Minutes of the Council meeting held on:

**Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 6.30pm**

In Udimore Community Hall.

**Present:** Cllr. G. Quinnell (Chair), Cllr. N. Anderson, Cllr. R. Mair, Cllr. G. Rothery and Cty Cllr. Carl Maynard

1. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Dist. Cllr. N. Gordon.

1. **Disclosures of Interest**.

There were none.

1. **Co-option of New Councillor.**

Councillors unanimously voted to co-opt Daniel Gibbs.

1. **Reports from District and County Councillors.**

Cllr. Maynard stated that he would submit a written report to the Clerk for distribution. He suggested that following the success of the previous walk through the Parish with the Highway Steward, this should be carried out again either in Autumn or Spring. Chair to confirm the date.

1. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20th July 2022 were agreed.

1. **Traffic.**
   1. **Potholes.**

It is anticipated that the walk-through will identify any issues.

1. **Planning.**
   1. **Planning –** There were none
   2. **Results**. – White Fox Lodge – approved.
   3. **Enforcement** – There were none.
   4. Seddlescombe Parish –[RR/2022/840/P](https://planweb01.rother.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningDetails?reference=RR/2022/840/P&from=planningSearch) Land at Beech Farm TN33 0QS Wunderhaus application in High Weald AONB.

The problem of whether the Wunderhaus design met the requirements of Para.80e of NPPF was discussed. It was decided that the Council would remain neutral.

1. **Finance.**
2. **Bank Statement.** It was resolved to accept the Bank Statements for July, August and September.
3. **Bank Reconciliation.** The Council resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliations for July, August and September.
4. **Payment Schedule.** The Council resolved to accept the Payment Schedule, extracted from the Cash Book:

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| ROSPA - Play Safety Insp. | £84.00 | £14.00 | £70.00 | Playground |
| BHIB Insurance | £220.73 | £0.00 | £220.73 | Insurance |
| R. Franklin | £508.56 | £0.00 | £508.56 | Clerk Pay & Expenses. |
| HMRC | £110.60 | £0.00 | £110.60 | PAYE |

1. **Budget v. Spend.** It was noted this was on target.
2. **Internet Banking Signatures.** It was agreed that the Clerk would apply for Cllrs. Quinnell and Anderson, following the resignation of Cllr. Davis.
3. **Udimore Community Fund.** It was agreed to pay this into the Lloyds Business Bank Instant Account and the Clerk would keep this as a reserve. Cllr. Quinnell would send the Clerk details of how to receive the payment.
4. **Budget.** Some initial discussion was held on the budget, and it was agreed to amend the budget for Streetlighting to £400.00 and the budget for the Playground to £500.00. It was also agreed that the Chair would pursue the fact that some houses near the Playground appeared to have been charged for Streetlighting as part of their rent payments.

1. **Playground.**
   1. **Safety Check.** The Chair has completed the monthly safety check.
   2. **Repairs from the Annual Inspection**. It was noted that there were no Red items (which would mean the Playground could not be used) and the Orange repairs are awaiting an engineer’s visit.
2. **St. Mary’s Community Hall.**
   1. **Funding.**  It was felt that any funding should relate to individual requests.
   2. **Committee Membership.** Cllr. Anderson reported that parking is a problem during events such as parties and weddings. It was suggested that the District Council may support a Match Funding request for a Capital Project to improve and expand the car park surface. It was agreed that the Village Hall is the hub of the Village, and it should be helped to survive. The Clerk is requested to obtain details of Match Funding from Rother.
3. **Correspondence from the Clerk.**
   1. **Finger Post.** The Clerk is requested to arrange repairs to the finger post situated at the junction of Dumb Womans Lane and Float Lane.
   2. **Tree Planting.** There was a request to plant trees in support of the Queen’s Green Canopy to produce an environmental improvement and to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee. The Council would provide a grant of £225.00 plus £50.00 from District Lottery Funding, to total £275.00.
4. **Items for Inclusion on a Future Agenda.**
   1. Ownership of bus shelter.
   2. Overgrown Speed sign on the approach to the village from Broad Oak.
   3. Speedwatch.
5. **Date of Next Meeting.**

16th November 2022 - 6.30pm, at Village Hall

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

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Signature of Chair.