

WOOLBEDING WITH REDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 25th September, 2024

In Redford village hall at 7p.m.

Present: Cllr A. Hearle (Chairman)

Cllr P. Hansford

Cllr H. Talbot-Baker

Cllr S. Floyd

Elizabeth Robinson(Clerk)

David Elliott (NT)

There were 4 members of the public attending

1. Welcome and Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr Kate O'Kelly (WSCC)

3. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Hearle declared an interest in item 8.

5. Local Reports

5.1 Cllr. Kate O'Kelly (WSCC)

Her report is below:

County Report for Woolbeding Parish Council 25th Sept 2024

Health

At the Health and Adult Social Care meeting last week we discussed access to continuous monitoring of blood glucose for Type 2 Diabetes patients. Over 50k people in West Sussex have this condition, there is good evidence that this method of monitoring improves quality of life with better outcomes. NICE guidelines indicate that more people should be offered this treatment in West Sussex, we are not currently adhering to the best practice guidance. We urged the NHS leaders to make this a priority and we asked for a timeline for this being offered to more Type 2 DM patients. This investment now would save money down the line.

Free weight management app for West Sussex residents A free weight management app called Gro Health. It is free for 12 months to anyone over 18, with a BMI of 25 or over, who lives or works in West Sussex or is registered with a GP in the county. People will be given

help to sustain healthy habits and achieve self-selected goals through access to education, recipes, on-demand exercise classes, group and one-to-one coaching. The Council's Public Health department funds the Gro Health programme in response to growing numbers of people who are overweight or obese. It is part of a range of existing funded weight management services available via Healthy eating > Weight management services in West Sussex / West Sussex Wellbeing / Provided by West Sussex County Council and the NHS. It is the first time that people in West Sussex have been offered free access to such an innovative digital service for weight management without a GP referral which can be accessed online using a phone, tablet or computer, without the need to download any special software. The service can also be accessed via free apps available for both iPhone and Android for those who wish to download them.

West Sussex Libraries and Public Health Host Free Events to Support Positive Ageing

This October, selected libraries across West Sussex will run a series of free events as part of the county's first Positive Ageing Month. These events are designed to promote healthy ageing, featuring health and wellbeing checks, hearing tests, physical movement assessments, and expert talks on maintaining wellbeing as we grow older.

In addition, there will be drop-in sessions, stands from local organisations, and curated displays of books on positive ageing. West Sussex Wellbeing advisors will also be present in some libraries, offering advice on diet and lifestyle along with the Prevention Assessment Team who can offer advice on staying independent.

A 'Slipper Swap' initiative will take place at certain libraries, where residents can pick up a free pair of non-slip slippers designed to help prevent falls. Participants can recycle their old slippers at their local textile bank. Positive Ageing Month - West Sussex County Council

Young people

It is a great concern many more young people have been suffering from mental health issues, the Director of Public Health at WSCC has recently published a retrospective report which is a snapshot but shows the extent of the problem including the rise in referrals.

Youth Cabinet

The WSCC youth cabinet met this month and have published their manifesto for young people.

Youth Cabinet Manifesto 2024 - 2026 The Youth Cabinet is dedicated to addressing critical issues affecting young people in West Sussex through targeted campaigns. Currently, there are four main campaigns: Youth Safety, Youth Equity, Mental Health and Well-being, and Environment. Each member of the Youth Cabinet assigns themselves to one of these campaigns, focusing their efforts on the specific issues. Over their two-year term, members work collaboratively to develop initiatives, raise awareness, and implement solutions aimed at making a significant impact on the lives of young people. These campaigns serve as the core focus of the Youth Cabinet's work, driving positive change and addressing the needs and concerns of the youth community.

Foster Carers

WSCC are reaching out to find more foster carers. They have joined a partnership to improve the work to support foster carers they are hoping this will mean more people will come forward.

West Sussex County Council has joined others from across the South East to create the country's largest local authority fostering partnership, in a bid to increase the number of foster carers across the region.

With over 11,000 children in care across the South East, and fewer than 3,000 local authority approved foster carers, there is an urgent need to recruit more people able to provide safe, loving, and local homes for vulnerable children.

Local Authority Fostering South East is a new virtual fostering hub bringing together the expertise of 20 councils from across the region. The new hub will ensure prospective foster carers have access to all support in one place, right from the start of a carer's fostering journey.

Splash Page - West Sussex Compass Fostering

5.2 David Elliott (NT)

The following work is continuing:

Fence and gate repairs, tree safety survey, mowing and strimming, wild flower seeding.

The Trust is hoping to establish a wildflower nursery at Pound Farm

Andreas Mott is doing a deer management plan mainly at Harting but will work at Woolbeding as well. He would be happy to come and talk to the parish about this. Wildlife cameras show there are Muntjac everywhere. They also show there are lots of dormice.

Mr. Elliott also said that contrary to press releases saying the otter ledge had been installed this is not the case. Highways have agreed to install one on the A272 but have not done so yet.

Cllr Hearle added that a meeting with Jane Cecil on 21st October has had to be postponed but it is hoped a new date will be arranged soon.

A member of the public pointed out that gorse and birch are taking over the common and the views have been lost. Mr Elliott said there will be work clearing this. It was also pointed out that 'Barbara's bench' is damaged and this is going to be repaired.

Cllr Hansford thanked Mr. Elliott for mowing the village green and asked if the timber currently stored on the green will be moved. Mr. Elliott confirmed that it would be.

A member of the public asked if the path running from the old shop to the green will be restored for use by cars. Mr. Elliott was uncertain about this.

6. Minutes

The following minutes were signed. They were all proposed by Cllr. Hansford and seconded by Cllr. Talbot-Baker.

Annual Parish meeting 20th March 2024

Annual meeting 22nd May, 2024

Planning meeting 22nd May, 2024

Planning meeting 24th July, 2024

7. Finance

7.1 Banking

The RFO had circulated the cash book.

- 7.2 Cheques
The RFO submitted a list of payments due which are:
Clerk's salary £432
Redford Village Hall £25
Parish on line £28.80

8. Planning

Wispers

Cllr Hearle reported that the South Downs planning committee had approved the plans.

Although the access and transport are clearly a problem for the site this was not considered important enough to refuse the application.

However, the parish council was asked to approve that the plans should be called in because the arguments for the enabling development are thought to be incorrect. The council approved this and a document will be sent to the Planning Casework Unit.

Proposer: Cllr. Hansford Seconder: Cllr. Talbot-Baker

9. Highways

Cllr Floyd said that a passing place is needed on Eastshaw Lane. Cllr. Hearle suggested she contacted Rebecca the National Trust Estate manager as the land on each side of Eastshaw Lane is owned by the Trust and perhaps try to find a suitable place.

Mr. Elliott said he thought it would be difficult to find a place.

Alternatively Cllr. Floyd will speak to Highways.

Speed Limit

Cllr. Hearle explained that WSCC wouldn't agree to reducing the 40 mph speed limit because the majority of the traffic through the village goes faster than 40. He went on to say that it is possible to gather data from mobile phones which record the speed of traffic. This information is in the public domain. He is going to investigate further to see if this would help. The clerk will contact other clerks to see if they have any information on this.

10. National Trust Plans

Mr. Elliott had covered this in his report but he said that the tenancy of some of the farmland ends on 29th September. Plans are still being finalised about the future of this land. The Trust has set up a website which will give information

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/woolbeding-countryside/woolbeding-reimagined-conservation-project#you-might-also-be-interested-in>

11. Parish Online Mapping

The council approved the subscription (see 7.2). The clerk is going to e mail the parish about this and if a resident wants to use this service she will give them the log in details.

12. Defibrillator training.

Martine who is on the village hall committee had found someone who could do this and 2 sessions had been suggested at a cost of £300 each. The council decided this was too expensive. Further enquiries will be made.

13. WSALC consultation on reforms to NPPF and planning system

Cllr Hearle said this did not affect the parish as it is in the National Park.

14. Training Days

There were no suitable ones

15. Correspondence

None

16. Any other business

None

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 27th November, 2024

The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.

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Dated

