

Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GLYNDE & BEDDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2022
AT THE READING ROOM, STATION ROAD, BEDDINGHAM AT 7PM.**

Present: Councillors: D Sadler (Chair*), R Phillips, L Gribble and J Pratley
In Attendance S Carter – Interim Parish Clerk, District Councillor E O’Brien and 1 Member of the Public

GB22-23-34	1	<p>Public Questions and Statements – 15 minutes.</p> <p>Bridge Closure (for repairs and maintenance) – Cllr Sadler advised the meeting that he had been contacted by concerned residents about the bridge closure stopping the bus service thus preventing Children from getting to school. Cllr Sadler picked this up, confirmed the lack of any plans and had managed the situation with East Sussex County Council and Compass Bus Company. After several days of chasing it has been arranged that; Firle PS - Firle Primary School service will run from south of the road closure with pupils to the north of the closure being asked to walk to the railway station to get the school bus from there as the bridge will remain open to pedestrians. Pupils will be picked up from the railway station at 08:25 (the usual time). King’s Academy - The 125 (Compass Bus Service) will run as per the works diversion – A27 and A26. Pupils located south of the A27 will be picked up at the usual times. An additional service will be provided from Glynde to King’s Academy for 8 pupils. This service will operate from the cricket ground car park at 08:15 with pupils south of the closure asked to walk to this pick-up point. All pick up points north of this will be as per the current timings. The meeting thanked Cllr Sadler for the significant effort he had put in to resolving this issue.</p>
GB22-23-35	2	<p>Acceptance of Apologies for absence – The Clerk advised that apologies have been received from: Ms. M Caulfield, and Cllr Johnny Denis.</p>
GB22-23-36	3	<p>Declarations of Interest Cllr’s J Pratley with respect to item 13, L Gribble and D Sadler item 16...</p>
GB22-23-37	4	<p>Chairman’s Welcome The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially thanking the member of the public for their attendance</p>
GB22-23-38	5	<p>Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27th July 2022 were approved and signed with no amendment</p>
GB22-23-39	6	<p>District/County Councillor/MP Reports - Maria Caulfield MP provided a written update which the Clerk has forwarded to Councillors.</p> <p>District Cllr Emily O’Brien advised the meeting that, at District Council they are working hard to ensure people in need are assisted in these very difficult times. Cllr O’Brien continues to be busy with Planning issues, in particularly Ringmer. Cllr O’Brien and Cllr J Denis are working hard with respect to HGV Petition – Campaigning with residents to ask ESCC to strategically approach roads introducing a Lorry Route Network to try to avoid HGV’s using minor/village roads as rat runs when more suitable roads are available. Cllr O’Brien is deputy chair of a local govt association – asking for lorry drivers to use commercial “sat nav’s” to route them away from inappropriate areas. Cllr O’Brien is very active in the current Water and sewage campaigns and assisted the Clerk and Cllr Sadler in getting support for the Glynde Bridge bus issues.</p> <p>Cllr O’Brien advised that Cllr Denis has been told that there are currently no plans to carry out further work at Firle Crossing – Cllr Denis is taking this matter further.</p>
GB22-23-40	7	<p>Councillor Vacancy Mr Paolo De Paolis joined the meeting to discuss his application for Co-option to become a councillor. Mr De Paolis gave an overview of reasons for wanting to join GBPC. The Councillors asked various questions concerning Mr De Paolis and his application.</p>

The press, public and the applicant were asked to leave the room whilst the application was considered. followed by a vote where it was resolved to invite Mr De Paolis to become a Glynde & Beddingham Parish. Councillor. Press, members of the public and Mr De Paolis re-joined the meeting, and the Chairman advised the wider meeting of the result. The Chairman welcomed Mr De Paolis to the Council. The Clerk then welcomed Councillor De Paolis to his post and Cllr De Paolis signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk, and the Clerk requested that Cllr De Paolis filled in the Notification of Members Disclosable Pecuniary Interests asap, and to be received by the Clerk within 28 days. Cllr De Paolis joined the meeting as a Councillor.

Finance

8.1. - Year to Date Review of 2022-23 Budget and Re-forecast – the budget was reviewed against the year-to-date position and reforecast based on knowledge of those in the meeting – the review highlighted some possible saving initiatives, such as turning lights off – this will be considered at the next meeting.

8.2. - Payments and Receipts –payments for September 2022 were approved as follows:

Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council - Payments for September 2022

Payee	Product/Service	Amount
Friends of Firle School	Grant to Firle School as agreed in May 22 Meeting - Minute Ref: GB2223-009-9. PAID - Shown For Information Only	£ 350.00
John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd	Grass cut of Recreation ground for July 2022 - PAID - Shown For Information Only	£ 360.00
S Carter	Re-Imbursement for payment using personal credit card - McAfee Subscription for 5 devices - 15 Sept 22 - 15 Sept 23	£ 59.99
EDF Energy	Energy bill for July 2022 (paid by DD on 15/08/22)	£ 168.20
S Carter	Clerk Salary for August	£ 250.03
HMRC	Tax associated with Clerk Salary - Aug	£ 62.40
Lewes District Council	Period 01/09/2022 to 30/09/2022 Monthly Play Area Inspections Recharge	£ 18.60
John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd	Grass cut of Recreation ground for August 2022	£ 360.00
S Carter	Mileage Payment	£ 21.60
S Carter	Clerk Salary for September	£ 249.83
HMRC	Tax associated with Clerk Salary - September	£ 62.60
S Carter	Clerk Salary for October - advance approval due to no meeting	£ 250.03
HMRC	Tax associated with Clerk Salary - October - advance approval due to no meeting	£ 62.40
		Value
	Total:	£2,275.68

