

## **LYMINSTER & CROSSBUSH PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held at The Barn, The Six Bells, 168 Lyminster Road, Wick, BN17 7PS on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Members Present: Paul Burzio, Grant Roberts, Clive Wickes, Roger Davies, Tracey Frampton, Penny Bernard, Jenny Le Page and Caroline Harriott.**

**Additional Observers and Speakers: Rowena Tyler (Sussex Community Rail Partnership), Sara McKnight (Project Manager - Major Projects, WSCC) and Various Parishioners.**

**1. Welcome; Apologies:** Paul welcomed the guest speakers and confirmed that he had received two apologies for absence: Robert Wheal and Denise McRae-Adams.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Grant declared that he had a personal interest in not wanting a bar near his family home at Crossbush.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the last two meetings, both the extraordinary on 10th October 2017 and ordinary on 26th September 2017 were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Paul Burzio signed the 10th October minutes and Grant Roberts signed the 26th September ones (as he had chaired that meeting).

**4. Points Arising:** it was agreed to cover these points in other agenda points following the reports given by the two guest speakers, who needed to get away after their presentations.

**5. Arundel Station Partnership (Rowena Tyler):** Rowena explained her role as the Line Officer for the Arun Valley Line and outlined the purpose of “adopting” a station: to enhance provision, enhance environment or increase usage. Priorities for Arundel Station are increasing usage of the foot tunnel under the road, enhancing the tunnel’s appearance and safety and enhancing the area around the taxi office. Work is underway with the Aldingbourne Trust to carry out new planting but Councillors were keen to point out the lack of adequate lighting, litter and dog fouling issues, as well as lack of signage (a suggestion of ground markers was made as a potential solution). Rowena promised to raise the need for improved lighting and tidying up the pavement with Bob Landser at the District Council and Steve Sew, the new Station Manager, at the next Line Group meeting (5th February at the Arundel Museum, 10.30-12.30). £500 is available via Kickstart Funding for enhancements to the station. The Parish Council has approved £50 to come from its budget to buy some compost and matting for planting some new “red robin” trees, donated by the Aldingbourne Trust. Rowena emphasised that the Parish Council could do as much or as little as it wants to in terms of partnering with the station.

**8. Lyminster Bypass Update (Sara McKnight):** Sara gave a quick update on the status of the Planning Application for the Lyminster Bypass. The detailed Planning Application, due to be submitted October 2017, has been delayed by the Environment Agency’s concerns about flooding downstream from Black Ditch. Further work is being undertaken by a consultant to gather data and re-model the proposed 30m bridge design. The alignment of the proposed road route remains the same. WSCC hopes to have the detailed planning application in by May or June 2018. Questions

were then asked from parishioners and Councillors about the results of the noise/vibration data and air pollution data gathered last year. Sara confirmed that the data showed both readings to be “just below” critical levels. However, new tests will have to be done as some data was missing, and the data was gathered at a time when there was less than the usual volume of traffic on the road (due to the fallen tree necessitating temporary traffic lights for several weeks last year). Sara confirmed, after a question, that the entry/exit points for the proposed Bypass remained the same as they were when the route was planned in the early 1990s. There was feeling amongst some Councillors and parishioners that the bypass route may not be an appropriate solution for 2020 and a suggestion was made to write a letter to WSCC/Highways Agency asking whether the planned route was still the best option for the village and highlighting a number of concerns about the road and route. Grant volunteered to draft a letter and send around for approval and this was agreed unanimously. Another question was raised by a parishioner about applying for funding (Community Levy Charge) for speed calming measures. Paul mentioned that the Parish Council had asked these questions before but have repeatedly been instructed to wait until the planning is done before applying. Grant offered to chase up Gary Markwell on this point, as well as reiterating the need for resurfacing (now long overdue) on the Church Lane bend on the Lyminster Road.

**6. Financial and Accounts Status Update:** Grant reported that there is £1,613.73 in the main account and £332.39 in the savings account. Nothing further significant to report.

**7. JDAC Report:** Tracey reported that there hasn't been a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting so she had nothing to feed back. The next meeting is on the 6th March 2018.

**9. Royal British Legion's "Silent Soldier" Scheme:** Paul gave a quick background of the proposed statues which are going to be put up around the country commemorating the Centenary of the end of WW2 in 2018. He said that Vanessa Baron is keen to lead on this with the Parish Council. A working group of Roger, Denise and Paul will discuss further with Vanessa.

**10. Communications:** Jenny reported that the website hosting company would require a further fee of £40 to provide data about website analytics - usage, hits etc. It was agreed that this would be a useful investment as well as possibly getting some postcards printed with details of the website to post through doors in the village, to raise awareness about the website.

**11. PQT:** 1. Dan Montagnani, an Environmental Consultant and Trustee of the National Parks asked whether Lyminster and Crossbush Parish Council would be interested in becoming part of the National Park. Paul commented that Crossbush was already in the National Park and believed that parishioners should be consulted before committing to anything but was open to an initial conversation.

**12. AOB - Crossbush Farm Shop Change of Use:** A discussion was held about the application for a change of use of Crossbush Farm Shop (to a coffee shop, bar and events space and brew house). Opinion was divided amongst the Parish Councillors about whether to support or object to the application. After discussion a vote was taken which showed that a majority wished to support the application but with some comments and caveats. Paul offered to draft a letter to send round for approval to this effect.

**13. Next Meeting Date:** 27th March, at the Six Bells Public House, at 7.30pm.