

with the shops in the village to remain up to date with alternative parking availability.

Graeme Barrett (CDC) highlighted that he has raised the issue of signage to Marine Drive at the CDC parking forum.

The Chairman advised Mr. Churchill that a review of the experimental TRO should take place in at the WSCC Chichester South County Local Committee (CLC) meeting on 5th November. The Parish Council will make a representation outlining this issue and advised Mr. Churchill to also attend to make a representation.

Action: EWBPC to make a representation at the South Chichester CLC on 5th November regarding the issues caused by the experimental TRO.

19.110 To Consider Road Safety and Speeding in the Parish

Mrs. Rebecca Pearce gave a statement at the meeting (copy appended to minutes) regarding the recent fatal accident on Bracklesham Lane. Various other members of the public also added their concerns that the road was dangerous and safety and speeding concerns needed to be addressed.

The Chair acknowledged the concerns and expressed the view that speeding was a parish-wide issue affecting several roads, e.g. Farm Road, Stocks Lane, Church Road, Clappers Lane and Piggery Hall Road.

Sgt. Danny West from Sussex Police explained the process for setting up a community Speedwatch group, which could quite rapidly begin to have an impact on reducing vehicle speed. A group of volunteers are required to run the group and will receive training from the local PCSO on how to use equipment which can be borrowed from Sussex Police. There is the option to purchase the equipment, which allows groups to be more active. Vehicles caught speeding receive a visit from the local police force, and similar groups have proven very effective in other areas in reducing speeding.

Residents' concerns about abuse or intimidation of Speedwatch volunteers were allayed by Sgt. West who explained that in their experience this does not happen.

The Chair advised that the Parish Council would be able to facilitate the establishment of a Speedwatch Group and could help with administration and the provision of equipment. Residents present at meeting who would like to join were asked to email the Clerk with their details.

The Clerk was directed to contact West Wittering and Earnley to see if there is interest in their parishes in joining the group.

Cllr Parker asked if there were penalties for vehicles exceeding to 20mph school zone signs when flashing – the Sgt. West confirmed that this is the case.

Action: Clerk to contact West Wittering & Earnley Parish Councils to ascertain interest in joining a community Speedwatch group.

19.111 To Receive Reports from District Councillors:

Susan Taylor (CDC) -

The report on the Local Plan review responses is now scheduled to go CDC council in November 2019 when the documents will be published and made publicly available. The

updated version of the revised plan is not now expected to go to CDC council until March 2020, with an aim to submit it in June 2020.

Slippage has been caused by a number of factors including changes in Council following the local elections in May. There has also been the need to commission additional studies and reports due to the responses received to the consultation – e.g. extra traffic studies have been required. Natural England have also requested additional work as they have asked local authorities to put a moratorium on all developments around the Solent until further investigations have been conducted in to how to mitigate nitrate discharges into the waters. Further evidence is needed to show that the plan can achieve neutral nitrate discharges in to Chichester Harbour and a policy needs to be developed to demonstrate this. A letter has been written to the MP asking for a meeting with the Housing Minister to outline the work that is being done but to express the considerable challenges that the area faces in meeting the current housing allocations.

Graeme Barrett (CDC)

A copy of the members bulletin has been circulated to the Parish Council.

The Post Office has reopened in Bracklesham in Central Stores.

Cllr Barrett thanked the Chair for joining the Witterings Surgery patient participation group.

Cllr Barrett requested that the Parish Council update the planning department with any open enforcement notices that can now be closed.

Visit Chichester update – Cllr Barrett is concerned that the contacts the Parish Council provided to the board for local representation have not been pursued.

Peninsula Forum – Cllr Barrett is happy to coordinate the forum to take the pressure off CDC officers if the Parish Clerks are happy to provide support with booking venues, taking minutes, etc.

19.112 Reports from Parish Councillors on Meetings Attended Since 13/06/19

Vision

WSSC sent a communities representative to the last meeting so that they could comment on proposals to make changes to the high street and public realm.

The questionnaire has been drafted and needs to be tested and agreed. We are also planning to meet with representatives from the Midhurst Vision who have already been through the process in order to share their learning and knowledge.

MPP

Minutes circulated.

Planning

Minutes circulated, the Parish Council had objected to the proposals for the Royal Oak.

Assets & Open Spaces

Minutes circulated of the meeting on 27/6/19. Looked at S106 improvements for the Barn, including flexible staging, LED lights, etc. Improved sound system, WIFI coverage over the field. We have worked with the football club and pavilion has been redecorated, and an equipment list has been provided. The skatepark was discussed with a view to considering how it can be improved. Quotations are being sought to replacing the fencing and surfacing at Downview Playpark and provide improved signage for all of the open spaces.

Local Business Alliance

De-brief on the family fun day – feedback was positive and the day went very well. Plan is to build on the success of the events this year, currently working on the light switch on event on 23rd November. James is currently visiting all of the local businesses to try and get them more involved. Car parking needs to be better planned for next year – open up the field and designate a larger parking area.

All Parishes Meeting

Covered Visions & High Street action groups and how to support local businesses and

encourage High Street vitality. Climate Change and Environmental and single use plastics initiatives were also discussed. CDC are hoping to receive a government grant for Electric Vehicle charging points and are producing an air pollution action plan. They are also targeting waste reduction and increasing recycling rates. CDC will be launching some campaigns to promote this. CDC highlighted an app called re-fill that shows users where water bottles can be refilled. CDC are also looking at replacing public bins with recycling bins and considering introducing a reusable coffee cup scheme.

19.113 Finance

19.113.1 The chair had previously agreed and signed the bank reconciliation.

19.113.2 The council received a statement of the current financial position and budget monitor.

19.113.3 The council received the list of payments made between 01/07/19 and 31/08/19 totalling £35,130.39

*Proposed by Cllr O’Sullivan, Seconded by Cllr Parker, council **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule.*

19.114 To Consider Whether the Council Should Declare a Climate Emergency.

Cllr O’Sullivan had requested that the council consider whether it was necessary to declare a climate emergency and to review the actions that the council could take in order to respond to the threat of climate change. A report had been circulated recommending three resolutions for the council to consider adopting:

- I. Aim to become a carbon-neutral organisation by 2030, to include scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions. Create a carbon audit and roadmap for achieving this aim by the end of 2020.
- II. Include the environmental implications of all recommendations in council reports alongside legal, financial and equality implications. These will include the impact of recommendations on CO2 emissions as well as any other relevant environmental factors.
- III. Seek ways to facilitate and encourage our community in reducing direct and indirect CO2 emissions and to become resilient to changes caused by the changing climate. We will take active steps where possible to encourage:
 - a) More sustainable transport
 - b) Reductions in energy use in homes, businesses and elsewhere
 - c) Use and development of renewable energy sources
 - d) Production, sale and consumption of locally sourced food
 - e) Reduction in consumption of animal products
 - f) Any other methods of achieving the aims above

The Chairman requested that an additional resolution be made that the Parish Council would:

- I. Include an informative on all planning applications for new developments that new buildings must incorporate grey water harvesting systems, permeable driveways, solar panels and fast fibre connections to encourage home-working.

*Proposed by Cllr O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr B. Salamon Council **RESOLVED** to adopt all of the proposed resolutions with the addition of the resolution to “Include an informative on all planning applications for new developments that new buildings must incorporate grey water harvesting systems, permeable driveways, solar panels and fast-fibre connections to encourage home-working.”*

19.115 To Consider a Proposal from WSCC for the Parish Council to Take on Funding of the Mobile

Household Waste Recycling Service

WSCC had written to the Parish Council advising that the mobile household waste recycling service was under threat due to cost pressures. The cost of running the service across the manhood was £54,000 a year, split equally between the service in Selsey and the service in Wittering. In order for the service to continue, WSCC were requesting that the Parishes on the Manhood fund the service via an increase in the precept. Initial calculations suggest that the contribution required from EWBPC will be in the region of £13,000 per year, which would require a precept increase of 9%, or £5.75 per band D property. WSCC will only proceed with this offer if all of the parishes on the Manhood agree to fund both services and had originally requested a response by 30th September 2019.

A meeting of the relevant parishes with officers from CDC was held on 10th September 2019, at which it was agreed that the timescale offered by WSCC was unreasonable, as the Parishes needed time to consult properly with residents if they would be willing to see such a large increase in their precept in order to maintain the service. The parishes also made strong representations about the environmental and sustainability impacts of the decision to withdraw the service, particularly in light of WSCC pledging on 5th April 2019 to aim to become carbon neutral.

Officers from WSCC agreed to put forward the Parishes requests for additional time to consult with residents about the acceptability of the proposal and recognised that the Parishes would not be able to raise the precepts to cover the extra costs until April 2021 at the earliest.

Clr Parker queried if it could be open for less time, or if it could go to monthly only in order to reduce the costs. The Chair confirmed that range of options were being explored, including reducing or amending opening times and frequency.

