

Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF GLYNDE & BEDDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2023
AT THE READING ROOM, STATION ROAD, BEDDINGHAM AT 7PM.**

Present: Councillors: P De Paolis(Chair*), D Vice-Holt (Vice Chair*), J Pratley, L Gribble and D Sadler

In Attendance S Carter –Parish Clerk and 1 member of the Public

GB22-23-180	<p>1 Public Questions and Statements – 15 minutes.</p> <p>The member of the public was representing, and raised a concern on behalf of, the Memorial Parade, that some emails have been received by the Council concerning this years Memorial Parade. These related to: fireworks generally, noise, traffic and a resident being abused by individuals from another Bonfire Society who were taking part in the parade. The visiting Society involved have been asked to investigate the abuse situation that occurred and are taking the matter very seriously, they have also been banned from any future attendance.</p> <p>From a traffic management perspective there are plans to ensure things are different for next year by blocking Ranscombe Lane at the A27 Junction which will give much greater control of traffic. The member of the public, representing the Memorial Parade advised that they could look into purchasing quieter fireworks but could make no commitment to this, and that they would send the Parish Council the output from the debrief meeting to be held at a later date in November</p>															
GB22-23-181	<p>2 Acceptance of Apologies for absence – The Clerk advised that apologies have been received from: Ms. M Caulfield, District Cllr E O’Brien, Cllr J Denis</p>															
GB22-23-182	<p>3 Declarations of Interest Cllr Pratley with respect to items 13 &19</p>															
GB22-23-183	<p>4 Chairman’s Welcome The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>															
GB22-23-184	<p>5 Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 2023 were approved and signed with no amendment.</p>															
GB22-23-185	<p>6 District/County Councillor/MP Reports - Maria Caulfield MP and District Cllrs Emily O’Brien provided written updates which the Clerk has forwarded to Councillors Cllr Vice-Holt asked for it to be minuted that a Glynde Resident had been petitioning hard for the Last train from Brighton to be able to have an added stop at Glynde this is a significant benefit for Glynde Residents – the Council note their thanks to the resident.</p>															
GB22-23-186	<p>7 Jubilee Shelter– Options were discussed. Glynde Estates** will come back to the Council with options for the Council to consider.</p>															
GB22-23-187	<p>8 Finance 8.1 To approve payments for November 2023. It was RESOLVED to approve payments as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council - Payments and Receipts for November 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Product/Service</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Streetlights</td> <td>Payment 2 (of 2) 2023/24 Street Lighting Maintenance Contract</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£151.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John O’Conner GM Limited</td> <td>Site - Recreation Ground - Grass cut at site October 2023</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£372.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF Energy</td> <td>Streetlamp Electricity for the period - Sept 2023 ***For Information Only - Paid via Direct Debit*** Invoice Not Received - Figures taken from bank account and extrapolated</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£158.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lewes District Council</td> <td>Period 01/11/2023 to 30/11/2023 Monthly Play Area Inspections Recharge</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Product/Service	Amount	Streetlights	Payment 2 (of 2) 2023/24 Street Lighting Maintenance Contract	£151.82	John O’Conner GM Limited	Site - Recreation Ground - Grass cut at site October 2023	£372.00	EDF Energy	Streetlamp Electricity for the period - Sept 2023 ***For Information Only - Paid via Direct Debit*** Invoice Not Received - Figures taken from bank account and extrapolated	£158.02	Lewes District Council	Period 01/11/2023 to 30/11/2023 Monthly Play Area Inspections Recharge	£18.60
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Glynde Endowment Settlement	Half yearly water supply: Current meter reading 1 cubic metres less previous meter reading 1 cubic metres = 0 cubic metres=£ 0.00 Glynde Recreation Ground: Half yearly water supply 01/04/2023 - 30/09/2023	£16.55
Steve Carter	Reimbursement to Clerk for payment of Net Nerd Invoice 389428 for Unlimited Hosting - glyndebeddingham-pc.gov.uk (11/11/2023 - 10/11/2024)	£59.99
Steve Carter	Reimbursement to Clerk for payment of Net Nerd Invoice 389428 for Domain Renewal - glyndebeddingham-pc.gov.uk - 2 Year/s (15/11/2023 - 14/11/2025)	£96.00
Steve Carter	Clerk Pay - Month 8 - 26th November 2023	£417.40
Steve Carter	Clerk Pay - Month 9 - 22nd December 2023	£297.40
Chris Jackson	Glynde and Beddingham Parish Council notice board restoration	£610.00
	Total:	£2,197.78

RECEIPTS (November 2023)

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Lloyds Bank	Interest for October 2023	£4.01
	Total:	£4.01

- 8.2 Reserves Policy** – It was RESOLVED to accept the Reserves Policy with the 2023-24 General reserve set at 7/12^{ths} of Precept at £7,548.36. Policy to next be updated March 2024
- 8.3 2024-25 Budget Setting** – The Budget and General Reserve for the 2024-2025 period was considered and it was RESOLVED to set the budget for the 2024-2025 year at £18,744.81 and the General Reserve at £8,302 – to be confirmed in April meeting based on 2023-2024 year end position.
- 8.4 Precept Setting – to set the Glynde & Beddingham Precept for 2024-2025** – It was RESOLVED to set The Precept for 2024-2025 at £17,914
- 8.5 Movement of Finances** – It was RESOLVED to move all of the Earmarked Reserves to the Business Account
- 8.6 Bank Reconciliation** – The bank reconciliation for Quarter 2 was issued for review and sign off – Cllrs Gribble and Pratley agreed to take on the review.
- 8.7 Clerk 2023 Pay Review** – The Council notes the increase to the Clerk hourly rate in line with NALC pay scales, back dated to 01/04/202

