

Nutfield Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly 2019 Minutes Village Hall, Mid Street, South Nutfield, RH1 4JJ 13th April 2019

Meeting opened at 10am and closed at 11.45am

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All councillors and Clerk in attendance

1.	Welcome Parish Council Chairman, John Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were acknowledged. There were approximately 20 attendees in addition to Parish Councillors. The notes of last year's meeting were approved and there were no matters arising. The Chairman outlined the order of business and advised that this meeting had been called in accordance with the Local Government act 1972.
	John advised of the change in Clerk and Assistant Clerk in this year. He welcomed Nicky Chiswick as the new Clerk, and Sarah Abellan as the new Assistant Clerk.
2.	A presentation was given by Keith Smith, Surrey, Sussex and Kent Air Ambulance. The presentation included a very informative overview of the Surrey, Sussex and Kent Air Ambulance that is based at Redhill Aerodrome. It included information of the structure of the Air Ambulance, how it operates and its charity status, and funding required to maintain the service.
3.	Reports from the Parish Council John Johnson, Chairman of the Parish Council gave an overview of activity during the last twelve months covering topics such as: Cemetery and the work the council has completed including digitalising the records, improving the overall environment of the cemetery. The TDC Draft Local Plan was discussed and highlighted that his process continues which the next stage being the examination of the Draft TDC Plan by a Government Planning Inspector in late summer. NPC will continue to contribute to this very important process to ensure that the rural

environment of Nutfield Parish is protected. The Kings Cross Road affordable housing programme was discussed and NPC advised of the Councils involvement in the process and highlighted its upset in that residents of Nutfield Parish did not receive the prioritisation that was promised and the entire development did not emerge as per the original planning permission granted. NPC are supportive of the principle of Affordable Housing.

NPC reiterated their stance to maintain their position of actively opposing inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

There is an election due on 2nd May but Nutfield Parish Council will not be involved as insufficient people offered to stand. This means that the existing Councillors are automatically returned. However, NPC have 2 vacancies and 3 existing Councillors have decided not to offer themselves for a further term. This means the Council are very short of numbers.

The Clerk, Nicky Chiswick gave an overview of the Council's finances including accounts for last year 2018/2019 and the budget for 2019/20 including how the Nutfield Parish Council are funded (an explanation of what CIL, precept and Cemetery was given, and an explanation to how the figure was decided). An explanation of Cemetery cost and income was presented, grants received in the year 2018/2019 and Budget for 2019/2020.

4. Public Forum (Q&A)

The following questions were raised:

- If NPC could assist with speaking with SCC on the condition of the road and paths on A25 from Cormongers Lane to Memorial Hall. Clerk to speak with SCC.
- Discussion on the war graves in the cemetery. Question of the upkeep of the war graves was asked. NPC to investigate
- If NPC could assist with Mid Street (from the end of the house until Sandy Lane) and the issue with trees and tree debris. Clerk advised that SCC were aware of the situation, and the Clerk to chase.
- Parishioner highlighted parking issues. Clerk advised that NPC are waiting for a meeting date with SCC.
- Kings Cross Road Housing development was discussed in detail –
 Parking on the road
- Cemetery layby and its use by the lorries were highlighted to be an issue for the Parishioners, and the lorries mounting the curbs in the layby were not ideal. One parishioner advised made that the layby problem (lorry and other parking) has caused parishioners to refrain from purchasing plots in the cemetery/WBA.

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