



# Maresfield Parish Council

## REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP



### Minutes of the Maresfield Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm in Fairwarp Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Mrs S Cumming, Cllr Dr P Handley, Cllr R Hunter, Cllr Dr B Smith,  
Cllr Mrs L Stevens-Smith, Cllr, Dr E Worrell, Cllr D Watson, DCllr P Roundell,  
Mrs N O'Hanlon (Assistant Clerk)

**A. Appoint a Chairman for this meeting as neither Chairman or Vice Chairman are able to attend.** Cllr Dr B Smith was happy to act as Chairman for this meeting, this was proposed by Cllr D Watson, Seconded by Cllr Dr E Worrell and **APPROVED** by all.

**B. Public session – None.**

**3707. To approve apologies for absence and to note other non-attendance.**

Cllr M Craddock, Cllr T Lewin, Cllr J Lewis, Cllr L Reeves, Cllr A Strevens.  
CCllr R Galley was not in attendance.

**3708. Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Mrs S Cumming – Maresfield Conservation Group  
Cllr Dr B Smith – Governor, Nutley Primary School.

**3709. To receive written requests for new DPI dispensations.** None.

**3710. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021: -**

1. For adoption. The minutes as previously circulated were **Agreed** to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Cumming, seconded by Cllr Dr P Handley and unanimously **agreed**.

2. Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr D Watson is not satisfied that ES Highways inspector does not believe the pavement between Fords Green and Little Mead in Nutley, and very specifically in front of the garage, is of an acceptable standard. He would like to meet with the inspector to look at this again.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact ES Highways to arrange meeting.

It was noted that there has been no notifications of further antisocial behaviour at MRG since the PCSO's have made a point of patrolling there on a regular basis.

Cllr Mrs S Cumming advised that the grass by the shop in Maresfield has now been cut.

**3711. Reports by and questions to: -**

1. County Councillors. The report from CCllr Roy Galley, as circulated with papers, was noted.

2. District Councillors. DCllr P Roundell advised that it had been a quiet time in general but the government had issued 11 major planning changes to the NPPF including making new homes more 'beautiful' and tightening the rules on what changes can be made to isolated homes in the countryside. DCllr Roundell will forward the full list to the Clerk for circulation.

**3712. Parish Wards – issues, needs and Councillors' reports: -**

1. Fairwarp Ward. Cllr Dr P Handley advised that a BBC TV crew had visited Fairwarp and the village will be featured on Wednesday evening on BBC SE during the weather slot.

2. Maresfield Ward. It was reported that the Maresfield in Bloom celebrations were well attended despite a bit of rain and that the awards ceremonies and bestowing of the freedom of Maresfield to the 11<sup>th</sup> (Royal School of Signals) Signal Regiment went very well.

It was suggested that it would be nice to put an edited video of the highlights onto social media if that can be arranged. **ACTION** Clerk to investigate.

3. Nutley Ward. Cllr D Watson queried why the drop kerbs that were requested and agreed for the North end of Nutley had still not been actioned. The Clerk advised that this had been brought up at the recent meeting with ES Highways who reported that the issue is with the relevant team awaiting update of status.

**3713. Council bodies - To receive minutes and decisions, followed by reports from Chairmen and any questions: -**

**1. Finance & Administration Committee**

i. Month 3 2021/22 expenditure and accounts to be noted. Noted.

- ii. To consider and agree Cyber Insurance quotation. It was decided that this insurance should be taken out for a year and then re-evaluated. This was proposed by Cllr Dr P Handley, Seconded by Cllr Dr E Worrell and unanimously **AGREED**.
  - iii. To discuss and agree Councillor format of public contact details. It was decided that on the website and noticeboards, Councillor contact details should show the ward they represent, email addresses and phone numbers but no home addresses. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs L Stevens-Smith, Seconded by Cllr D Watson and unanimously **AGREED**.
  - iv. To approve revised remit for Road Safety to become part of Environment Committee. The revised remit was proposed by Cllr DR P Handley, seconded by Cllr D Watson and unanimously **AGREED**.
  - v. To approve appointment of Internal Auditor, Farsight Consulting. The appointment of Farsight Consulting as the Internal Auditor was proposed by Cllr Dr P Handley, Seconded by Cllr Dr E Worrell and unanimously **AGREED**.
- 2. Planning Committee.**
- i. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Noted.
  - ii. Verbal report of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Councillors on the Planning Committee gave an update on the presentation given by M J Barch Architects on the proposed new development at Ashdown Business Park.
- 3. Environment Committee.**
- i. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Noted. Cllr Dr P Handley reported that the September CCIG newsletter will be about planting trees and that this will tie in with the new Wealden initiative and the Queens Jubilee plant a tree initiative. It was suggested that the idea of planting Jubilee trees in the parish should be put on the website and social media to get feedback from parishioners as to suggested sites to be considered for planting trees. **ACTION:** Clerk/Cllr Dr B Smith to post on web and social media.
  - ii. To discuss and agree ongoing programme for playground sanitisation. It was decided that the weekly playground sanitation programme should carry on during the school holidays and be reviewed again at the September meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Dr P Handley, Seconded by Cllr Dr E Worrell and unanimously **AGREED**.
  - iii. Update from Cllr Strevens. None.
  - iv. Draft minutes of the SLR meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Noted.
- 4. Neighbourhood & Community Development Plan Steering Group.**
- i. Update from Chairman. The Chairman was not present at the meeting but had advised that work is ongoing.

DCllr P Roundell left the meeting.

**5. Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee.**

- i. Draft Minutes of the Emergency Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Mrs L Stevens-Smith advised that this meeting had been called to address some issues that had arisen and new user rules had been drawn up to ensure more respect for the premises by the various users.
- ii. Update from Chairman. Cllr Mrs L Stevens-Smith reported:
  - The showers have now been serviced and cleaned.
  - It is hoped that the September Council meeting might be held at the Pavilion to celebrate the completed refurbishment with perhaps drinks afterwards.
  - Forward planning of the maintenance should take place in future, such as harrowing and rolling to make sure it is done at the correct times of the year.
  - It would be nice to have an article and photos of the refurbished pavilion to go on the Parish website and social media.

**3714. Outside bodies matters.** None.

**3715. To receive a report from, and put questions to, the Chairman.** None.

**3716. To receive a report from, and put questions to, the Clerk.** None.

**3717. Matters arising from the meeting for public communication.** None.

**3718. Date of next meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> September (Fairwarp)**

**The Parish Council Meeting will close and reconvene as Trustee of Maresfield Recreation Ground**

**3719. Matters relating to Council as Trustee of Maresfield Recreation Ground (MRG).**

- 1. To consider and Agree charging structure and hirers agreement terms for Maresfield Recreation Ground and Maresfield Pavilion.**

It was agreed that more data such as electricity costs is needed before a decision can be made on the charging structure.

The possibility of putting out to tender the use of the pavilion as a store and serve café facility for MRG users was muted.

Discussion needed at a later date on whether community/charity users of the MRG and pavilion should be charged for using the facilities.

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.55*