*Proposed from the Chair, council **RESOLVED** to undertake community consultation with residents to test attitudes to funding the Mobile Waste Service via a rise in the precept.*

19.116 To Consider the Proposed Terms of Reference of The Manhood Parishes Action Group (MPAG) and Make a Resolution on Whether to Join the Group.

The Clerk had prepared a report on the proposed terms of reference, taking in to account legal and procedural advice from SSALC (Surrey & Sussex Association of Local Councils). The recommendation was that at this time it would not be advisable to join.

There were a number of basic concerns about how the group was constituted and ambiguities in how business would be conducted, decisions would be made, or monies held and spent. Additionally, the advice from SSALC was that by joining the group the council risked fettering its discretion on all matters related to the local plan and major development as it could not demonstrate that it was acting without bias when considering a future application.

This could have unintended consequences and leave council planning decisions and policies open to challenge by developers in the future.

The Clerk recommended that the council decline to join the group but request that minutes of the meetings be sent to the Parish Council so that on a case by case basis, Council could decide whether to support particular campaigns or to coordinate letter writing efforts.

A member of the public asked what the council were doing to campaign against the neighbourhood plan and the Chairman gave a brief overview of the letters that had been sent so far and the representations that were made during the Local Plan review.

*Proposed by Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Kensington Council **RESOLVED** not to join the MPAG group, but to continue to monitor their work and to consider coordinating actions on a case by case basis.*

Action: Clerk to advise MPAG of the Council's decision

19.117 To Consider the Use of CIL Funding to Support the Provision of a School Library at East Wittering Primary School

The Clerk had sought advice from CDC as to whether this would be a suitable project for CIL funding and had received the response that it would be appropriate as long as it could be shown that it assisted growth in the area.

The school required £20,000 to install a dedicated modular building that could be used as a library – the library currently doubles up as the staff room, so it is difficult for children to access at many times during the day.

Councillors agreed that this would be an appropriate use of CIL funds and that in principle the Council should support the project.

*Proposed by Cllr. J. Salamon, seconded by Cllr. D. Banks, Council **RESOLVED** to allocate up to £20,000 of CIL money to support the provision of a library at East Wittering Primary School, subject to detailed proposals and itemized costings for the project being submitted by the School in line with Parish Council Financial Regulations.*

Action: Clerk to contact the school and request detailed proposals and itemized costings for the project.

19.118 To Agree a Response to the WSCC South Chichester CLC Consultation

WSCC were consulting parishes on the ongoing usefulness and format of the County Local Committee meetings (CLC's). A copy of the consultation questionnaire had been circulated to councillors for their consideration.

The council agreed that the system works very well as it is and should remain as currently, they were not sure that it could be as effective if the meetings covered a larger area

Action: Clerk to submit the response as agreed.

19.119 To Consider Issues Regarding Public Safety and Horses on the Beach

The Chairman wished to raise the issue of dangerous horses and riders on the beach. There are often large groups of 7-8 horses at a time using the beach at Bracklesham. This causes issues for families using the beach, leaves large amounts of manure and fills up the car park with horse boxes.

Council asked that a letter be sent to CDC requesting that they look at zoning specific areas of the beach for horses and developing policies to ensure that riders adhere to the code of conduct.

Action: Clerk to write to CDC requesting that the safety issues of allowing horses on the beach are looked at. To explore with CDC if something can be done to zone areas of the beach to make it safer for both riders and other users.

19.120 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The working group were due to meet on Monday 16th September to review the amended documentation and plan next steps.

The Local Plan delay will give the Parish Council more time to work on it.

19.121 To Consider A Request from Witterings Fitness to Send a Representative to Speak on Their Behalf at the October CDC Planning Committee Meeting

Cllr Kott introduced the item, stating that provision of a gym would be a great facility for the village and should be encouraged and supported.

*Proposed from the Chair – Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Kott attend the Planning Committee meeting and make a representation on behalf of the Parish Council.*

Action: Cllr Kott to attend CDC planning committee to make representation on behalf of Witterings Fitness.

19.122 Any Urgent Matters the Chairman Wishes to Bring to the Attention of the Council.

Business plan update will be on the next Parish Council meeting agenda

Ditch habitat creation scheme working party is on 15/16/17 October, please advise the Clerk if you can volunteer.

The 'Your Good Morning Call' service launches on the 1st October.

Summer holiday club had 230 children attend over the 9 sessions at a cost of just under £500 to the Parish Council, which was a great outcome.

