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**Minutes to the Parish Council Meeting held in Goods Yard House at 7:30pm on 2nd June 2025.**

Present: Cllrs Smith (JS)(Chair), Norman (PN), Nathan (RN), Colenutt (MC) , Sanders (JS), McNally (MM), Hutcheson (JH) Reed (NR) and Crosby (KC).

Absent: Cllr Horner (GH).

In Attendance: Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council.

Public: There were three members of the public present for the meeting.

Cllr Millward was also in attendance.

**Public Meeting:**

An update on the tree at Jib Jacks Hill was requested. The Clerk provided an update on what ESCC had reported back on. The Clerk would chase it up. If the tree was not saveable then a request for a replacement tree was made.

There was also a comment on changing flight paths and the Council was asked to be proactive on this and not reactive.

**Reports from District and County Councillors.**

Cllr Millward reported on the save on Uckfield swimming pool. She also reported on positive moves from the District Council on delivery of projects before the disbandment of the district council into a unitary. There was a fund for community infrastructure of 2 million and this only required 20% match funding. The Clerk asked for clarification if this was open to Parish Councils and Cllr Millward said she would revert once she had checked. She also outlined a £10000 budget per ward for each District Cllr to spend on community projects currently this was for 2025.

**Public**Three members of the public

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

There was one member of the public present for the main meeting.

15. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr Horner

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 6th May 2025.

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

1. Matters Arising.

Cllr Crosby offered to redraw the arrow on the parking sign near the school and this was agreed. Some reflective tap would also be added to the post to make it more noticeable.

It was also noted that the post was wonky the Clerk would arrange repairs.

Benches near the playground and Kewins had been repaired.

Blocked drains and the damaged and poor replacement posts on the pinch points were noted and would be referred to ESCC for action.

VE day costs were less than £100 and the evening was a success. Cllr Nathan thanked the speakers and volunteers and would supply the Clerk a list of names and addresses for the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to those involved.

1. To consider co-option to the Council.

**This item was deferred to a future meeting.**
The need to co-opt was noted.

1. Correspondence.

Cllr Reed reported on the South East Water leak survey on 7th July.

The Clerk reported on the spare deer signs that the Forest Centre had offered the Parish. **The Clerk would organise a replacement near Harts Lane when received and Cllr Smith agreed to add one to Perryhill if there was a spare one.**

1. Finance
2. To accept the account summary 2025/26
**Unanimously resolved.
Cllr Nathan asked the Clerk to provide the Town Croft maintenance contribution list at the TCPA meeting. All fees had been previously agreed by the Full Council during the budget setting process.**
3. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedule.
**Unanimously resolved the list totalling £18187.40**
4. To ratify Committee Minutes
5. Planning

**Unanimously resolved**

1. To consider emergency plan review and next stages.
Cllr Colenutt outlined the plan how it worked and how it was reviewed. A new committee member was required. Cllr Colenutt and Cllr Nathan were lead volunteer and deputy lead volunteer.

Cllr Horner, Paula Jones (Village Hall), Linda Graham and Andrew Polley were also members of the group.

**Cllr McNally agreed he would be happy to be co-opted into the group.
Cllr Smith suggested a budget of up to £50 for refreshments be made by the Council. This was unanimously approved by those eligible to vote. The three committee members who were Cllrs abstained from the vote.**

1. To consider any further action on parking issues within the High Street.

Cllr Smith outlined the options previously considered.
The Clerk reported on the recent meeting with CLM and that no imminent solution was available.
There was some discussion on the issue of google maps.

Anti social and dangerous parking was a matter for Sussex police and should be reported via 101 or Sussex Police website.

The Council agreed by majority vote that it is was a reoccurring historical issue and that all options had been exhausted and it should be minuted that no further consideration on the matter should be discussed until a future option is presented for consideration.

1. Items for Reporting or Inclusion in Future Agendas.

Cllr Nathan thanked the Clerk for arranging the hedge repair at the Croft. He asked that the hedge should be trimmed and the Clerk confirmed this request was underway.

Cllr Norman reported on the patient forum 10 am at the Hall on 7th June.

Cllr Norman reported on the request for signage in Cotchford Lane warning people about the dangers of walking on Jib Jacks Hill.
**The Clerk would contact the resident and see if one of the existing signs could be used with some additional signage.**

Cllr Reed reported on the VE dance and asked for the Council to send thanks to the organisers.

**The Clerk would send a note of thanks.**
Cllr Reed reported on the recruitment of a communications lead at Ashdown Forest, restructure and staffing improvements.

Cllr Colenutt reported that the clock was no longer working on the bus shelter.

**He agreed to look into options and bring this back to the Council for agreement on expenditure.**

**Dates of Next Meetings:**

7th July 2025.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm