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criteria based policy as an amendment to the NP, the Chairman reassured Mr Miles that the policy only allows for small development once stringent criteria was met. The Parish Council also advised that a criteria based policy added more flexibility to the plan as the pre submission consultation had suggested that many residents did want to see more houses.

Brian Oliver, a local resident also expressed his concerns about the amendment to the NP.

Loz Allan, a local resident also expressed his concerns about the amendment and questioned whether the amendment had been discussed and agreed at a public meeting.

The Parish Council reassured those present that the NP and the criteria based policy had been discussed at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting in November. It was noted that MSDC were now looking at the NP for legality and compliance and there would be an opportunity to discuss it further at an Extraordinary Meeting before formal submission.

The Chairman also informed those present that the Clerk, the Chairman and Billy Dye would be attending a meeting with MSDC on 16 March 2017 to discuss the NP in more detail.

APOLOGIES – Jez Humphries-Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to make any declaration of personal or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is to be considered.

Cllr Hersey's Declaration of Interest:

I wish to advise that with regard to any comment (s) I may make on any planning application on tonight's agenda, I reserve the right to alter my views on any application and submission should it come before Planning Committee A or the District Planning Committee, following reading the Planning Officer's report, considering any verbal update the Planning Officer may provide and taking into account the views expressed by other Members or members of the public at the meeting.

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Cllr K O Regan declared a personal interest with regard to any discussions or decisions concerning the potential coffee shop at the Memorial Pavilion.

MINUTES

To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman- with the following amendment:

Keith O'Regan was present at the meeting on 14 February 2017 and Celia Vince was not a member of the Moderation Panel for the playground tender.

Matters Arising

The Chairman reported the following:

- The Tender document had now been forwarded to all those in the ESPO framework.
- An article had been published in the P&P concerning the Parish Council's vision exercise.

REPORTS

To receive a report from County Councillor: Councillor Field reminded the Parish Council about the Freshfield Liaison Brickwork Group. The ownership of Freshfield had changed and the present owner, Michael Mersh had attended all recent meetings. It had been decided at the last meeting that a meeting would only be convened when an issue arose. Cllr Field was not aware of any need to meet, but requested that the Parish Council kept this on their radar and considered the best way forward.

Cllr Field also reminded those present about the Community Initiative Fund for local organisations and that there was money available for local groups.

The implications from last weeks budget was still being processed, but the money received for Adult Social Care was welcomed but as a one off payment could not be built into baseline services. The money would be used to resource and stimulate projects.

Cllr Field also reminded those present that there were County Council elections on 4th May and purdah would start on 27 March.

To receive a report from District Councillor: Cllr Stockwell reported that following the recent Ofsted Inspection at St Giles, the school had received a notice of improvement measures. It was noted that there had been a change of headship and some of the

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suggested improvements were already in hand. There was a positive outlook at the school with the new Headteacher now in place.

Cllr Hersey advised that the District Plan remained a focus for MSDC and the District Council was taking legal advice on how to address the increased housing figures.

To receive reports from Parish Councillors:

Cllr Chris Wheatley reported that the Rector was leaving at Easter and there would be a service on Easter Sunday and all would be welcome.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a one day conference on 3 tier working which had been very interesting. The Clerk would circulate the Minutes from the conference.

Cllr Dye reported badly sunken drains at Tremains. The Clerk would report the matter to WSCC.

Cllr Clarke reported that some road names remained confusing especially for delivery drivers. The Clerk required further information.

Cllr Luckhurst reported that the burst water main in the village and the road closure had caused a great deal of mess. The diversion for the road being shut was also very confusing. The Clerk would look into this further.

Cllr Webster was able to confirm that with the new Headteacher in place at St Giles many improvements were underway and there was a positive outlook at the school.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

- 0150 **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments and note the receipts and year to date expenditure. The document was signed by the Chairman and a Councillor.
- 0151 **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank reconciliation.
- 0152 **RESOLVED** to approve the additional hours for the Clerk for January and February
- 0153 **RESOLVED** – to request the Clerk to arrange a Finance and Governance Committee.

TOILETS, GREEN AND RECREATION GROUND AND HIGHWAYS

The Parish Council received a verbal report from the Toilets, Green and Recreation Ground and Highways Committee (TGR) Committee Members and noted the unconfirmed TGR Minutes of 31 January 2017

The TGR Chairman reported that following some damage to the Green when a herd of cows and trampled across it, the local farmer who owned the cows had agreed to roll the Green and minimise any damage. The Chairman also reported that the Clerk was instructing an electrician to undertake an electrical survey at the Pavilion. A certificate of testing would need to be obtained.

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0154 **RESOLVED** to note the update.

The Playground Refurbishment and Replacement Working Group also updated the Parish Council and reminded them that the tender document had now gone out using the ESPO Framework. A Facebook page had been set up linked to the Parish Council Website to enable local residents to leave comments about the potential refurbishment and replacement of the play area. The Working Group were assisting the Clerk with looking for potential grants.

0154 **RESOLVED** to note the update.

0156 **RESOLVED** to agree the timetable and next steps for the Play area refurbishment/replacement (previously circulated and attached to these Minutes)

.PLANNING

The Chairman of the Planning Committee updated the Parish Council about applications received and decisions made (please see Planning Minutes)

GENERAL

0157 **RESOLVED** that Cllr Chris Wheatley would attend the Bluebell Railway Stakeholders meeting on 16 March 2017 and report any findings back.

It was agreed that Cllr Webster and Cllr Wheatley would have a table at the Made in Horsted Keynes event on 8 April to promote the visioning plan and also to advise the public about the playground refurbishment/replacement.

0159 **RESOLVED** that the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 11 April would commence at 8:00 p.m. and would focus on the visioning plan.

It was also AGREED that an article would be prepared for the P&P publicising the visioning exercise and asking the community to come forward with suggestions.

0160 **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would have a table at the Made in Horsted Keynes event on 8 April 2017.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nick Geering, a Member of the public sought clarification about the process for the proposed coffee shop. The Clerk explained that she would be meeting with the applicants for the coffee shop to discuss the possible licence and it was hoped to report back to the next Parish Council Meeting about the next steps.

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Tim Griffiths, local resident, sought clarification about the high street closures in Lindfield. Cllr Field would ask the Highways Manager at West Sussex to send further details to the Clerk.

Brian Oliver, local resident advised the Parish Council that the white line at Station Road was badly deteriorated and needed re-painting. The Clerk would look into this matter.

Lastly, the Chairman thanked all those residents who got up in the middle of the night to assist with the herd of cows which has escaped and were on the village green.

The meeting ended at 09:10 pm

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