

Cuckmere Valley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Cuckmere Valley Parish Council meeting held at Litlington Village Hall on Tuesday 15th October 2024, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Richard Brown
Cllr Nick Giles
Cllr Jo Thornhill
Cllr Georgina Stevens
Cllr Vanessa Rowlands
Cllr Duncan Ellis

In attendance: County Councillor Stephen Shing
District Councillor David Greaves
Julie O'Donnell (Clerk)
7 members of the public

Public questions/observations

A member of the public advised they had been in contact with the Environment Agency and Waterboard regarding the recent flooding in the valley. There is an emergency flooding helpline that can be contacted on 0345 9881188 to report flooding and obtain advice. She has also sent photographs of the flooding, the silt and sludge in the valley.

Another member of the public asked whether Cllr Brown could investigate the two pipes under the road pipes as one appears not to have a flap. Can he ensure the replacement of the missing one, and is this something the WLMB can do? Cllr Brown agreed to investigate.

The Parish Council and the County and District Councillors introduced themselves to the public attendees of the meeting

1170. Chairman's welcome

Cllr Brown as acting Chair welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming.

1171. Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Brown was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr Giles and seconded by Cllr Ellis and approved by the council members present.

The election of Cllr Brown as Chair then left the Vice Chairman position vacant.

Resolved: Both Cllr Rowlands and Cllr Giles expressed an interest in the position. Cllr Rowlands was proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Thornhill. Cllr Giles was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Ellis.

Cllr Brown as newly elected Chair used his casting vote and elected Cllr Giles as Vice Chairman.

1172. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th July 2024 to be approved and signed as a true record.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.

1173. Clerk's Report on Matters arising from the Minutes (if any)

The clerk had nothing to report.

1174. Report by the County Councillor on matters affecting the Parish.

Cllr Shing read from his report previously circulated (attached to these minutes). The contents were noted.

The anti-social parking in the parish was raised, Cllr Shing explained that ES Highways could not do anything and Wealden District Council will not enforce parking restrictions as this is a Police matter.

The Exeat Bridge is an ongoing matter and there are still issues with the Compulsory Land Purchase that have not been resolved.

1175. Report by the District Councillor on matters affecting the Parish.

Cllr Greaves read from his report previously circulated (attached to these minutes). The contents were noted.

1176. Report from Cllr Rowlands, South Downs National Park Representative

Cllr Rowlands reported the following

- Parking at the Seven Sisters Country Park has been raised with them. The North car-park is limited at the moment due to new sewage facilities being installed. This has decreased the capacity by a number of spaces but completion should be by the end of the year. SDNPA would like to upgrade the parking facilities using CIL funds if available.
- Reed bed work has taken place in Alfriston funded by CIL monies
- £50,000 has been allocated by SDNPA for work towards a Pelican Crossing at Seven Sisters Country Park. This money will be paid to ESCC to design the crossing to their specification.
- The Draft Local Plan will be published in November and Regulation 18 will be triggered. All parishes in the park will be given the opportunity to comment on their own and all land allocations. Parishes will be given the information before the draft goes public.
- A new grazing contractor has been granted and various nature restoration projects are underway.
- The park is seeing mostly group bookings for the barn and camp site and the new cottages are now available to hire.

1177. Reports by Parish Councillors

a. Cuckmere River and Estuary

Cllr Brown advised that the repair work to the bank has been successful and the newly built bank has held following the recent heavy rain and allowed the valley to drain.

There are still funds available from the EA to clear the mouth of the Cuckmere should it be required. Currently the mouth is clear and the water is draining.

The de-silting work will take place when the weather allows.

b. Highways

Nothing to report

- c. Rights of Way
Nothing to report
- d. Public Transport
CCB is holding its Stakeholder meeting on the 22nd October, unfortunately there are no councillors available to attend. The clerk to respond to the invite and send apologies.
- e. Planning – to consider any planning applications received for commenting on including any received after the agenda was published.
Clerk advised that a new application has been received and she would circulate the application for comment.
Cllr Brown advised he will be submitting an application to SDNPA Planning as he wishes to erect an agricultural barn. Cllr Brown will recuse himself and not discuss or comment on this application.
- f. Any other report
There was nothing to report.

1178. Friston Forest Track, Westdean – To receive any updates and to confirm the next steps.

Action: Conflicting advice has been received from both South East Water and Forestry England, both stating that the decision to allow access does not sit with them. South East Water are the landowners with Forestry England issuing licences for use. It was suggested that legal advice should be sought and presented to both parties. West Dean residents are happy to contribute to the costs.

Cllr Ellis confirmed he would contact SEW to try and rectify the situation, if this does not result in a satisfactory solution then legal advice is the next step.

Cllr Brown is happy to draft a letter to both South East Water and Forestry England advising them of the situation.

An update will be given at the next meeting.

1179. Verge cutting – Concerns have been raised regarding the verge cutting undertaken by ESCC Highways in the village.

Resolved: Residents are unhappy with the standard of the verge work in and around Westdean. Some verges are being completely missed whilst others are not being cut properly. The clerk has confirmed with ES Highways that the verges will be cut on the 18th October.

The council wish to remove the 'meadow' status from some of the verges in the village and ensure all applicable verges are cut twice a year.

1180. Parking in West Dean – Cllr Stevens would like to discuss further problems of anti-social parking in West Dean.

Resolved: It was agreed that signs would be put up stating 'no parking' in the pull in laybys and verges. Hopefully once the sewage installation at the park is completed there will be more space available in the car-park. This is an ongoing issue without a definite way of the parish council resolving.

1181. West Dean Pond – Cllr Stevens would like to try and obtain grant funding from SDNPA to improve the biodiversity of the pond by dredging and de-silting. Council to consider supporting this proposal.

Resolved: The council unanimously agreed to support this proposal. The pond needs urgent work to improve its bio-diversity and flood risk. There are other organisations offering funding which could be obtained. Cllr Stevens agreed to lead the project and apply for funding. An update will be given at the next meeting.

1182. Forestry Work, Friston Forest - Cllr Stevens. Concerns have been raised by residents regarding the felling work that has taken place in the forest. Council to discuss and agree any action the parish council can take.

Resolved: The council agreed that no action would be taken for now but will monitor the situation.

1183.Finances - The council **resolved**

- a. To receive and approve the latest Finance Report including the Bank Reconciliation.
- b. To agree the latest invoices for payment as listed in the Finance Report, including any contractual payments made outside of the meeting.

The following payments will be made

HMRC	PAYE	297.20
Julie O'Donnell (July, Aug, Sep)	Salary	1,308.28
Litlington Village Hall	Grant 24-25	500.00
Wealden Citizen Advice	Grant 24-25	150.00
Cuckmere Community Buses	Grant 24-25	250.00
Cuckmere Flood Forum	Grant 24-25	80.00
VisionICT	Email accounts	192.00

1184. Date of next meeting of CVPC – Tuesday 21st January 2024 at Litlington Village Hall, Litlington commencing at 7pm

Cllr David Greaves WDC

Report – Cuckmere Valley PC - Tuesday 15th October 2024

1) Funding available to help improve green spaces and community facilities in Wealden

Organisations and town and parish councils can now apply for grants to improve local rural green spaces and community facilities within Wealden district.

The Wealden Community Infrastructure and Spaces Funding Programme is now open for applications and organisations such as Not for Profit organisations – along with town and parish councils – can apply for grants between £1,000 and £20,000. There are 'match funding' requirements.

The funding – offered by Wealden District Council in association with the government – is for projects that will improve accessibility and **energy efficiency for community facilities and infrastructure** as well as improving green spaces and active travel routes.

Examples of projects can include installing seating areas and bike racks within green spaces, creating new or additional accessible footpaths and cycle routes, **upgrading energy efficient boilers, LED lighting or improving accessibility within village halls** and community areas.

