

Steyning Parish Council



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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE STEYNING CENTRE

Present : Cllrs Northam, Syred, Lloyd, Muncey, Willett, Hanson, S. Sullivan, G. Sullivan, Goldsmith

Clerk : Carol Stephenson

Members of the Public : 7 plus Cllr Barling WSCC, 1 member of the Press

A statement was made by the Chairman to explain the purpose of this meeting which is to allow the Council to debate the issue so as to be able to make a formal statement on the view of Steyning Parish Council. The Chairman also reminded everyone of the various meetings that have been held over recent weeks to facilitate public involvement in the WSCC consultation and why the decision was taken not to allow public questions on this occasion. He noted that the formal consultation period expires on 17th June 2016 should anyone still wish make a representation to WSCC.

The Chairman confirmed he had today received a written question from a member of the public which will be held over to the next full council meeting.

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Bowell, Ness Collins, Muggridge and Picking

Declarations of interest - Cllrs. Syred and Hanson advised that they have sought legal advice and have been advised that they do not have a personal or pecuniary interest requiring them to leave this meeting.

MINUTES

- FULL/16/29 PARISH COUNCILLORS TO DEBATE THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN – specifically Steyning Parish Council's response to excavate sand at Ham Farm, Steyning**
- 29.1** Cllr. Syred outlined the considerations identified by the Steyning Quarry Action Group (SQAG) including matters relating to : health and wellbeing, transport, South Downs National Park, visibility from other locations, high quality agriculture land, air quality, water quality, flooding etc.
- Cllr Muncey sought clarification on the relationship between the SQAG group and the Council. The Chairman and others confirmed that SQAG has been established as an independent group of residents



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and is not a committee or working party of the council.

Further to the information now available to councillors they felt they now had enough information to enable them to formulate a statement and then vote.

Cllr Muncey **proposed** and Cllr Lloyd **seconded** the following :

“Steyning Parish Council objects to the principle of the proposed Ham Farm site being used for the extraction of minerals and as a subsequent landfill site as proposed in the most recent West Sussex County Council Joint Minerals Local Plan of April 2016 and will put forward its objections to West Sussex County Council.”

Agreed unanimously

29.2

Cllr Northam **proposed** and Cllr Hanson **seconded** that a working group be convened as soon as possible to work with SQAG and pool information to formulate “show stopping” objections to this proposal by 13th June 2016 to allow reporting to next meeting of Full Council . Cllrs Hanson, Syred, Muncey, two District Councillors, County Councillor to lead on this – all other councillors are invited to participate. **Agreed**

The meeting closed at 7.59pm

Signed: Date: 13st June 2016
Chairman



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