

FOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20TH 2025

Yapton & Ford Village Hall.

Clerk to the /council; Mrs Carol Hatton.

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AGENDA.

Present.

Cllr. D. Smith. Chairman.

Cllr. S. Langmead. Vice Chairman.

Cllr. D. Armstrong.

Clerk: Mrs Carol Hatton.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.** There were no apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations.
3. **Public Sessions.** No members of the public attended.
4. **Mr Ian Johnson from Luken-Beck** attended and gave a presentation on the proposed development at Burndell Road.

The owner of the land was not made known to the council. This proposed development had already been submitted to ADC and was refused on the grounds of potential noise pollution. It has now gone to appeal. This development started as 26 dwellings and has since grown to 43. The Environmental department at Arun were not happy with the layout of the housing, so Luken-Beck have reversed the siting of the houses to face the other way, thus hoping to mitigate the potential noise problem. Ecology Surveys have been conducted regarding the impact on wildlife which has put back the date for commencement. Further surveys are planned which will include traffic and wildlife. A planning strategy meeting is planned for January 27th, inviting the public to attend. There will be opportunities to ask questions and peruse plans. Luken-Beck will then submit a further

application with the collated comments gleaned from this meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Johnson for his presentation.

5. **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed and signed off by the chairman.

6. **Matters Arising from the last meeting.**

a. No. 6 Johnson Way. The Clerk has written to Stratton, who own the land where the offending tree is situated. They have responded promising to review the site.

b. Meeting dates. The Clerk reported that she has confirmed that both Yapton & Climping parish council's meeting dates will not clash with ours.

c. Honours Board and Veterans history. Cllr Marner was not present to report.

d. Footpath closure. The clerk had contacted District Councillor Worne asking her to address this issue at the Village Hall trustee meeting.

e. The Clerk reported that Process Matters have suggested that the council collate a wish list for any potential CIL money coming our way.

f. Donations. The council resolved to respond only to those requests which are relevant to this parish. Cllr Armstrong suggested we stick to a £100 limit. ACTION: Clerk to ask Process Matters to put this together. ALSO to contact 4Site vision to clarify their legitimacy as they have requested a donation from us.

g. Cllr. Armstrong reported that he is experiencing the presence of rats in his garden. He is of the opinion that this is coming from the Grundon site where they are constantly leaving their doors open. Southern Water is doing the same. Vistry are aware of this problem.

7. **Finance.** The Clerk reported that the bank stands at £33,030.31. It was agreed that we ask for a rise in our precept of £3k, taking our request to £23K. This would amount to a rise of £5 per household.

8. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Process Matters had reported that she was happy with the examiner's report.

9. **District councillor's report.** Cllr Worne was not present.

10. **County Councillor's report.** Cllr. Pendleton was not present.
11. **Chairman's report.** The chairman reported that there has been lots of activity on the airfield site, where some findings underground have been of interest. The County Museum is involved. Cllr Smith has requested Vistry to send us the Photographic evidence. There have been reports of a motorcycle leaving its engine running outside No. 12 Wilson Court. There have been complaints.
12. **Allotments.** Hobbs contacted the clerk to ask her to advertise spaces on the parish website. She has done this. The Chairman has put together a plan to revamp the memorial garden. Cllr. Langmead suggested we apply to Vistry for possible financial help with this project.
13. **Planning.** There was nothing new to report.
The meeting closed at 20.35. Next meeting is scheduled for Match 17th 2025.