A total funding pot of £120K is available and has been made available through the government's Rural England Prosperity Fund. The funding is a good opportunity for organisations within the district to adapt or improve existing facilities or to create new ones.

This is a rolling programme and applications will be processed on a first come first served basis. The fund closes in autumn 2024, or sooner if all funds are allocated. (I think that the deadline for applications is Wednesday 4th December'24)

The England-wide initiative is a new £110million, two-year capital fund from the Department for Environmental, Food and Rural Affairs, complementary to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – run by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. It will enable the council to support projects in rural areas of the district.

Further details about the grant scheme and information on how to access the application can be found at <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/information-for-businesses/economic-development-and-growth/rural-england-prosperity-fund/wealden-community-infrastructure-and-spaces-fund/>

For organisations wishing to register their interest, please contact the council via email on communitygrants@wealden.gov.uk

For information on current grants given out through this programme, please go to <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/community-and-safety/information-on-grant-funding/community-grants-awarded-in-this-financial-year/>

2) Wealden partners with The Conservation Volunteers to deliver free Green Gym sessions and health walks

Wealden District Council has recently partnered with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to deliver a series of health and wellbeing focused conservation activities

From July, TCV will begin delivering weekly guided health walks and Green Gym sessions along the Cuckoo Trail, completely free for residents to join and get involved in. The programme of activities will be running until 31 March 2025.

Every Tuesday, the Cuckoo Trail group health walk will begin at 10.30am, starting at different points along the trail each week. These walks will be a great way to get outside, meet new people, and learn a thing or two about the local area. Each walk will be an hour long and suitable for any ability.

The Green Gym sessions will take place every Wednesday and Thursday 10am-1pm, from July. Green Gyms are a fantastic way to get active in the great outdoors and meet people in your community whilst improving the local area. Each Green Gym session will be three hours long with a range of activities at varying locations along the Cuckoo Trail. Whether you have been involved in conservation or never done it before, all abilities are welcome.

To find out more or book onto an activity, contact Becky Lewis on 07483045706 or email rebecca.lewis@tcv.org.uk. Alternatively check out the TCV website <https://www.tcv.org.uk/southeast/volunteer-south-east/day-projects/east-sussex-biodiversity-action-team/> or find TCV Sussex on Facebook.

3) 'One You' East Sussex roadshow returns to Wealden in September and October

Free NHS Health Checks are returning to towns across Wealden after high demand.

The health checks are provided by One You East Sussex, a free holistic lifestyle service for residents of East Sussex, helping people make simple changes that can lead to a longer, healthier and happier life. The service helps residents to lose weight, be smoke free, move more, eat well, drink less and delivers the NHS health checks.

Please book your NHS health check in advance by contacting hello@oneyoueastsussex.org.uk or calling 01323 404600. Appointments take between 30-40 minutes and your results will be discussed with on the day. Cancellations should be made 24 hours in advance to allow for appointments to be re-allocated.

Dates and locations:

Thursday 17th October - Hailsham, Vicarage Lane car park
Thursday 31st October - Heathfield, Station Road East car park

Residents wanting to book an NHS health check must meet the following criteria:

- Be aged between 40-74.
- Are not currently prescribed blood pressure or cholesterol medications.

Do not suffer from Diabetes OR Heart/Circulatory/Kidney conditions or previously suffered from any cardiovascular events.

Be an East Sussex resident.

- Have not previously had an NHS health check in the last 5 years.

If you'd like more information on the free healthy lifestyle services available through One You East Sussex, or to complete a self-referral, then please visit www.oneyoueastsussex.org.uk.

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4) Wealden Community Sports Hub receives £3.5million funding from Football Foundation

The new Community Sports Hub to be located on the outskirts of Hailsham has received a grant of £3.5million from the Premier League, The FA and government's Football Foundation.

Construction on the new Hub is expected to start this autumn and be completed by 2026. The construction of the build has been appointed to Sunninghill Construction.

Wealden District Council has been working with the Football Foundation, a charity which delivers outstanding grassroots facilities, on the plans and construction of the new Community Sports Hub.

