

Colgate Parish Council Meeting 13th September 2021 at Durrant Village Games Room at 7.30pm.

Present

Councillors: Mrs. S Marley, V. Finnegan, J Sired, S Davies, Mrs. R Calvert, Mrs. N Staff, R Faith and S Garley.

In Attendance: Mrs. B. Clayden (Parish Clerk), and four members of the public.

Minutes

Before the meeting opened the Chair paid tribute to Mr Paige who sadly passed away earlier on in the month. He was a valued member of staff and will be missed. The Parish want to send condolences to his family on their loss.

1. Apologies.

ClIr Nagel (WSCC) and Mrs. C Crosdil.

2. Register of Interest.

None

3. Agree the minutes of Full Council Meeting on 12th July and Planning meeting on 28th July and 18th August and 1st September.

Draft minutes can be found on www.colgatefaygate.com

All Councillors agreed that the minutes were a true reflection of the meetings.

4. Meeting opened.

- a) for members of the public to speak on matters connected to the agenda and other matters which can be noted but no decision can be made.

A member of the public who was also acting as a representative of the Durrants Village Residents Association reported the poor state of the carriageway from Holmbush PH to Durrants village entrance. The noise created by the poor surface is becoming a nuisance to residents. Clerk has reported the poor state of the road as well as querying with the local authority the number of heavy good vehicle using Faygate Lane despite having restrictions.

Concerns over the speed of traffic along Faygate Lane were also raised. The PC advised their future for the area which included a new Community Speed Watch group in Faygate. The PC have recently purchased a speed gun and a request for volunteers was made to help set up the new Speed Watch group. In addition, the PC have also purchased a mobile Vehicle Activated sign which will be rotated between Colgate and Faygate to monitor speed of traffic. The PC are waiting for confirmation from Durrants village with regards to the siting of the pole on which the unit will be attached.

- b) For District and County Councillors to speak on any matters including updates from the District and County Council.

CLlr Kitchen confirmed the Local Plan is still outstanding and HDC continue to address the matter.

There has been increased reports of criminal activity in Horsham Park against young people. Police are aware.

Finance

Update and Agree:

- a) Cheque payments for July/Aug/Sept

1073-Elan city- VAS	£2391.97
1074-Zoom- B Clayden	£14.39
1075-Mulberry -training	£42.00
1076-WSCC salary July	£1186.35
1077-B Clayden- office exp	£63.42 (zoom, printer, new litter picker stick)
1078-Netcom it-	£50.92 (virus protection)
1079-B Clayden- St Leonards bk	£7.15
1080-WSCC -salary Aug	£1082.59
1081-ICO membership	£40.00
1082-B Clayden-Zoom September	£14.39
1083-Moore- ext. audit	£250.00
Total	£5143.18

- b) Bills to be paid Sept/Oct

WSCC Clerk x1	£800
Clerks' expenses x1	£100
Pension x1	£100
Litter Warden	£-
Litter warden mileage	£-
Zoom x1 -Sept/oct	£30- (One months' notice required. Sept and cancelled oct)

Training new Councillor and plan.	£420
GDPR info	£440
ICT	£830
Website sub	£250
Parish Online	£70
Speed gun	£2550
Total (approx.)	£5590

All Councillors agreed the payments of the cheques and future expenditure.

- c) Accounts, bank balance and quarterly figures

Balance current account 1.9.21 £30740.96

No income received.

Bank statements and electronic accounts reconcile.

- d) Clerk's Expenses

Expenses for Clerk for 3 months- £132.00

All Councillors agreed the expenses.

- e) Online banking-update.

The Clerk updated the council and confirmed the online application could now move on as the minutes on 12th July were now ratified confirming the councils support to move to online banking and the Clerk can provide a signed copy to NatWest bank.

- f) Discuss Zoom subscriptions and Parish online (£70)

All Councillors agreed the cancellation of the Zoom payment now face to face meetings were taking place.

All Councillors agreed the payment of £70 for the services provided by Parish online

- g) End of year-External Audit

The Clerk reported that Moore's, the external auditor has signed off the annual return with no recommendations.

The statutory end of year paperwork has been displayed on the noticeboards and the website. (Notice of end of audit and the annual return part 1 and 2)

6 Update on outstanding projects

1. Vehicle Activated Signs-

- Update from Clerk-Sockets and pole should be installed early w/c 20th Sept
- Identify new site in Faygate – Waiting for confirmation from Durrants Village on exact location for new socket. Durrants Village are also installing signs on this area so to avoid conflict with the new signage the PC will await more details from Durrants Village.

- ### **2. Speed gun update-**
- CLlr Garley brought the new speed gun to the meeting to show the other members of the council and the public. He asked for any volunteers in the Faygate area to help with the new community Speed Watch group to monitor Faygate Lane. There were offers of help from the public and other Councillors to advertise the need for more volunteers. CLlr Garley also confirmed the TRO has been submitted to WSCC and had scored 38 points which is a good score.

- ### **3. Concerns with the highway condition and speed of traffic -Faygate Lane.**

This should be read in conjunction with agenda point 4- general public. The Clerk confirmed that the noise and the disrepair of the highway has been reported on the LoveWestSussex reporting platform. All members of the public were encouraged to report via this website too. The Clerk also queried why HGVs were using Faygate Lane despite there being restrictions. The Clerk sent details of how to report concerns with the carriage way and how to report fly tipping out to those that attended the meeting.

- ### **4. Forest road-overgrown trees**

The Clerk reported this issue to WSCC via the Lovewestsussex website.

7. Consultation

WSCC Local Transport Plan Public Consultation (finishes 8th Oct)

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/draft-west-sussex-transport-plan-consultation>

Councillors raised several concerns and comments that the Clerk will forward onto WSCC. The points raised were:

- Unfair comparison with regards to Faygate Station
- Lack of cycle routes between Crawley and Horsham

- Lack of bus stops on A264
- Lack of bus services to the villages
- No safe crossing point over A264

Gatwick Future Plans (commencing 9th Sept for 12 weeks)

www.gatwickairport.com/futureplans.

These consultations can be completed in person and a written response from the Parish Council if relevant and required.

Councillors will complete this survey individually

8. Discuss location of Silent Heroes

A new women soldier silhouette has been produced in by the Royal British legion. Currently the Parish Council have 2 Tommy silhouettes. Colgate Village Hall and Durrants village will be asked if they would like to host the figures over the month of November. Should the Parish Council purchase the new figure concerns were raised as to where it could be sited. The Clerk will contact Kilnwood school and Kilnwood Vale developers to ask if they would be prepared to host a silhouette. If so, then the woman soldier could be purchased.

9. Faygate village – concerns with drug dealing

A local resident and Councillor raised concerns about drug dealing in Park Lane and the surrounding area. The incidents have been reported to the police on every occasion. There has also been reports of fly tipping in the area. Councillors asked the Clerk to organise the PSCO to attend the next convenient meeting or a meeting outside of the council meeting to discuss what else can be done. Councillors also asked the /Clerk to source from HDC a please ‘don’t fly tip here mobile cameras are in operation ‘to discourage both fly tipping and drug dealing

10.Dates and times of next meeting: subject to change due to Covid restrictions. Locations to be advised.

Monday at 7.30pm on

11th October 2021-Colgate Village Hall

8th November2021-Durrant Village

10th January 2022-Colgate Village Hall

14th February 2022-Durrants Village

14th March 2022 (Annual Community Meeting)-Colgate Village Hall

11th April 2022-Durrants Village.

9th May 2022 (Formal Annual Parish Council Meeting and election of chair and other appointments)

Signed..... Clerk Date.....

Signed by Chair.....Date.