

Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GLYNDE & BEDDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 26th JANUARY 2022 AT THE READING ROOM, GLYNDE.

Present: Councillors: J Denis, (Chair), D Sadler (Vice Chair, joined from item 7.3), L Gribble, L Jolly and R Phillips

In Attendance: S Mills (Clerk)

GB2122-70 1. Public Question and Statements

There was 1 member of the public present.

GB2122-71 2. Apologies

Apologies were received, and noted, from Cllr Pratley.

GB2122-72 3. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

GB2122-73 4. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

GB2122-74 5. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th July, 15th September and 25th November 2021 were signed as a true record.

GB2122-75 6. District/County Councillor/MP Reports

In his capacity as District and County Councillor, Cllr Denis updated Members that the crossing on the A26 between Glynde and Firle will be completed soon with a temporary crossing currently in place. Cllr Denis also updated that there has been an expression of interest to take over the running of Ringmer Pool with feedback on this expected at the end of February.

GB2122-76 7. Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications:

7.1. SDNP/22/00105/APNB | New agricultural barn to replace a barn recently burnt down. The proposed barn would be located in a new more secure location | Court House Farm Church Lane Beddingham BN8 6JY.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Members noted the new location of the barn is well screened from the road and surrounding countryside.

7.2. SDNP/21/06438/FUL | Change of use from green waste composting facility to inert waste recycling facility, including; removal of existing machine store; erection of storage building; and siting of security lodge | Asham Landfill Site Newhaven Road Beddingham Lewes East Sussex BN8 6JX

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application. The Parish Council is concerned at the increase of Heavy Goods Vehicles on the already overloaded A26 and the larger building which will be visible from footpaths along the river ouse, from users of the trainline and the A26. The current site operates at low noise levels; the addition of a crusher, excavators, loading shovels and screener will lead to an inevitable increase in noise and disturbance for local wildlife and users of the South Downs National Park. The Parish Council is furthermore concerned that the installation of additional lighting will impact adversely on the Authorities Dark Night Skies Policy and will be detrimental to bats and draws the attention of the Authority to section 2.10 of the Landscape and Ecological Monitoring Plan

that “The current site is not well lit at night and therefore the development should serve to maintain the site’s value for foraging bats”.

Cllr Sadler joined the meeting.

7.3. SDNP/22/00099/TCA | Cherry (T1) - Removal - too large and roots are damaging the adjacent retaining wall | Trevor Gardens Mill Lane Glynde BN8 6RX

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application subject to the opinion of the Trees and Amenities Officer.

GB2122-77 8. Dog mess

Cllr Phillips reported that dog mess continues to be an increasing issue. The Clerk updated that Glynde Estates have noted the Parish Council’s request to put up dog mess signs at the entrances to Church Field and will be looking into preventative measures themselves as this is a private field.

Members **NOTED** the update.

GB2122-78 9. Traffic

9.1. Traffic Update and Issues

Cllr Phillips gave an update from the Community Speedwatch initiative. Traffic was counted during the Earwig Corner roadworks last year and the traffic lights were turned on before Christmas. Speedwatch resumed last week and observed a four fold increase in north bound traffic through the village during the 8am-9am timeslot, indicating that the village is still being used as a commuting ‘rat run’ in the mornings. The evening slot hasn’t had the same increase in traffic. A meeting is being arranged in early March with Maria Caulfield MP and the Police to discuss the ongoing traffic issues. Cllr Denis will invite a representative from the County Council Operations Team to be in attendance. Cllr Gribble raised regarding the recent fatalities on the dangerous A27 Beddingham junction; Cllr Phillips will raise this at the meeting in March.

Members **NOTED** the update.

9.2. A27 Lewes to Polegate Improvement Scheme

The Chair read out an update from National Highways regarding progress on the works. The Clerk will add this to the Parish Council website.

Member **NOTED** the update.

9.3. Road Calming

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange a Strengthening Local Relations (SLR) meeting to discuss traffic issues within the village and potential road calming measures to address these. Issues to be discussed include excessive speed, increasing traffic volume including heavy goods vehicles, ignoring of weight restrictions on the bridge and road calming measures.

GB2122-79 10. Play Inspection

Members reviewed the latest play inspection report which contains no high risk issues.