The Hub will provide new facilities in the district and offer high-quality sports and community facilities which can be used all year-round.

The funding has been awarded to the council through the Football Foundation's Hubs Programme, which has already seen over 20 multi-pitch Hubs delivered across the country.

As part of the funding agreement, the site will be operated on a not-for-profit basis by the charity, Leisure United and managed by The National Football Trust. Leisure United currently operates 18 sites across the country. It will be a new partnership arrangement involving the council and any surplus income generated from the facility will be reinvested into local grassroots sports.

The state-of-the art Hub will consist of two floodlit full size 3G pitches, four dual use floodlit netball/tennis courts and two padel tennis courts plus other community facilities such as a café and meeting space, skate park, a children's play area and a perimeter pathway around the site – that will provide opportunities for all residents to participate in sports, health and wellbeing, and leisure activities.

Throughout the process, the council has engaged with a range of partners including sport's governing bodies, local sports clubs and a public consultation event was held to help shape and inform the facilities at the site.

Visit footballfoundation.org.uk for more information on the Foundation.

5) Employment sessions available in Hailsham

Drop-in sessions are available to residents in Wealden district needing help and guidance on employment.

Wealden District Council has been working in partnership with the Job Centre Plus Eastbourne to bring the sessions to residents.

Job Centre Plus staff are available in the public access area of the council offices in Vicarage Field, Hailsham, every Monday and Thursday between 9am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 3pm. Residents can book an appointment with their employment advisor or walk in for general career advice.

Wealden District Council has also worked closely with other neighbouring Job Centre Plus venues to deliver employment events and is continuing to work together to explore the expansion of the outreach service to other areas of the district.

6) Rural businesses urged to apply for funding

Businesses in Rother and Wealden have a final chance to apply for grant funding under the Rother and Wealden Business Grants Programme.

The scheme uses money from Wealden District Council's allocation of the Rural England Prosperity Funding to support businesses with capital funding for projects including the purchase of equipment and machinery, adaptation of premises, the creation or expansion of rural leisure and tourism businesses and farm diversification outside of agriculture.

The programme offers grants of up to £35,000 with 50% match funding to support capital expenditure projects. Seventeen projects have been approved through the scheme to date with three having been delivered already.

There are several businesses within Wealden which have already benefitted from funding received through the programme.

Branching Out Adventures, located near Halland, has purchased and installed a new continuous safety wire, using new technology to make the adventure course more user-friendly and safer.

The UK's leading children's nursery catering company, Zebedee's purchased a new high-capacity industrial dishwasher – which enables cooking equipment and containers to be cleaned quickly and efficiently. The new machine also uses less water and energy to run, reducing the environmental impact and running costs.

Alfriston Woodland Cabins is a family run business which was successful at gaining grant funding to purchase a new shepherds hut - called 'Owls Nest' - to add to its existing business to increase guest capacity. The huts and cabins are situated in private woodlands and orchards in Alfriston within the South Downs National Park - and have recently achieved a gold award through the Green South Downs Award

The Rother and Wealden Business Grants programme is funded by the Rural England Prosperity Fund, Rother District Council and Wealden District Council, it is delivered by East Sussex County Council.

Apply now by visiting

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/business/support/grants/ruralbusinessgrants/rural-business-grants-guidance-note> or emailing ruralbusinessgrants@eastsussex.gov.uk

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7) Survey launched on fly-tipping

A survey has been carried out to find out if a campaign to help prevent fly-tipping from blighting Wealden district has been successful - and that householders know their responsibilities when it comes to disposing of waste correctly. I hope to see a report on this in due course.

More than £20,000 – delivered by the Rural Payments Agency on behalf of DEFRA – was awarded to Wealden District Council earlier this year to fund projects that increase the awareness of the Household Waste Duty of Care.

One of those projects was a three-month advertising campaign called “Have you been dumped?” aimed at helping householders make the right decisions when getting someone other than the council to dispose of their waste. The advert has appeared at petrol stations, on buses, on social media, on the radio and more.

