

**MINUTES OF THE EAST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20th JULY 2009 AT EAST DEAN VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Max Davies (Chairman), Kate Shaw (Vice Chairman), Rob Chalmers, Peter West, Tim Weeks, Lesley West

In Attendance: Parish Clerk: Karen Barrett
Carly Churchill-Wright (PCSO)
Henry Potter (District Councillor)
5 parishioners

1. Apologies:

Tim Calloway, Mike Hall (County Councillor)

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2009 were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

Bus Shelter

A new timetable has still not been printed.

Insurance

The greater part of our annual precept is spent on insurance. The clerk of Boxgrove and Lavant has found that Norwich Union provide a better rate than Zurich (our current insurers). Chairman will check and get them to quote for our insurance.

SID speed control device

The PCSO reported on what had been achieved by West Dean when they used the device. It mainly appears to have been raising awareness of the speed limit. It was agreed to wait and see what effect it had at Singleton, who will be putting it on the Charlton straight, before using it ourselves.

Planning

There had been no reply about the question of using slate tiles on the roof of the Pheasantry.

Allotment gates

The railings have now been replaced. WSCC have been asked to authorise replacement of the gates.

Southern Water

It was agreed to check the state of the manhole covers in the fields after the harvest.

Broken Stile

This has now been repaired by the SDJC. They have also cleared Butchers Lane as much as possible and will clear more in the autumn so that the waste material can be put on the bonfire.

Pothole outside Manor Farm

These have been repaired.

Star and Garter

The Chairman had spoken to Oliver Ligertwood who had agreed to keep all music inside the building.

Pond Green

The laburnam planted in memory of Smiler Miles has died. The Chairman would arrange for it to be removed and will talk to Mrs Ivy Miles about replacing with something else in the autumn. It was noted that Sarah Mayhead also wishes to donate a tree to be planted in the village.

4. Correspondence

Singleton Playgroup

A request for assistance with funding had been received. Max Davies will contact the Chairman of their management committee to find out more.

Newspaper Delivery Round

It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Giles and Ruth Thompson, the new landlords of the Partridge in Singleton, for supplying a pick up point for the East Dean and Charlton daily newspapers, now that the round has been taken over by Dummers in Midhurst.

Letter of Condolence

This had been written to Mrs Bernadette Brown, widow of the late Alex Brown, on behalf of East Dean Parish Council.

5. Financial Report

Current balance : £648. 98. No cheques had been written since the last meeting. The next tranche of the precept is due in September.

6. Any Other Business

National Park

The clerk had been informed verbally of a proposed meeting organised by SALC and Action in Rural Sussex to provide local parish councils of the latest information on the National Park. The District Councillor offered to provide more information on this meeting.

It was agreed that we need to know the stance and regulations of the National Park on camping. It may be that it will be encouraged and/or that grants will be made available to improve campsites. The Chairman will contact Stephen Humphrey to ascertain his position. The Parish Council will have to agree what is acceptable to the village in terms of no. of tents, volume of traffic, access and no. of days, *before* an application to enlarge is put in.

Dairy Development

Building has temporarily been stopped as plans have to be re-issued.

East Dean Hill

Mirror at the top of the hill has been broken.. The Chairman has already written to the Highways dept about this. Maurice Pratt has cleared the whole of the edges of the road up the hill. The Chairman will write and thank him.

Internet Access

Robert Baker is trying to improve the internet access to the village. The parish council will lend support to his campaign and encourage residents to contact him if they are interested.

Potholes

There are more potholes in Newhouse Lane, and one next to the pub caused by springs. It was felt that the Highway Authority will not seek a permanent solution but only provide short term infill when requested.

Television Reception

It was felt that this has become worse. Henry Potter will try to investigate as this is also a problem elsewhere.

Flytipping

The SDJC has brought to our attention that grass cuttings are being dumped at the unmetalled end of Butchers Lane. This constitutes fly-tipping. The Chairman will investigate.

Phone Box

BT have now made this a cashless telephone box.

Model Publication Scheme

This was formally adopted. All information required is obtainable from the Parish Clerk and the details appear on the website.

7. **Date of Next Meeting** **Monday 2nd Nov 2009 East Dean Village Hall**

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP: SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 10.00 am

Bank: £648.98

The meeting closed at 8.40pm