absent: Cllr Reed (NR).

In Attendance: Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council.

Public: There were 3 members of the public present for the meeting including District Cllr Millward.

**Public Meeting:**

**Reports from District and County Councillors.**

**Cllr Georgia Taylor (East Sussex County Councillor)** – Sent apologies. No report received.

**Cllr Rachael Millward (Wealden District Councillor)**She reported on the current process for devolution and mayoral elections.

She reported on the current process for the Local Plan.

**Public**A member of the public presented some ideas on recycling and improving public awareness of what parishioners can recycle from the doorstep collections as well as other ideas for tetra and blister pack recycling.

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

1. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr 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 3rd February 2025.

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

1. Matters Arising.
2. To consider co-option to the Council.

**This item was deferred to a future meeting.**

1. Correspondence.

To receive list and consider actions.

1. To consider Rotherfield Football Club correspondence.

**This item was deferred.**

1. To consider recycling correspondence.

**The Council agreed to raise awareness of recycling within the newsletter, website and Facebook if provided with appropriate wording. Specialist recycling would also be investigated for example with the School and the Doctors Surgery.**

1. Finance
2. To accept the account summary 2024/25.

**The summary was duly accepted.**

**The Honey Run account was noted with a net profit of £5606.00.**

**The Council resolved to allocate £500.00 to Ashdown Forest and £1000.00 to the Scout Group with the remaining funds to be moved to ear marked reserves to be decided on at a later date.**

1. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedule.

**The list for £29499.27 was duly approved.**

1. To accept bank reconciliation.
This item was deferred.
2. To ratify Committee Minutes
3. Planning - **The minutes were duly ratified by the Council.**
4. TCPA - **The minutes were duly ratified by the Council.**
5. 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.

**The Council resolved to fund up to £300.00 for Paw print discs to highlight the route.**

**The Council resolved to fund two more signs to highlight the dangers of Jib Jacks Hill at the Oak Tree site and at the start of the footpath to Pooh Bridge.**

**The Parish Council resolved to fund up to £250.00 for signage. Cllr Horner would liaise with the Clerk to finalise the signage.**

**Maps needed to be added to the website and also better displayed outside Pooh Corner and at the bus stops.**

**The Clerk would follow up with ESCC to progress their action points.**

1. To consider Fingerpost costs and priorities.

**The Council resolved to suspend the financial regulations to accept the quote from Jakk Designs to refurbish the fingerposts up to £2952.80 plus VAT.**

1. To review plans for VE day.

Cllr Burnett- Dick reported on the timings, the addition of a BBQ at the Bear and would advertise the events accordingly and would include any events planned if made aware.

**The risk assessment would be submitted to the Clerk and insurers by Cllr Nathan.**

1. To consider plans for annual meeting.

The Clerk reported the speakers have been invited. The Clerk would arrange banners and refreshments.

1. Items for Reporting or Inclusion in Future Agendas.

**For reporting:**

* Bench repair near Kewins.

**For future agendas:**

* None

**Dates of Next Meetings:** Annual Meeting 8th April 2025 AGM 6th May 2025.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm