

EAST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024 at 18:30
 The 6th Form Café, Seaford College

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| <p>Meeting start 1835</p> <p><u>PRESENT</u> Cllr Charles Britton, Cllr Barry Gosden, Cllr Will Yates, Cllr Simon Longman, and Cllr Patrick Limpus. Parish Clerk Amy Harte.</p> | |
| <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> Caroline Cowcher, Diana Pettifer, Annette Lanaghan, Ian Forrest, Michael Blunt (GPM), Derek, Janet and Sarah Stewart-Smith.</p> | |
| <p><u>57/24</u> AGENDA ITEM 1: WELCOME Cllr Britton welcomed all to the meeting including 8 visitors listed above.</p> | |
| <p><u>58/24</u> AGENDA ITEM 2: APOLOGIES District Cllr John Cross, CDC; County Cllr Tom Richardson, WSCC</p> | |
| <p><u>59/24</u> AGENDA ITEM 3: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None</p> | |
| <p><u>60/24</u> AGENDA ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY TO BE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD. It was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record, and they were duly signed by Cllr Britton 4.2 COUNCILLORS & CLERK TO REPORT BACK ON ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING 1. Footpath 991 cutting back (Cllr Britton) Cllr Britton asked highways to get the vegetation cut back and it has now been done. 2. Parish Council Organisation with Graffham PC (Cllr Longman) Cllr Longman has been developing a business case for this. He is still working on the costs, difficult due to Nicholas Bennett having left post. Quicker if the Parish Council canvasses opinion. It was stated at the last meeting 75% but for smaller parishes it is 50% majority required. Cllr Britton feels that there needs to be strong enthusiasm for this. To be made a regular Agenda Item. There were questions about approaching parishioners regarding this, it should be from the Parish Council not individuals. Cllr Britton feels that Graffham needs to formally approach East Lavington Parish Council and wants to establish if both Parishes want to merge before going to the public for opinion. Discussion of costs within East Lavington</p> | <p style="color: red;">Clerk to put this on the Agenda in future</p> |

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| <p>Parish Council budget. Vote on consulting the parish will take place following a formal approach from Graffham.</p> <p>3. Grants for Graffham Recreation Ground (Clerk) CDC said that ELPC would be unable to apply for Graffham, they would need to do that prior to starting work. The clerk is still investigating SDNP CIL funding.</p> <p>4. Duncton Quarry (Cllr Britton) Extraction is running on beyond the end of the licence, 9 months into illegal working. There needs to be further meetings with the SDNP.</p> <p>5. Sewage Overflow problem (Cllr Gosden) Cllr Gosden sent the survey and reported the issue.</p> <p>6. All other actions carried out. Cllr Limpus reported that salt bins have been notified to WSCC and hopefully will be topped up.</p> | |
| <p><u>61/24</u></p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 5: VISITORS' QUESTIONS</p> <p>Ian Forrest described his issues with obtaining planning permission to demolish and rebuild a house at Tangletrees. SDNP suggested that due to impact on landscape the building should be rotated and therefore have less impact. This would require moving domestic curtilage.</p> <p>Concerns raised from the public: The impact on neighbouring properties would be considerable. Also, the curtilage swap is not strictly as they would expect. Concerns about going below the water level also raised as it would be unwise, there is a lot of water. There would be lots of heavy vehicles on a track that would become damaged considerably.</p> <p>At 50% increase in size it would be over the recommended 30%, to be hidden it was felt it needs to be smaller.</p> <p>Currently the property faces the recreation ground, as do the surrounding buildings, turning it sideways would look out of place.</p> <p>The Haha with rubbish buried in the field seems wrong.</p> | |
| <p><u>62/24</u></p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 6: COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Mr Tom Richardson, County Councillor)</p> <p>Apologies sent, no report.</p> | |
| <p><u>63/24</u></p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 7: DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Mr John Cross, District Councillor)</p> <p>CDC Matters</p> <p>October</p> <p>In this month's issue I want to concentrate on the Stopham mount.</p> | |

In 2022 a rare Anglo-Saxon gold and garnet pyramidal mount was found by a metal detectorist near Stopham, in the Fittleworth Ward. The piece dates to AD 600-700 and is only the second of its kind found in West Sussex.

The Novia Museum in Chichester is hoping to raise the funds required to purchase this local treasure, keeping it within the Chichester District and ensuring its accessibility for the wider community to appreciate for generations to come.

If they cannot raise the required funding to acquire the Stopham mount the purchase will be offered to the British Museum. If they decline, there is a real possibility this important find could be sold privately, which would be a tragic loss for our local heritage. This scenario would mean the Stopham mount would not be publicly accessible, or possibly even remain in the local area.



