

**Minutes of the Lancing Village Residents Meeting
held on Thursday 24 May 2018 at 7pm in
Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing**

Chair: Councillor Gloria Eveleigh (to conduct proceedings)

In attendance: Helen Plant, Clerk and Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk

Councillors Present: Mick Clark, Lee Cowen, Lionel Parsons, Geoff Patmore and Gina Scotting.
Youth Councillor Butler.

There were thirteen residents of the Parish who signed the attendance register.

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair of Lancing Parish Council opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees. Cllr Eveleigh explained the purpose of the meeting, which was an electors meeting required by statute and was not a Council meeting but the opportunity for residents to voice any matters of concern regarding the Village. Those matters would then be minuted and reported to Council.

2. To confirm the minutes of the Residents Meeting held on 25 May 2017

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed to be an accurate and true record of the meeting.

3. The Annual Report of the Council 2017/18

The Chair provided an update on the Council's three working priorities, i.e. Monks Rec improvement project, History trail and Anti-litter campaign and advised that copies of the Annual Report for 2017/18 were available in the hall and it was also on the Parish Council's website.

4. The Chair called for questions and statements by the Public and the following issues were raised:-

a) What kind of businesses are setting up in the new Luxor retail units?

It is not known at the moment, but ears will be kept to the ground to try and find out!

(Note – on 25 May 2018, it was established that one unit had yet to be let out, but two units were anticipated to be a barbers and a pest control/property care business.)

b) People keep asking how the Millennium Handshake came about – is it possible to have an information board outlining its history?

The Clerk advised that paperwork for this project had recently been found whilst sorting out the archives to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations, so the necessary information can now be pulled together to produce such an information board.

- c) How did the kite surfing and swim zones come about, was there any consultation undertaken with beach hut owners, is there any legislation to enforce the zones and how far into the shoreline can the kite surfers come in? There's an accident waiting to happen.

The Clerk advised that it was understood the zones were brought in after an accident did happen. There is no legislation to enforce the zones, the signs are advisory in the same manner as requesting dogs to be put on a lead on Beach Green. However, the Clerk would investigate the history and advise accordingly.

- d) Is there any follow-up from the Street Briefing that the Police carried out at Beach Green last year?

Cllr Eveleigh advised that the information gathered from such briefings was very useful to the Police, but the Police themselves have acknowledged that their feedback to the public on what action has been taken needs to improve.

Information is also gathered through the meetings of the Council-led multi-partnership group, Keep Lancing Safe, which is then fed back to the Police. The Police appreciated the work Keep Lancing Safe, in conjunction with Adur District Council's street cleaners had done in respect of the collection of drug paraphernalia. Cllr Eveleigh also outlined other initiatives.

- e) Once the Monks Rec improvements have been carried out, what will be done about the litter issue in 5 or 6 years' time when Keep Lancing Lovely might not be around?

Cllr Eveleigh explained that by involving the community in the improvement project and by including elements such as lighting, the problem might not fully disappear, but was anticipated to dramatically improve.

Cllr Patmore added that existing enforcement for littering and dog fouling offences was considered insufficient. The Parish Council had looked into ways of providing additional enforcement means, but legislation did not give the Parish Council any powers to do so. However, Adur District Council had been asked to try out additional enforcement measures using an agency and a response was awaited.

- f) What can be done about the football clubs leaving the cable ties that they use to attach the nets to the goal posts, they never put them in the bin?

The Clerk advised that alternative ways to attached the nets to the posts were being investigated.

- g) Concerns were expressed regarding the fence around the public toilets at Monks Rec as youths were using it to climb up onto the roof of the toilets, putting themselves at risk, especially as they appeared to be 'high' on drugs, and so the fencing doesn't protect the toilets from vandalism anyway. Furthermore, the fencing causes accumulations of litter and adds to the rundown image and unwelcoming approach to the playground.

Cllr Eveleigh advised that Keep Lancing Safe was arranging a risk assessment and that ways to address this issue were being explored with Adur District Council.

- h) Has any progress been made in respect of antisocial parking on grass verges and the ruining of them?

Cllr Eveleigh advised that efforts had been made to set up an initiative but complexities around the issue had arisen, including certain roads required residents to park on the verges otherwise the road might end up being blocked to emergency vehicles and also the involvement of the Police as it was not a priority issue. However, PCSO's were patrolling roads within the hot spot zone when possible and tickets would be issued if vehicles were causing an obstruction.

Cllr Eveleigh also advised that Cllrs were working with Sompting Parish Councillors on the issue and were in the process of producing a poster for residents to put in their front windows which pledged their support to not parking irresponsibly. This action also worked alongside the proposal for residents to take pride in the grass verges, keeping them neat and tidy.

Cllr Patmore added that West Sussex County Council's mowing contract was supposed to include the repair of grass verges prior to the start of the grass cutting season, but it was dubious as to whether this was being carried out proficiently. Cllr Eveleigh hoped that if enough residents took care of their verges, the antisocial parking might stop.

Residents were encouraged to report any vehicle that was obstructing a footpath to the Police on 101.

- i) Why won't West Sussex County Council highways install double yellow lines in problem parking areas and why can't bollards be installed on grass verges to stop parking?

Cllr Clark reported that it was a costly exercise to put traffic regulation orders in place and budgets would only stretch to about 2 per year. There were also complications in respect of bollards. Cllr Clark arranged to speak to the resident to go into more details after the meeting.

- i) A resident who was involved with the original volunteer group that installed the sensory garden at Wenceling Gardens on South Street, invited everyone to attend the gardens 5th birthday celebration on Saturday, 9 June 2018.

The resident also requested for the grass around the recently planted hedge whips to be strimmed away, taking care not to strim the whips themselves, to stop the grass choking the plants.

The Clerk advised that this would be taken up with the Council's groundmen.

- j) Is it true that Adur District Council's parking warden can give drivers of vehicles parked on double yellow lines a few minutes grace period before issuing a parking ticket?

This would need to be investigated.

The Chair advised that the issues would be subsequently submitted to the Council for a final response to be determined for each item.

There being no other matters raised, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:10 pm.