A local resident asked if local farmers could be encouraged to open up additional fields in the summer months to alleviate issues regarding vehicles getting in to West Wittering Estate.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2019 AT BRACKLESHAM BARN, BEECH AVENUE, BRACKLESHAM BAY, CHICHESTER, PO20 8HU

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Signed _____ Chair

Date _____

Summary of Actions

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19.116	Action: Clerk to advise MPAG of the Council's decision not to join the group and to request that copies of minutes of meetings be sent to EWBPC for information.	Clerk
19.117	Action: Clerk to contact the school and request detailed proposals and itemized costings for the library project.	Clerk
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Statement of Mrs Rebecca Pearce, presented at the meeting

Since 2016 We have been increasingly concerned about the speed of traffic along Bracklesham Lane along with the complete disregard for the safety of people both living and visiting our much loved community. This is place that we are all luckily enough to call home.

There have been so many accidents along this road since we have been living here that we decided to start registering these on our Facebook page in 2019. Below is a list of the ones that we have seen.

The accidents registered are:

- 11th February 2019 at 7.37pm
- 1st March 2019 at 5.03pm
- 31st July 2019 at 8.42pm
- August 27th at 7.06pm

We started communication with West Sussex County Council and Highways in October 2016. At the time the vegetation was cut back and some of the old signs replaced but since then the vegetation has grown back over the signs and the road isn't being maintained – in our opinion it was a complete discard to the severity of the issue in question.

Early in 2017 a loop test was carried out by Highways but although this showed an average of just over 40mph many cars were still doing over 55pmh. We agree it isn't the majority of road users but the cars and particularly motorbikes that do speed, do so excessively, some at more than twice the speed limit – this is a road that is used by cyclists, pedestrians, horses and cars and is the hub into our community and it's a proven that speed can kill and cause devastating effects.

In October 2016 we were in the Chichester Observer with an article published 'Someone's going to die' residents speak out over speeding concerns – our concerns were not listened too again, and in fact in our opinion unfairly disregarded, and unfortunately our worst fears have now been realised.

On the night of 31st July 2019 at 8.42pm the tragic accident happened on Bracklesham Lane and which in turn ended up in our front garden of our family home.

Frist and foremost I would like to thank the emergency services – especially the local fire brigade who were first on seen and who experienced the horror of this incident unfold. They were fearless in their efforts to save the lives of the individuals involved and have since reached out to everyone involved to offer support on the event that happened here on the 13th August.

The locally community and witnesses who have again acted in a fearless manner to save the lives of individually involved true acts of selflessness. They have since offered support to each other and us a family and now have a stronger desire to protecting our village from ever having to experience this sort to horror again.

I would also like to personally thank our friends and family who both on the night and afterwards have offered us support and continue to do so, for which we are extremally grateful.

This accident has had a major effect on everyone involved and, on our community, many of which are still trying to deal with happened both mentally and with the damage that was caused.

This accident was nothing like any other the Chichester district has experienced for several years, so much so that St Richards Hospital were put on high alert to deal with the level of casualties.

Due to the public interest, the tragedy of the accident and our already expressed concerned over the road which were made on a number of occasions there was a huge press interest in this accident, and it was featured in:

- Daily Mail Online
- Sun newspapers Online
- Daily Mirror Online

- Chichester Observer
- Spirit FM
- The Argus

The following day the accident was also featured on lunchtime BBC South news and the ITV Meridian news in both the afternoon and evening.

On the evening of the accident we knew that something must be done about the road as our worst fears has been realised and someone had been killed and others seriously injured – this was a lifechanging event for everyone involved and this is a tragic event that could have so easily been prevented.

We decided that we needed to do something to ensure that no one ever had to experience this sort of event again.

We set up both online and paper petitions and numbers continue to rise –

The Current Number is 1913 or which WSCC have validated 1084.

For clarification, West Sussex County Council accepts signatures from anyone who lives, works or studies in West Sussex, as outlined in our [petitions scheme](#). This includes a range of post-code areas and so is not limited to just PO20. Where a person provides a postcode or address that is outside West Sussex but clarifies in their comments that they have the relevant connection to the county (which, for example, would include anyone with a second home in West Sussex) then their signature will be counted; unfortunately, if clarification is not provided then the signature cannot be included.

We would disagree with this as many people who don't live or work permanently in the area are still affected by the road when travelling here for holidays or staying in their long term holiday homes.

We are highlighting this to you this evening to gain support from the Local Parish Council and we are keen to ask one of the councillors to work with us and join our action group which has been set up since the accident.

We are looking for you to support our campaign which is to get speed calming measures on Bracklesham Lane in both directions (whilst not affecting the Emergency services), to protect our community and our visits to ensure that this type of tragedy never happens again in our much loved community.