The mount, which measures 16.14 mm in height, was likely attached to a strap which helped secure a sword to the scabbard. The mount has a square base with rounded corners, and four main triangular faces forming a flat top. Each side is decorated with an almost identical intricate design of gold cells set with plate and bar garnets mounted over waffle stamped gold foils.

Only one other incomplete example of this type of mount has previously been found in West Sussex. Other pyramidal mounts have been found nationally, notably the Sutton Hoo and Staffordshire Hoard assemblages, however this example is complex due to the animal heads represented on the sides of the piece.

The Stopham mount carries huge potential for further research, which will allow discussions to continue regarding the purpose of these objects and the symbolism with which they are often adorned. If successful in raising the funds to purchase this piece, the Stopham mount will be accessible for researchers.



It's important to keep this rare find within Chichester District and accessible to local residents, visitors and researchers.

Thanks to a V&A Purchase Grant and kind donation from the landowner, we're just one step away from acquiring this unique piece of local history for the museum's collection. The Museum is asking for help to raise the remaining funds. If successful in our crowdfunding, this wonderful piece of local treasure will be displayed in first-floor gallery of the museum. The gallery is free of charge to visit, meaning the piece will be accessible to all.

Even the smallest donation will help to secure this magnificent piece for our local museum, it's our local history and I hope this wards resident can secure this acquisition, click below to donate.

Many thanks

John Cross, CDC Councillor Fittleworth Ward :

www.thenovium.org/stophamtreaure

AGENDA ITEM 8: PLANNING - Applications & Decisions,

1. SDNP/24/03091/FUL Tangletrees The Street Graffham West Sussex GU28 0QA Replacement dwelling, ancillary building and associated landscaping including ha-ha and pond. **Comments required by Thursday 26th September.**

This full application follows other applications including Pre App. Landswap usually used when two people want to change boundaries. This is very different as it is within the same property. John Saunders met with the owners and architect. The width and mass of the proposed building was discussed to reduce the impact. Proximity of the building to the northern boundary was 'Too close to the area of land not designated as domestic curtilage'. It was suggested to rotate the building so that the side faces the Recreation Ground. This involves creating new curtilage to the north. Land to the east swapped with land to the north. The previous application was given the option to withdraw but not taken so refused. The applicant explored the land swap. Communications were read to the Council regarding the suggestion to move curtilage to fit the planned building into the curtilage. Two lawful development applications were submitted second was refused. The council recommended refusal of the previous application. SDNP policy SD30 applies to replacement buildings in the rural area only. New dwellings cannot be 30% greater than existing and must respect the landscape and local area. Technical advice notes are used to guide the decision-making process. Scale should be approximately 30%, in the proposed plan it is 54%. Height ridge level is 400m lower because the ground slopes away, effectively it is higher by 800mm. Massing: there have been significant changes, from recreation ground it is reduced but not significantly. It has moved north and now more exposed from other properties' perspectives. SD4, Landscape character impact: The new dwelling will change this but measuring the impact is difficult. Design & Appearance -Cllr Britton thought the new design was nothing like the surrounding buildings so doesn't really complement the surroundings, it is a modern contrast. Cllr Britton would not support this. Cllr Longman saw the pre app advice and that is pertinent. SD30 the planners were clear that increase in GIA should not be greater than 30%. This doesn't appear to follow the pre app advice. Pre app advice supported the architectural approach. Discussion on the planning advice took place, the precedent for the land swap and area increases seemed contradictory. 35% GIA increase is permissible if everything else is in order. Moving the curtilage is a legal issue not a planning issue. Ian Forest discussed SD30 and the residential planning unit size and ensuring that it was no larger by moving it. He said it was in fact smaller in the new application. He then discussed creating a wildlife corridor, improving biodiversity.

Public comments: Incompatible to swap tree area for agricultural area

Concern about the bridleway, the access to the property and the damage that will be done. It does also flood due to a blocked drain. Ian Forest suggested whilst building he could sort the drain out to prevent flooding.

On the basis of SD30 ELPC RESOLVED to recommend refusal.

