

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 29th NOVEMBER 2022 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. T Lewin (Chairman), Davies, Hopkins, Josephson, R Lewin, Moore and Waters

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Pritchitt

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst Clerk. Cllr. Eichner currently as a co-opted member

212/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

213/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Pritchitt due to isolation

214/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

215/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th October 2022 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Moore seconded by Cllr T Lewin

AGREED

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of that meeting.

216/22 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Cllr. Josephson reported on the warm spaces scheme:

- Holy Trinity open every day 10-4 in Church Hall
- Baptist Church Monday & Wednesday for 1-2 hours
- Java & Jazz has a homework room in their upstairs room
- Community Centre Spring Room open while Centre open for working (has wi-fi)
- St Dunstons Ashurst Wood open every day 10-4
- Both church halls will provide hot drinks
- Andrew Clark from the Baptist Church (Member of Christians against Poverty) was available to help people apply for grants and debt management.

Cllr. Davies asked for a list of the Warm Spaces to be advertised more widely.

Cllr. T Lewin advised that there had been an SLR (Strengthening Local Relationships) meeting with East Sussex County Council on 28th November. He also invited everyone to join the Community Speedwatch team.

217/22 COMMITTEE CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

- All major decisions were on hold until after the elections in May 2023
- Late Night Shopping was being held on Thursday 1st December until 8pm. Cllr. Josephson advised that if over £10 was spent and a receipt produced from any of the shops, the eateries in the village were giving 10% off discount for 3 days after the event.
- The Christmas Market & Trail were being held on Saturday 3rd December

218/22 FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

219/22 FOREST ROW MARKET

The November market had been successful despite the terrible weather. The business model going forward was still not finalised.

220/22 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES / THURSDAY CLUB

A report from Sandra Ayles covering these areas had been previously circulated and was NOTED. It was felt that there should be a wider review of Gages at the next meeting. Cllr. R Lewin offered to talk to Ashdown Health Centre to make the service more widely known.

221/22 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been received from Mel Mesher and was circulated. It was asked that numbers of attendees be supplied in future reports. NOTED

222/22 REPORT ON 'SHED' PROJECT

A meeting had been held last week of Cllr. Waters, Hopkins, T Lewin and 2 architects. Mid-Sussex Timber had offered a portacabin to get started – planning permission would have to be sought. This would be on a platform as it would be in a flood risk area. Cllr. Waters advised that he was not sure when it would be available as it depended on building work timings at their yard. Cllr. R Lewin proposed that a Working Group be formed of Cllrs. Hopkins, T Lewin & Waters with the architects. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED

Cllr. Josephson proposed that outline planning permission be applied for with pre app advice if/as appropriate. This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED

223/22 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

This was discussed and Cllr. T Lewin proposed that a working group be formed to proceed with this, consisting of Cllrs. Davies, Eichner, T Lewin and Wogan together with Sandra Ayles. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED

224/22 LIBRARY OF 'THINGS'

After discussion, Cllr. T Lewin proposed that this matter be considered at a later date but probably not as a Parish Council initiative. This was seconded by Cllr. Hopkins and AGREED

225/22 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET FOR 2023-24

This was discussed. Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the draft budget be adopted subject to cost code 2700 being particularised further. This was seconded by Cllr. Hopkins and AGREED with 1 against.

226/22 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

227/22 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Josephson asked that Warm Spaces and Business Group be put on the next agenda for reports. Cllr. Eichner asked that the issues of 'IT For You' and 'IT At Home' schemes be moved forward.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman