

FOULDEN, MORDINGTON & LAMBERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on,

Monday, 11th June, 2018

At Foulden Village Hall.

Present: Gregory Lauder-Frost (Chairman), Julia Trotter (Treasurer), (Mordington), John Novak, Peter & Elaine Oswald, (Foulden), Francis Donoghue, (Lambertton) Anne Nixon (Hon. Secretary), Paul Cliffe (Playing Field Manager), Helen Laing & Carol Hamilton (S.B.C Cllrs), plus many local residents.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that this would start with the A.G.M.

1: Annual General Meeting:

1a: Secretaries Annual Report: The Secretary, Anne Nixon, read her report for the year 2017/2018 and this was accepted by the Community Council. A vote of thanks to Secretary for her work over the previous year was proposed by Julia Trotter and agreed by the council.

1b: Treasurers Annual Report: The Treasurer, Julia Trotter, distributed copies of the audited Annual Accounts for the Community Council and the King George V Playing Field, and then answered queries from the floor. Following this, acceptance was proposed by John Novak and seconded by Elaine Oswald, and the vote was unanimously carried and signed off.

1c: The King George V Memorial Playing Field Association Annual Report was presented by the Chairman. The Community Council acts as the Management Committee for the Association. The Chairman reported that charitable status had now been granted for the Association by OSCR. He also covered the very successful Car Boot Sale held in September, 2017. Following his report, acceptance was proposed by John Novak and seconded by Julia Trotter and the vote was unanimously carried. His full report was handed to the Hon. Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting concluded and a normal council meeting followed

2: Open Forum: The subject of discussion was SBC Planning reference 18/00473/SCR (pre-cursor to a possible full application) for a permanent caravan park of 69 holiday chalets or lodges on 17.3 acres of land at Willowdean House, Nunlands, Foulden. The room was packed to capacity with standing room only with local residents wishing to express their views on this stage 2 preliminary proposal. The Chairman agreed that we should commence the meeting with this matter and that the proposal had come before the last Community Council meeting and the council had unanimously objected to the proposal. A very accurate Briefing Note had been prepared by two residents of Nunlands and was handed to everyone present. Special concern was voiced by some present that local residents are not fully represented by our Scottish Borders Councillors on planning matters as two out of our three SBC councillors are on the Planning Committee. SBC Cllr Helen Laing replied that they cannot represent the community but must remain impartial. At this point the meeting became very heated in opposition to this statement and the Chairman had to settle everyone down. The applicants, Mr & Mrs Tait, also attended the meeting, and advised that they proposed to hold a public event on 29th June 2018 at Foulden Village Hall. (The Chairman pointed out that while Mr Tait's agents had said this in their submissions to the SBC that in fact the village hall had not yet been booked for that date and it was unclear if it was even available.) This event will consist of various displays and posters showing the proposed development in some degree of detail and would include an half an hour question and answer session from 7 p.m. It was unclear, however, at what time the hall would be open to the public. The Community Council resolved to leaflet every home in the entire constituency to make everyone aware of this event and proposal. With many of the immediate neighbours to Willowdean present, and others who would be affected, there followed a very long and heated debate covering a variety of objections and concerns regarding the undesirable impact this proposal will have on the local community. Due to the length of time this discussion had taken up, the Chairman felt he had to now close the Open Forum, advising those present that the objections and concerns raised would have the complete support and backing of the Community Council.

Following the Open Forum, the majority of the local residents left the meeting.

3: Apologies: Apologies were received from Tricia Lucas and William Calder.

4. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 30th April, 2018. – The minutes were accepted as a true record and unanimously carried and duly signed by the Chairman.