It also focussed on making everyone aware of the need to use a registered waste carrier when disposing of their waste. Failure to take adequate steps to check they’re registered could lead to an unlimited fine and a criminal record if the waste is found fly-tipped.

Wealden council has run a survey (ended on 14th October) on its community engagement platform – Let’s Talk Wealden – to measure its success and ensure householders are aware of their responsibilities when it comes to disposing of waste correctly.

Fly-tipping is an illegal offence usually carried out by those who are not registered with the Environment Agency to carry waste. Householders can directly help reduce fly-tipping by ensuring they always ask to see a Waste Carrier Licence when they have rubbish to dispose of.

Last year the council cleared 677 fly tips across the district at a cost of just over £49,000.

8) Alfriston flooding - repair work to river bank

Work has been taking place at Alfriston as the winter approaches to try and prevent severe flooding. The banks of the Cuckmere River in Alfriston and the flood embankments in place to protect the village and allow the land to be farmed have been repaired by the Water Levels Management Board. De-silting work commenced on 23rd September along the stretch between the white bridge and Deans Place Hotel.

The Environment Agency keep the mouth of the river clear from shingle blockages at the Exceat beach and install a mobile pump at Alfriston to help move surface water, groundwater, and occasional fluvial flood water into the Cuckmere

Earlier this year hundreds of residents were left without water, as flooding caused issues with a Southern Water treatment plant.

Flooding last winter not only caused damage to the riverbanks, roads and footpaths but also meant that roads into the village had to be closed leaving residents and businesses cut off. This severely affected local businesses as well as residents. Hopefully this winter will see reduced or eliminated problems.

9) Free marketing event for new businesses in Wealden

'Ready To Grow' is a training programme for early-stage business owners who have been trading for less than three years. The programme offers a series of free connected workshops, providing advice and expertise on the practicalities of running a business, including finance, marketing, HR and more and also includes a free 1:1 business advisor session.

The programme is being delivered by Digital Islands, a specialist provider of business support services, in conjunction with East Sussex County, Wealden District, Lewes District, Eastbourne Borough and Rother District councils. 'Ready To Grow' and 'Big Ambitions' are both funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and will run until 31 March 2025.

More information about the 'Ready To Grow' and 'Big Ambitions' programmes and how to sign up can be found online at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/business/support/organisations.

**East Sussex County Councillor Stephen Shing
Report to Parish Council October Meeting 2024**

COUNTY HALL SITE

County Hall which is East Sussex County Council's (ESCC) headquarters in Lewes was constructed in 1968 and its status is now being reviewed. Despite ongoing investment during the last 50 years, the investment needed to maintain business as usual within this premises for the next 10 years has been calculated to cost around £8.4 million.

The scale of investment could be reduced in the short term, but electrical systems, lifts and its water drainage systems now require extensive maintenance which could impact on the operational running of the building if not undertaken. At present, the ESCC's Capital Programme includes a non-schools planned maintenance budget for 2024/25 which it is fully committed to, but going forward some dedicated funds could be set aside within this budget to undertake minimal investment if ESCC wishes to remain at County Hall until 2032.

Premises occupancy figures for County Hall has been low in recent years. In 2019, its average occupancy level was 45%. Since the lockdown, County Hall is not well occupied compared to other offices and for 2023, the occupancy level decreased to 22% and in 2024, occupancy levels peaked to 29% in March. Through the week, occupancy levels are lowest on Mondays and Fridays at County Hall.

As the utilisation of the offices is below optimal levels, some initial work has been undertaken to look at the future space requirements, reflecting the civic accommodation, administration base and frontline service delivery. The suggested space requirements could equate to 3,500 sqm which is significantly lower than circa 15,000 sqm of the current County Hall.

