

(c) There is concern about the leak near the junction of the road with the A27: repairs to this were carried out during last winter, but the problem has returned.

4. **Planning**

Marion Read Ed French's report.

- (a) There have been 23 applications, the bulk being for tree work and 6 covered extensions. There were 5 applications to take advantage of the excellent pre-application advice service.
- (b) In May 2016 the SDNP achieved International Dark Skies designation. This will probably impact planning rules for the installation of roof lights or Velux.
- (c) From 17 April this year the SDNPA has introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy, giving SDNPA the ability to impose a fee on new successful planning applications in order to fund green infrastructure and sustainable transport and education. The fee is currently £200 per square metre but there are exemptions.

5. **Social Report (Heather Birch)**

- (a) There had been fewer social events this year, as the Social Committee had dwindled in number to only Heather! However, there was discussion on how to proceed in the future, and the feeling was that people would generally be willing to help organise any future event.
- (b) As already mentioned, the fête had been very successful again. Later in the year a discussion will take place as to whether the format needed changing, to prevent it becoming stale.
- (c) Village Companions regularly run smaller social gatherings such as dinner, theatre trips, etc.

6. **Village Hall Report (Ron Chapple)**

(a) Ron explained that he was resigning from the Committee as he and Pam planned to move away from the village at some time in the future. Kevin Foster has kindly undertaken to take over management of the CCTV, but someone was needed to act as "handyman" around the Village Hall. Only modest DIY skills are needed, and Ron asked that if someone was willing to undertake this role, they should contact Paul Challen.

(b) The noticeboard by the old village shop has been taken down, and will not be replaced. The noticeboard by the village hall will be replaced by one affixed to the wall of the VH.

(c) There was a short discussion on the proposal to install a dishwasher in the kitchen of the Village Hall.

7. **Cricket Club (Kevin Foster)**

- (a) The cricket club has had another satisfactory year.
- (b) Sussex Ladies were at that moment using the ground, for the 4th year running.
- (c) There was concern that the number of Colts was dwindling, which might mean that the Colts' training sessions will not take place next year.
- (d) Kevin expressed his sadness at the death of one of the Cricket Club's Vice Presidents, George Walker, in the spring.

8. Election of Chairman and Appointment of Committee

Robert Essex proposed and Ron Chapple seconded the re-election of the Chairman and the reappointment of the current committee. This was unanimously agreed.

9. Any Other Business

(a) Simon Lay thanked Paul Challen for installing the Emergency Access notices along the Street, which has greatly helped in easing the parking problem during busy times.

(b) Bill Tustin reported that he is working on ideas for clearing and marking the carpark. Hopefully a few more parking spaces could be created which would help considerably.

(c) The issue of dog mess was raised again.

(d) Ron Chapple proposed a vote of thanks to Chris Hales, who has moved out of the village. Although never on the main Committee, over the years he had undertaken countless projects and jobs for the village: he will be greatly missed.

(e)

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Statement to be signed by Chairman at the 2018 AGM.

Agreed as a true record:

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Date:

for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting