

LYMINSTER & CROSSBUSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting September 5th, 2023

Held at the Beefeater, Crossbush.

Present.

Cllr D. Montagnani. Chairman.

Cllr. S. Langmead.

Cllr. D. May.

Cllr K. Thompson. Vice Chairman.

Cllr. F. Murphy.

Cllr A. Lark.

Cllr. M. Ashman.

Clerk to the Council; Mrs Carol Hatton.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.** There were no apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations of interest.
3. **Agree & sign off last meeting's minutes.** These were agreed & signed off by the Chairman.
4. **Parishioner's questions.** Two residents have noted speeding in Crossbush Lane. Pets have been killed and there have been many near misses. One resident is a police road safety officer who has borne witness to many of these incidents. The footpath is overgrown & the signage is not clearly visible. He asked if the Parish council could do anything to help. He has had unmarked cars in the road to evaluate the problem. He asked what we need from the community to help, but Cllr Montagnani said that WSCC (West Sussex County Council) will do nothing to help until the Bypass is completed, and despite pleas from us they still have not re painted white lines on the A284. He advised that anyone witnessing speeding or any traffic transgressions, to report them to Operation Crackdown. A Resident asked how we can expedite getting the grass cut and the signs re placed. Steve Hill attended and will leave his contact details with the Clerk so he can see who the most appropriate person is to speak to about these issues, and hopefully get them to attend the next meeting. Cllr Montagnani said that all the current issues, such as grass cutting, tarmac replacement, cycle lane, bypass converging onto the A284, all get ignored by WSCC. Cllr Montagnani said that we have had the project manager here to discuss

speed regulations and been told that when the bypass is completed, they can look at them.

A resident asked when the problem of the constant water flood on the A284 would be addressed. Jackson, the Bypass contractor is investigating. Cllr Langmead suggested contacting Kevin McNay, and Steve Hill will contact him.

A Resident had contacted Steve Hill to introduce wildflower verges.

Another resident had mentioned that there is an issue with dropped kerbs for the houses along the A284. **ACTION. CLERK TO SEND RESIDENT'S EMAIL TO MARK MARTIN AND TO JACKSON.**

Cllr May mentioned that there is a possibility of a 24-hour licence being applied for at the Crossbush Filling station. A parcel of land has been purchased to either use as a car sales lot or for new housing. **ACTION. CLERK TO SPEAK TO ADC (Arun District Council) PLANNING.**

5. Rough sleepers in St Mary Magdalene churchyard. This was discussed at some length and the Parish Council asked the **Clerk to write to the church** PCC (Parochial Church Council) asking them to urge the two men to move on. Local feeling is that they are no longer welcome and need to vacate the churchyard.

6. SID progress. The Clerk has reached out to other parishes asking if they might care to purchase these items and share usage. No responses yet.

If we buy one of these, would we have to place it where WSCC direct?

Parish priority document, Clerk to ask Process Matters to complete this on our behalf. **CLERK TO CONTACT PROCESS MATTERS.**

Donations. Discussed. We need a defined policy. A request from an Arundel charity was discussed and it was agreed that we would not budget for donations.

7. Planning. SDNP (South Downs National Park) /23/02919/FUL (South Downs National Park). Cllr Thompson mentioned that Maynards Caravan site was not mentioned in the report pertaining to this application. It also stated that at the Junction with Crossbush Lane and the A27, access was not a problem. This is clearly not the case.

8. Finance. The Clerk reported that the Current Account stands at £3991.00 and the savings account at £2671.

9. Rampion. We have not yet had a response from MP Andrew Griffith on this subject. Cllr Langmead said Rampion have submitted their app to the secretary of state to see if they can get consent. The government will decide if this is a worthwhile and cost-effective project. Cllr Langmead suggested that they could consider giving a rate reduction on energy supply to residents.

ACTION. Clerk to share with Cllr Langmead the consultation letter we sent to Andrew Griffith. so that he can write to Rampion.

Jackson has an open day on 13th. September.

A.O.B. next meeting October 24th.

Cllr Montagnani resigned as chairman of the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Council wished him well and thanked him for all his hard work over the past 4 years.