It was **RESOLVED** for the issues to be addressed as follows:

- Rota web climber loose fixings (medium) – Cllr Sadler has replaced these before and they have since worn down but will source new fixings from the manufacturer.
- Sharp edges reported in the shelter wall and paving around (low) – Cllr Sadler to file down/remove.
- Roundabout bearings worn (low) – this is a known issue and bearings are very costly to replace. Clerk to add to action log – possibly to be considered for replacement within the playground improvement project.
- Clatter Bridge rotting timber (very low) – Cllr Sadler to review for severity and fix by either sanding or replacement of individual slats.
- Wood fencing missing slat (very low) – Clerk to speak to Glynde Estates to see if they have a replacement.

GB2122-80 11. Finance**11.1. Internal Auditor**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mulberry & Co as the Parish Council's Auditor for auditing of the 2021-2022 financial year.

11.2. Payments and Receipts

Members reviewed the payments and receipts since the last meeting as detailed below:

Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council - Payments for January 2022

Payee	Product/Service	Amount
EDF Energy	Energy bill for November 2021 (paid by DD on 15/12/21)	£157.97
S Mills	Clerk Salary for December 2021	£312.43
EDF Energy	Energy bill for December 2021 (paid by DD on 18/01/22)	£161.57
Lewes District Council	Play Inspection January 2022	£18.60
Lewes District Council	Play Inspection February 2022	£18.60
Glynde Estates	Glynde Recreation Ground: Half yearly water supply 01/04/2021 - 30/09/2021	£16.55
Glynde Estates	Rec Rental 25/12/2021 - 24/12/2022	£10.10
S Mills	Clerk Salary for January 2022	£312.43
Total:		£1,008.25

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify payments totalling £1,008.25 and to authorise Councillors to approve the payments via online banking.

Members **NOTED** the following receipts since the last meeting:

RECEIPTS (January 2022)

Payee	Product/Service	Amount
Lloyds Bank	Deposit Account Interest for November 2021	£0.03
Lloyds Bank	Deposit Account Interest for December 2021	£0.03
Lloyds Bank	Deposit Account Interest for January 2022	£0.04
Total:		£0.10

GB2122-81 12. Consultations/Meetings**12.1. SDNPA Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Register Consultation**

It was **RESOLVED** not to respond to this as a Council but the Clerk will add details of the consultation to the Parish Council website.

12.2. Glynde Estates – Parish Council Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Estate in February if possible.

GB2122-82 13. Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas

- Cllr Sadler reported that a licensing application had been submitted for a pub to open at Glynde Station. Scheduled overnight works have been taking place in the station which are due to finish next week.
- Multiple Councillors and the Clerk have received enquiries regarding intended celebrations for the upcoming Queens Platinum Jubilee. This will be added to the March agenda.
- Cllr Phillips raised on behalf of residents regarding registering the Hampden Arms pub as an Asset of Community Value. The Clerk will send details of how this is done. Raised whether it would be useful to work with Ringmer Parish Council on shared traffic issues. Chair to progress.

GB2122-83 14. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was **RESOLVED**, under the 1960 (Admission to Meetings) Act, to exclude the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed which relates to staffing.

GB2122-84 15. Clerk Resignation

15.1. Recruitment of New Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Lucy Hannington to the role of Clerk and Financial Officer to Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council at Salary Scale Point 23 on the contract and terms as presented.

15.2. Handover plan

It was **RESOLVED** for the employment contract of the outgoing Clerk to finish on 31st March 2022 with an additional 1 month payable as support for the new Clerk over the following year and to complete the year-end audit for 2021-2022. The outgoing Clerk will prepare a handover plan and will schedule handover times with the new Clerk and a meeting with the Chair. A mobile phone for the new Clerk, to be used for Council business, will be purchased at a cost of no more than £45 including first top-up and to be topped-up at £5 per month. A printer will be purchased, for use by the new Clerk for Council business, reasonable cost to be confirmed and agreed with Chair once investigated. The new Clerk will be set-up on the Parish Council's Internet Banking.

GB2122-85 16. Next Meetings

It was **RESOLVED** for the next meetings to take place on Wednesday 16th March 2022 (Ordinary) 11th May 2022 (Annual Meetings).

The meeting ended at 8:35pm

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

*The term Chair/Vice Chair refers to the Chairman/Vice Chairman of the Parish Council as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 s. 15(1) and 15(6).