Minutes of the Council meeting held on:

**Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 6.30pm**

In Udimore Community Hall.

**Present:** Cllr. G. Quinnell, Cllr. N. Davis, Cllr. G. Rothery, Cty Cllr. Carl Maynard and Dist. Cllr. Neil Gordon

1. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. R. Mair and Cllr. N. Anderson.

1. **Disclosures of Interest**.

There were none.

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

The following report has been received:

‘ESCC approved additional one-off funding of £5.8 m at the end of 2021

ADDITIONAL SPEND

£2.5m for patching work

£1.8m to improve pavements

£1m to replace road signs bollards and posts

£500k to do white lining.

Holiday and Activity Fund returning for Summer Holidays for those children on free school meals

6000 places available across East Sussex by 150 local providers. Details on the ESCC website.

Apprenticeship Roadshows running again. Events in Hastings and Eastbourne. ESCC, the NHS and a number of local employers and training providers will be at the roadshows.

Rother: Scrutiny meeting last night. I moved an amendment to the town hall project recommendations to hold another meeting including scrutiny of the consultation responses. I also asked that the consultation period be extended to six weeks. I remain extremely concerned about a £15m spend on this project, especially in the current climate.’

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

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25th May 2022 were agreed.

1. **Traffic.**
	1. **Potholes.** The members appreciated the fact that the road surface outside Churchfield Cottages had been repaired.

It was agreed that the Chair would monitor the pothole outside Fields House.

* 1. **Signage.** The Council felt that the signage on Dumb Womans Lane was insufficient to prevent damage to property by HGV’s. It was agreed that Cllr. Davis would draft a letter to be sent from the Council to Highways disputing their response to the Council’s previous request.
1. **Planning.**
	1. **Planning –** There were none
	2. **Results**. – There were none
	3. **Enforcement** – There were none.
2. **Finance.**
3. **Bank Statement.** It was resolved to accept the Bank Statements for May and June.
4. **Bank Reconciliation.** The Council resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliations for May and June.
5. **Payment Schedule.** The Council resolved to accept the Payment Schedule, extracted from the Cash Book:

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| **R. Franklin** |  **43.16** |  **0.00** |  **43.16** | **Annual Assembly Catering** |
| **G. Quinnell** |  **104.11** |  **16.69** |  **87.42** | **For Defibrillators** |
| **G. Quinnell** |  **25.00** |  **4.17** |  **20.83** | **Printing - Jubilee** |
| **Uniserve** |  **609.60** | **101.60** |  **508.00** | **New laptop & cost for transfer of data** |
| **K. Robertson** |  **174.75** |  **0.00**  |  **174.75** | **Audit 2021/22** |
| **Ashe Alarms** | **2,312.00** | **385.33** | **1,926.67** | **CCTV for Village Hall** |
| **R. Franklin** |  **508.56** |  **0.00** |  **508.56** | **Clerk Pay & Exps.** |
| **HMRC** |  **110.60** |  **0.00** |  **110.60** | **PAYE** |

1. **Budget v. Spend.** It was noted this was on target
2. **Internet Banking Signatures.** Cllr. Davis signature is still being processed, Cllr. Quinnell will need to make a fresh application, and it was agreed that Cllr. Mair need not apply. It was noted that the clerk is still the sole Internet Banking signatory and that Lloyds Bank still only require single authorisation.
3. **Udimore Community Fund.** The Clerk has applied for a Bank account with Unity Bank and at present the fund is earning £11 per week.
4. **Playground.**

The Chair reported that he had carried out the monthly safety check and was expecting the Annual Report to be carried out shortly.

1. **Defibrillators.**

The Chair reported that both Defibrillators were on the National Database and that he receives a message when they are used. It was agreed that a name plate should be fitted to each to show ownership by the Council.

1. **St. Mary’s Community Hall.**
	1. **Funding.**  The Council had contributed to the cost of the CCTV.
	2. **Committee Membership.** It was agreed that either Cllr. Anderson or the Chair would represent the Council on the Committee.
2. **Upgrade of Street Lights to LED.**

The Chair had carried out a survey of all 13 houses affected. There were 10 responses – 5 for no change to the lights, 3 in favour of new LED’s and 2 preferred to have no lights. The Council resolved not to convert the lights to LED’s at this time. It was noted that the light serving the parking area is on a time switch which turns off during the night, whereas the remaining lights remain on. The Clerk was requested to ask the lighting Authority to reverse this, ie the car park light would remain on all night, and the other two would be on a time switch.

1. **Jubilee Celebrations.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the details and photographs of the Celebration from the Village magazine.

1. **Correspondence from the Clerk.**

No correspondence received.

1. **Items for Inclusion on a Future Agenda.**

Ownership of bus shelter.

Dumb Womans Lane residents survey.

Initial Budget proposals for 2023/24.

1. **Date of Next Meeting.**

21st September 2022 6.30pm, at Village Hall

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm.

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Signature of Chair.