2. SDNP/21/04334/FUL Seaford College The Drive East Lavington GU28 0NB. Proposed zip wire and low & high ropes. ELPC submitted a no objection response in

Cllr Britton to draft a response for submission after circulation with councillors

2021. HCC Landscape Advisor did not support due to impact on protected woodland. **In Progress**

3. **SDNP/22/02855/HOUS** Eastwood Farm Graffham Road East Lavington West Sussex GU28 0QF. Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new building comprising of pool, gym and garden store. ELPC raised no objection. **Approved**

4. **SDNP/22/04467/FUL** Seaford College The Drive East Lavington West Sussex GU28 0NB. 8 no. new tennis courts and replacement of existing tennis courts with all-weather hockey pitch together with creation of overflow car parking and associated works. ELPC raised no objection. **In Progress**

5. **SDNP/23/00909/FUL** Little Bury Norwood Lane East Lavington West Sussex GU28 0QG. Change of use of redundant agricultural building to holiday let. ELPC recommended refusal as this application is virtually identical to the previous one, which was refused by CDC Planning. **Refused**

6. **SDNP/24/00186/LIS** and **00185/HOUS** Barnetts Farm Fitzlea Wood Road East Lavington West Sussex GU28 0QN. Convert byre into pottery studio. ELPC raised no objection, and noted that the Conservation and Design team would be better placed to make an appropriate recommendation. **Approved**

7. **SDNP/23/03553/FUL** Retrospective application for siting of two storage containers at Parsons meadow Norwood Lane East Lavington. ELPC invited to comment. Application refused 22nd December 2023. **Appeal Dismissed**

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AGENDA ITEM 9: FINANCE

Documents circulated to Councillors by email.

1. Approval of Accounts to 16/09/24

Income & Expenditure

| EXPENDITURE | DETAIL | DATE (TO BE) PAID | AMOUNT |
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| Clerk's Salary | 27 hours@ £18.10 | 17/09/24 | £488.70 |
| Office Allowance | 2@£20 | 17/09/24 | £40.00 |
| Insurance Premium | Zurich Parish Council Insurance | 17/09/24 | £214 |
| Total expenditure | | | £742.70 |
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| INCOME RECEIVED FROM | DETAIL | DATE REC'D | AMOUNT |
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| CDC | Half Precept | 13/09/2024 | £1850.00 |
| Total income | | | |
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Clerk to make payments as described

| <p>The accounts up to 16/09/24 and the above payments were RESOLVED to be approved</p> <p>2. Other Financial Issues 2.1 Insurance renewal</p> <p>RESOLVED to be approved in 9.1</p> | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p><u>66/24</u></p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 10: CORRESPONDENCE & INVITATIONS RECEIVED 16 July to 15 September 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="71 465 1289 672"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="71 465 202 504">DATE</th> <th data-bbox="202 465 430 504">FROM</th> <th data-bbox="430 465 927 504">DETAIL</th> <th data-bbox="927 465 1289 504">AGREED ACTION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="71 504 202 672"></td> <td data-bbox="202 504 430 672"></td> <td data-bbox="430 504 927 672"></td> <td data-bbox="927 504 1289 672"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>None to discuss or report, all by email.</p> | DATE | FROM | DETAIL | AGREED ACTION | | | | | |
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| <p><u>67/24</u></p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORTS RE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, COURSES AND / OR SEMINARS</p> <p>10th Sept CDALC meeting was attended by Cllr Britton.</p> <p>WSALC Meeting 26th September Cllr Britton will attend.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p><u>68/24</u></p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 12: PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>1. MINERALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT Duncton Quarry discussed in Agenda item 4.2.4.</p> <p>2. RIGHTS OF WAY & HIGHWAYS Cllr Gosden asked if all the summer clearance had been completed. It was though it had not. The pothole on Norwood lane was reported and has been filled.</p> <p>2.1 White Lines through Graffham & East Lavington Appear very badly painted and look a mess. They have been stopped, some suggestions to burn them off but that would cost more. Some residents felt that having the lines at the sides increased the likelihood of speeding, however highways think the opposite and it should reduce speed. The general opinion is that they should not be on the rural roads in the parish. County Councillor Tom Richardson had been supportive in this</p> <p>2.2 Speed limits to 40mph proposal If all parishes are together in proposing the speed reduction then it is easier to put in place. If Tom is prepared to do this ELPC would be in favour. Discussion took place regarding speed limit signs being not desired. Cllr Limpus to contact Tom Richardson regarding this.</p> <p>3. WEBSITE RENEWAL Still planning on separating the parishes websites.</p> | <p>Cllr Limpus to contact Tom Richardson re speed limits</p> <p>Cllr Longman to create separate website for ELPC</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p><u>68/24</u></p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 13: Dates of Forthcoming Meetings</p> | | | | | | | | | |

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| Monday 18 th November 2024 | |
| Monday 20 th January 2025 | |
| Monday 17 th March 2025 | |
| Monday 19 th May 2025 | |
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Meeting closed 2017 approximately