

The Pulborough Society

Minutes of meeting No 88 dated 7th February 2017

Present: Peter Jones, Laurie Ellis, Martin Ellis, Ian Ellis, Jill Moore, Siggy Hills, Anne Ball, Jane Paton

Apologies: Terry Donnelly

Before the start of the meeting Andy Tillbrook, a member of the Parish Council addressed the meeting. The Parish Council has received a letter from HDC who are reviewing the Conservation Area of Pulborough. The Parish Council needs to reply to HDC by 24th February 2017. Andy cited the need for green spaces in the village. Both Glebe fields, East and West have plants and animals, the lichens in St.Mary's churchyard are indications of the good air quality in that part of the village. The Glebe field is frequented by many dogwalkers.

There is a Village design paper in the County Record Office. The A283, of which Lower Street is a part, has become a more important road, but in parts is too narrow for such a road. West Sussex Highways Dept are seeking to improve the quality of the pavements which in some places are very sloping and sometimes too narrow for buggies and wheelchairs.

The Conservation area also includes Church Place, where there are a number of listed properties; some sixteenth century properties are virtually without foundations and may be vulnerable to road alterations.

Andy cited shortness of time given by HDC for a detailed Parish response and the Neighbourhood Plan which is so far in abeyance., as reasons why the Conservation Area should not be altered without time for more consideration.

Members of the Committee were asked to send their views to Martin Ellis for onward transmission to the Parish Council by 16th February,2017

- 1 Minutes of the last meeting No.87 were adopted PJ
- 2 Matters Arising The idea of the Map has been well received
We are currently not insured, though covered by some other insurance, i.e. Village hall, but this will not cover us for trips PJ
- 3 Correspondence None
- 4 Treasurer's Report Will be available at the AGM TD
- 5 Chairman's Report The last meeting had been very well attended and the talk by the Head Gardener from Woolbeding was excellent
- 6 Planning There is an application by Harwoods to move their operations to a site at Brinsbury. This could have an effect on Pulborough. If an industrial estate is established there this may also affect the one on the corner of Broomers Hill lane. ME
7. Membership 104 members are paid up so far this year., reminders are sent out regularly and some people pay as late as June. It was noted that the last two meetings, in the afternoon, had been very well attended,
Peter will see if we can get the hall for an afternoon meeting in March next year. J

PJ

8 Programme Siggy was congratulated on last month's choice

9 Outings Whitchurch on 24th May 2017 will leave from outside the Undertakers at 8.45 a.m. We shall visit the Sapphire Gin Distillery in the morning and then drive to the Silk Mill, lunch at the café there, and then visit the historic Silk Mill Cost per head £38. Peter will circulate a paper about the trip with papers for the AGM

10 AOB Arrangements for the AGM

11 Date of next meeting Tuesday 21st March at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room