



- all decisions about the wood will balance the needs of the woodland, its wild inhabitants and the human custodians.
- they aim to gradually restore the wood to ancient semi-natural woodland to support biodiversity, increase woodland resilience, maintain ecosystem services and mitigate against climate change;
- they will open the rides and glades to provide a greater range of wildlife habitat and the potential for species to re-colonise the wood;
- they are legally expected to maintain the habitat of protected species such as dormouse and great-crested newt;
- they will minimise the impact of human use that does not directly support the management of the woods (car parks).

In answer to Councillors questions they;

- said they appreciate there will be a need for car parking places but they hope to use the hardstanding already there.
- confirmed they are holding events. The next one is the Bluebell Walk and Family Picnic on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The Parish Council offered to advertise all future events on its website.
- confirmed they will not change or damage the lane.

Mrs Redshaw and Mr Boyle thanked the Parish Council for inviting them and then left the meeting.

The meeting then opened.

133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – District Councillor P Ede sent his apologies for absence.

134. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS –

Under minutes 120 Councillor White noted he paraphrased the notes from Councillor English and did not read them out.

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th March 2016 were then approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

135. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING – The Clerk had two suggestions for speakers at the Annual Meeting, one being the First Responders and the other the Chairman of Healthwatch. Councillors asked the Clerk to invite the Community First Responders.

136. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interest nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

137. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Councillor White attended the Wealden Parish Planning Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. He said;

- it was a good meeting but felt that some of the information was disappointing and confusing.
- barn conversions are not part of the allocation in the Local Development Plan but could be included in the overall figure of 20,000. Councillors will ask District Councillor Ede for clarification at the next meeting.
- the Parish could receive more than its allocation of ten houses.

- Wealden will grab any additional sites which are put forward towards its five year supply. Councillors expressed concern that Wealden are pushing for more development and this sometimes goes against the wishes of the landowner. Councillor White said that we as a Parish had responded positively to being allocated ten homes but that we did want an input as to the style and location of the houses. With Wealden's rejection of our views concerning the Old Coach House land we now feel that our views are being ignored. I suggested that we should discuss with Philip Ede and make an issue of this with Wealden. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey pointed out that the housing numbers in the Plan include Eastbourne's allocation.

138. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Councillor asked what the Parish Council can learn from the District Council's decision to approve application WD2016/0076F which they rejected. Councillors agreed in future to ask that Planning Applications they reject are referred to the Planning Committee for a final decision.

139. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICTS; DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS – Councillors considered the Boundary Change proposals in which they will form a ward with Alfriston, Alciston, Selmeston and Berwick and **resolved** that they have no objections.

140. CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT – The following cheques were approved for payment;

Mass Media – Website - £420.00	Cheque number 100926
HMRC Inland Revenue	Cheque number 100927
A Stevens – March Salary	Cheque number 100928
ESALC – Subscription - £328.12	Cheque number 100929

141. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Councillor White asked how everyone felt about black bins being left out in the Parish all week. Councillors agreed to put a polite notice in the village magazine.

There being no further questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.