ESCC owns the freehold but there are business rates, reactive maintenance, utility bills, insurance and other costs which are required to operate the facility. These costs equate to approximately £1 million per annum, and this does not include the staffing costs for Facilities Management staff who manage the building. If a new, more efficient building was considered, the estimated property running costs would be lower. As energy prices have increased over the last couple of years, the energy efficiency of the heating system is poor

despite some windows being replaced and Solar PV panels being installed on the roof in two tranches.

As part of an asset value review, work has been undertaken to look at the opportunities to reduce property costs and free up assets for disposal to secure a capital receipt. The work undertaken by ICC is to consider if a new County Hall could be provided and partly funded by disposal of surplus land. The constraints of the actual site impact on the potential capital receipt, meaning that the cost of a new (or redeveloped) County Hall would be in excess of the capital receipt secured from the remaining of the site for residential development.

The following options were considered.

1. Option 1 Remain at County Hall
2. Option 2 Retain the County Hall structure but refurbish some of the existing space for a new office/civic accommodation with residential conversion for the remaining blocks and re-develop the remaining site for residential homes over the wider campus.
3. Option 3 Retain the County Hall structure but completely refurbish all of the accommodation for residential homes. A new County Hall would be located on the campus site and the remaining space would be re-developed for housing development.
4. Option 4 Demolish County Hall structure and provide a new County Hall on the site with the remainder of the site being re-developed for housing development.
5. Option 5 Re-locate to office accommodation in the Lewes area, if available, and redevelop all of County Hall campus, including primarily residential development.
6. Option 6 At a future date (circa 2030-32), re-locate County Hall services and civic accommodation to Sackville House, owned by the Council, and then re-develop the whole County Hall campus site. Sackville House is currently let out to a number of tenants where the majority of leases end around 2030.

SPENDING GAP ON SERVICES FOR ESCC

ESCC's 'The State of the County' report was published shows a forecast financial deficit of £55.3 million rising to £83.6 million by 2027/28. There are unallocated financial reserves of £16.7 million. Even with their scenario modelling there is a budget gap of around £26.6 million for the next financial year.

ESCC is therefore seeking opportunities within all its departments to reduce this budget gap, which includes a review of their capital programme to reduce borrowing by scaling back projects as the cost of borrowing, which is £750,000 for every £10 million borrowed, has an impact on the revenue budget.

There is also a high degree of uncertainty regarding future funding, including from central

Government. If there is no additional funding from central government to ESCC, this could potentially result in a reduction of essential services or a very high council tax increase just to maintain current levels of service. Neither of the potential outcomes are ideal.

NEW VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

East Sussex has a thriving and diverse Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. The benefit and value of the sector has never been more apparent than in recent years due to the pivotal role it has played in supporting local communities through the pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis, through ongoing pressures in the health and care system, and in welcoming people seeking sanctuary in the UK.

The existing contracts expire at the end of this financial year with the next procurement process beginning in October 2024.

The VCSE Development Programme is progressing well, with a framework that partners agree could form the basis for the new programme and could have wider uses and benefits.

The blending of existing programmes into the new programme would be best suited to the letting of 1 contract and be spilt into 5 lots based on District and Borough boundaries.

The indicative budget will be funded from the Public Health fund and represents a significant reduction in funding, contributing to the council Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process.

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EAST SUSSEX FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE AWARDS EVENING

It is honoured to have been part of such a fantastic awards night.

The AMEX Stadium venue is absolutely beautiful, providing the perfect backdrop to celebrate the incredible achievements of dedicated staff over the past year.

Cllr Stephen Shing attended couple meetings and trainings.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

ESCC Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health approved the procurement of a Community and Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Development Programme from 2025; the Approval of the allocation of up to £539,000 (per annum) from the Public Health fund, subject to confirmation of the available budget through the Council's budget setting processes; and Delegate to the Director of Adult Social Care and Health authority to take all actions necessary to implement the Community and Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Development Programme.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

On 2 September 2024 the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and HM Treasury announced that the Household Support Fund would be extended for a further six months,

from 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025, with a further £421m of funding across England. Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health, and for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs And Disability have approved the proposed plan for the use of the Household Support Fund extension allocated £3,896,783.88 in East Sussex (1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025).