



Minutes of the Additional Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: Cllrs Sonia Plato (SP), Lynda Roller (LR), Jill Mitcheson (JM) and John Goddard (JG).

In attendance: Gilly Lowe, Parish Clerk & 1 member of the public

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*In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chair, Cllr Sonia Plato chaired the meeting.*

**1. Public Questions**

None.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Geoff Thomas and District Councillor Chas Pearce.

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Received from:

Cllr Roller – Member of the Crowhurst Environment Group

Cllr Plato – Youth Club & Crowhurst Environment Group

**4. Councillor Vacancy**

Members had met earlier with a candidate for co-option and unanimously agreed that she would be a good addition to the parish council. Sue Laimbeer was duly co-opted as a new councillor and the clerk was asked to organize the necessary paperwork.

**5. Scheme of Delegation**

The proposed scheme of delegation had previously been circulated to all councillors, who agreed to adopt the scheme with immediate effect.

**6. Town & Country Planning**

6.1 RR/2023/1446/P - Crowhurst Caravan Park, Telham Lane, Crowhurst TN33 0SL

Proposal: Demolition of existing building, and

Members resolved to submit a general comment expressing concern about the loss of such a heritage item (the potting shed), and that efforts should have been made to preserve it. That said, if Rother are minded to grant permission, then conditions regarding external lighting to protect dark skies and porous hard-standing should be included.

6.2 RR/2023/850/P - Badgers End, Breadsell Lane, Crowhurst

The council had submitted comments on this application following the July meeting and had no further comments to add.

**7. Upgrade to Radio Base Station**

Following a discussion, members agreed that local residents should be informed about the proposed upgrade to the existing mast. The clerk will confirm with district councillor Chas Pearce about Rother's procedure regarding pre-app advice and arrange for an appropriate notification via email or door drop to residents.

**8. Tree Survey at the Pre-School**

Following the recent branch that had fallen off in high winds near the pre-school, members agreed to arrange a tree survey of the trees surrounding the Recreation Ground, in the pre-school and youth hut area. JG reminded members that it must be carried out by someone suitably qualified.

**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, the AGM, will take place on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed by .....

Date:.....