GB22-23-188	9 A27 East of Lewes Improvements scheme – - Impact on Children attending Firle School– 9.1 No Update
GB22-23-189	10 Street Lighting – The Clerk has a meeting tomorrow (16/11/23) to progress this item with East Sussex County Council
GB22-23-190	11 Glynde and Beddingham Parish Council SLR with ESCC 11.1 Agenda – Manhole Cover Spring Cottages, any update concerning Truck routes, erection of width restrictions to prevent HGV's in Mill Lane, signs to be moved before houses, Action regarding gritting list – add top of Mill Lane... 11.2 A27 Hedge - The Hedge is the property of National Highways and has been completed. 11.3 Advanced Weight Restriction Signage – National Highways have agreed to re-install signage and place A-Frame signs on the verges until the permanent signage is available possibly a 6 month delay prior to installation
GB22-23-191	12 Clerk Matters 12.1 Noticeboard – the noticeboard has been repaired and has been re-installed. Thanks to the Glynde Estates** for undertaking the re-installation and to the resident who undertook the repair work. 12.2 Asset Review – Councillors have agreed to hold an Asset Review from end to end of the village. 12.3 Clerk Annual Leave - the Clerk has booked leave, 27/12/23-02/01/24 12.4 - The Clerk advised the meeting 4 emails of complaint received concerning the Memorial Parade. Clerk to summarise emails and forward to the Memorial Parade. There is a Memorial Parade Debrief meeting Wed 22 nd Nov -the minutes of which will be sent to the Clerk. Clerk to send, those who have emailed their concerns to the council, the output from the debrief

GB22-23-192	<p>13 Glynde Pool –Update–</p> <p>13.1 Pool Management – <i>The CIC and the pool committee are progressing with the next steps of identifying what work can be completed with the funds already available, as well as further fundraising. To get the work booked in, they will require the lease and the service agreement to be completed and agreed, as discussed at the last meeting. They request an update from the Parish Council and the Glynde Estates** on how the drafting and negotiations of these documents is progressing. Pool contractors will need to be booked in this side of Christmas due to the nature of the work and industry they usually book up in winter for the upcoming swim season. As always, The Pool thank all volunteers that are working hard to get the pool refurbished and welcome new members from the community to join them.</i></p> <p>13.2 General Pool Update: there is a meeting on the 5th Dec 2023 to look in to starting works</p>
GB22-23-193	<p>14 Play Area</p> <p>14.1 Play Area Play Inspection – A Serious issue has been raised by the annual Play Area Inspector – as a result the basket swing will be taken out of service.... COSMO Construction, Wicksted and Playsafe have been asked to quote for remedial works to the play ground. The only response was received from Playsafe, Cllr Vice-Holt agreed to contact the Glynde Estates**/a local resident to see if they could carry out the required work for less cost. It was RESOLVED to contact Playsafe to fix the nest swing requesting any possible options as to reduce costs as the quotation of £4,870.00 unless Glynde Estates/one of their staff who is a local resident can provide a solution at a more reasonable cost. It is noted that the quoted PlaySafe price will wipe out all of the play area earmarked reserves. The Clerk advised that Playsafe have been through a full tendering exercise for selection by Lewes District Council and they are currently the preferred supplier of playground works.</p> <p>14.2 Future Plans for playground</p> <p>14.2.1 Budgeting – Money is being allocated to the playground reserve specifically from the 2024-2025 budget.</p> <p>14.2.2 Playground Upgrade Project – Cllr Vice-Holt will hand over this project</p>
GB22-23-194	<p>15 Recreation Ground Electricity Supply Point –. Clerk to advise Glynde Estates** what funds we have available and to enquire if there is a work around with the costs</p>
GB22-23-195	<p>16 Planning - No Updates have been received</p>
GB22-23-196	<p>17 Change of Council Name – this item is closed</p>
GB22-23-197	<p>18 Love Supreme Debrief – Councillors feeding back to Clerk.</p>
GB22-23-198	<p>19 Christmas Arrangements – Cllr Prately advised the meeting about the arrangements for the Christmas tree</p>
GB22-23-199	<p>20 Councillor Reports and Items for Future Meetings Councillors are arranging a farewell/thank you get together for the former Councillor and long serving Chair who left the Council in April</p>
GB22-23-200	<p>21 Date of next meeting – It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of Glynde and Beddingham Parish Council will be 17th January 2024 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).

** It has been formally agreed by email, 28 November 2023, that for all matters in Glynde & Beddingham Parish Council minutes relating or referring to Glynde Estates, that they shall be directly referred to as Glynde Estates

The meeting closed at 21:05

Signed:

Date: 17/01/2024

Print Name:

- Chairman