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Payee	Product/Service	Amount
Lewes District Council	Precept Payment 2 of 2	£ 5,927.00
	Total:	£5,927.00

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		<p>8.3. - HMRC Direct Debit Facility - The Clerk proposed moving to payment, of the Clerks tax, to HMRC via Direct Debit, this was discussed and it was RESOLVED to delegate to the Clerk the mandate to set up the direct debit to pay HMRC tax due on the Clerk salary, giving the Clerk full approval to set up the direct debit on behalf of the Council without further consultation or sign off once the option becomes available – which should be in September.</p> <p>8.4. Payment of Clerk in months with no meeting – it was RESOLVED that the Clerks salary and related HMRC payments are approved for payment in months with no meeting with the payslip etc presented “as paid” at the following meeting</p>
GB22-23-42	9	<p>Traffic Calming / Speedwatch –</p> <p>It was agreed to change direction with our approach and consider a flash up sign indicating speed - clerk to see what other parishes are doing in relation to speeding through villages.</p>
GB22-23-43	10	<p>Glynde and Beddingham Parish Council SLR with ESCC – the agenda for the meeting to be held 11am-12mid-day - Monday 7th November was discussed and agreed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Weight restriction signage – update on installation • Cats Eyes impact in Lacy’s Hill – Noise impact on residents • Speed Limit Signs – additional signage in the Village • Village Entry Verge Picket Fencing • Street Lighting options re switching lights off • Resurfacing of footpath – between spring cottages and Station Farm. <p>Clerk to attend to take minutes</p>
GB22-23-44	11	<p>11 Clerk Matters</p> <p>11.1 Civility Pledge and Dignity at Work – the documentation detailing the pledge was reviewed and it was RESOLVED for the council to make the Civility Pledge. The meeting then reviewed and RESOLVED to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy, the Clerk is to amend and post on to the web site</p> <p>11.2 Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment – It was RESOLVED to Opt-in to the central scheme</p> <p>11.3 Scheme of Delegation – following a situation where the Council had struggled with decision requirements outside of a meeting, the Clerk proposed adopting a scheme of delegation based on a model scheme from SLCC. It was reviewed and the Council RESOLVED to adopt the scheme of delegation as documented, the clerk to upload to the council’s policy documentation storage and for the policy to be reviewed ongoing at year end or upon change of Clerk.</p> <p>11.4 To agree Meeting Dates through to Year End – deferred to next meeting</p> <p>11.5 To note Clerk Annual Leave etc 10/10/22-14/10/22, 9/11/22, 23/12/22-02/01/23</p>
GB22-23-45	12	<p>Lacy’s Hill Cats Eyes – there is a terrible noise from vehicles travelling over cats eyes, this is very disturbing to residents. – add to SLR meeting agenda</p>
GB22-23-46	13	<p>Glynde Pool –Update– the pool closed as requested by the council, structural engineers attended and advised the pool was safe to open, however at this stage we were entering a possible drought time and Glynde Estates asked for the pool not to be reopened with the level of water loss, so the pool did not reopen. The Structural Engineers deemed that the pool is structurally sound but more investigations are required to establish its actual status. The pool levels were monitored and then the pool drained – the plug repaired and the mosaic tiles repaired. The pool was then refilled and the leakage a lot less, however, it was decided that, by the time it had been filled and then commissioned - a period of approximately 12 days, it was not good use of money or water to reopen. The next stage is to dig trial pits, determine what the pool is made from, whether cracks are commencing from the outside of the pool or if the cracks are commencing from the inside. Glynde Estates have suggested contractors for the digging as they cannot resource. Once pits are dug the structural engineer will be re-engaged. The anticipated costs to fully repair are expected to be significant.</p> <p>Clerk to Ascertain from Cllr Denis the working brief of the solicitor and costs agreed.- Clerk to then chase solicitor.</p>
GB22-23-47	14	<p>Light Pollution at the Firle Crossing and Junction – Cllr Denis continuing to pursue.</p>
GB22-23-48	15	<p>Play Inspection - Cllr Sadler will pick up on red flag items</p>

GB22-23-49	16	<p>Planning Application Notification SDNP/22/03734/LIS - Glynde Mill Station Road Glynde East Sussex BN8 6SS - Proposal: retrospective listed building consent application for the replacement of the first floor wooden fire door with a uPVC door, and the replacement of the internal staircase with a helical staircase</p> <p>The Parish Council approved the changes but feel UPVC is not in character with either the Village or that of a listed building</p> <p>Planning Application Notification SDNP/22/03264/FUL - Firlie Beacon Car Park South Downs Way Lewes BN8 6LR. Proposal: installation of operational development and display of advertisements associated with existing use car park</p> <p>The Parish Council object to this on several grounds – The plan will cause people to park elsewhere, overflowing on to the access road which will impact farming in the area and the movement of farm vehicles which can be very large. The plan has an impact on the landscape adding signage and furniture in an otherwise unspoilt area. There is a risk that access for emergency vehicles will be compromised. The lighting will be visible in an otherwise clear sky area. Installation as planned will make the area a defacto designated facility but with no tarmac, toilets, or other services.</p>
GB22-23-50	17	<p>Council Records at The Keep – now complete, item closed</p>
GB22-23-51	18	<p>Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review business plan • Future meeting dates • Electricity proposal to switch off street lamps • Christmas tree
GB22-23-52	19	<p>Date of next meeting – It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of Glynde and Beddingham Parish Council will be 23rd November 2022 at the Glynde Reading Rooms</p>

*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).

The meeting closed at 21:01

Signed:

Date:

Print Name: Daniel Sadler - Chairman