



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: (Vice Chairman) Cllr Dunbar Dempsey, Cllr Dashfield, Cllr Rogers, Cllr White, Cllr Ward and Cllr Watts (WDC)

4 Members of the public present

1. PUBLIC SESSION

A parishioner informed the members they have confirmed an employee of the Ripe Village Stores will be the responsible person for the defibrillator.

A parishioner volunteered to offer lifts to elderly residents if prior notice is given.

A parishioner requested if the CIL possible proposals could be listed on the minutes. Cllr White will create a list for the clerk to publish.

A member of the public spoke against the planning application WD/2018/2219/F for reasons associated with the flood risk and the access being potentially hazardous. These views have been sent to Wealden planning department.

Cllr Watts has brought these concerns to Chris Bending but as the hydrologist report does not agree with the risk it is an area hard to challenge.

1 member of the public left the meeting

A parishioner proposed for electrics to be installed under the island for the Christmas tree. Cllr White informed the member this is an area the CIL money is being investigated to be used for. The member of the public offered to help if required. Cllr White will converse closely with the parishioner as the projects move forward.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – *Apologies were received by Cllr Conway, Cllr Turner and Cllr Bennett*

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS – *Cllr White declared a personal interest in TM/2020/0020/TCA as he is the owner.*

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th JANUARY 2020.

The minutes were agreed and signed accordingly

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – No Report

WDC – Cllr Watts reported on various issues:

- *A new local plan is being created; it is estimated to take 2 years.*

- *The new requirement is for 1231 houses to be built each year, the previous recommendation was 950 houses per year. Some areas will get more development than others, key areas are being looked at presently.*
- *Members of the planning department have had issues with personal safety due to a few incidents following the outcome of the decisions.*
- *Cllr Watts has worked with Richard Harding on the mucky weekend licence for methods to be put in place to avoid what happened last year. Richard Harding has been asked to attend the March's meeting.*

Cllr Watts left the meeting

6. PLANNING, The meeting was re-opened and the councillors made their formal comments on the applications.

a) Plans

WD/2018/2219/F - CHERRY COTTAGE, RIPE LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AR Description: Revised parking and access and additional landscape information. Plans received 10 and 15 January 2020.

ONE NEW GUEST ACCOMMODATION TREE HOUSE. Revised parking and access and additional landscape information. Plans received 10 and 15 January 2020.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds;

Objection due to loss of amenity for neighbours who will be adversely impacted by the proposed development. Also, the application states that there will be no additional cars and this is surely incorrect as guest accommodation in a rural unsustainable area will necessitate more cars and more car movements.

This revised application has not addressed the issues raised by immediate neighbours. There is already one rental property on this site; two would be over development

WD/2019/2663/LB - THE OLD COTTAGE, THE STREET, RIPE, BN8 6BD Description: REPLACEMENT SINGLE-STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTERATIONS TO POTTING SHED AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS.

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WD/2019/1982/F – KITTY HAWK AIRSTRIP, KITTY HAWK FARM, DARP LANE, RIPE, BN8 6BB – INFILLING WORKS TO marginally RAISE THE GROUND LEVEL ON LAND TO THE NORTH-WEST OF AN EXISTING AIRSTRIP TO PROVIDE A GRAZING PASTURE FOR LIVESTOCK AND ALSO TO EXTEND THE RUN-OFF AREA FOR SAFETY REASONS.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

- *This would cause major earth works*
- *Concerns it would be a precedent for bigger and increased numbers of aircraft*
- *Increased aircrafts impact on nature and wildlife*
- *The application seeks a grazing pasture for livestock but this would be an unsafe area for any livestock. Moreover, the adjacent solar park was supposed to allow for sheep to be grazed under the solar panels. This appears not to be happening.*
- *There remains an enforcement notice on a wall which should not have been built*

b) To consider any planning applications that have been received after agenda has been published.

None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2018/2102/F DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGALOW AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DETACHED HOME. ROSENEATH FARM, MILL LANE, RIPE BN8 6AX **Approved**

TM/2020/0020/TCA – Fell 1x eucalyptus tree and replace with smaller tree subject to regulations designated Ripe conservation area, August 1991/ March 2017. Eckington House, Ripe Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AR

Cllr White gave a small explanation of the tree removal.

Members noted these planning responses

d) To note approved responses to applications and appeals approved by email.

None

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- **Parish Planning Panel -Feedback of meeting** – *Cllr Dunbar Dempsey and Cllr White attended and reported to members points from the meeting. The Councillors reported due to the local plan failing there will be an increase in planning applications. Concerns were raised due to this that planning applications would be approved without careful examination. The panel assured this was not to be the case and each application would be assessed on their sustainability and suitability. The panel informed there would be an increase in appeals. Infrastructure will not be improved until houses are in place. Chris Bending informed members it is the legal obligation of the infrastructure companies to make sure there is sufficient supply for homes. Conservation areas remain in force and character assessments of all conservation areas are in process of being carried out. A new local plan is in the process of being created. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey and Cllr White recommended Samantha Prior (Team Leader South) to attend a parish meeting to advise what actions parish councils can take.*
- **To discuss the Planning procedure** - *The clerk verified the current method of distribution of planning applications and responses.*

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7. FINANCIAL MATTERS- *Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting)* – List of payments on separate sheet

- February Payments – *The payments were agreed and signed accordingly*

8. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY - *Cllr Dunbar Dempsey will create wording to be included on all planning responses. This will be brought to the next full council meeting for agreement.*

1 member of the public left the meeting

9. CIL – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - *The CIL Proposals for 2019-20 in no particular order are currently as follows:*

Defibrillator, approved and waiting installation.

Improvements to two islands in Ripe (three separate suggestions).

Bike posts.

Traffic calming measures.

ANPR cameras

Kitchen in village hall.

New gates for Ripe churchyard.

Community exercise and well-being space.

Petanque pitch.

Repairs to Parish notice boards

Cllr White updated members a meeting was held with the highway's representative in regards to the improvements to the islands and implementing the Bike posts. The highways representative will quote for detailed drawings. The electrics to be included under the island are being looked into further. The expenditure remains the same as below and an update of progress will be given at the next full council meeting.

CIL Account:

Monies Received: £39,436

Expenditure:

Defibrillator £4000

Legal Costs £550

Balance £34,886

An email was received regarding the salt box by the Old Golden Cross Pub, this has been investigated and it is outside of the Chalvington and Ripe Parish Borders. The clerk will respond to the email informing the recipient to contact Chiddingly Parish Council.

Defibrillator update

Cllr Ward informed members the defibrillator is to be installed on the 11th February 2020. The box will be installed first along with signs around the village for directions. Once installed, training will be given to volunteers. This will be advertised in the Parish Magazine, in the village Shop, noticeboard and website. The clerk will make sure it is insured and placed on the asset register.

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

10.1 – Meeting dates – *All members reviewed and agreed the meeting dates*

10.2 - Meeting Start time – *The meeting start time was reviewed and the suggested time of 7pm was agreed. All meetings will start at 7pm.*

11. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

11.1 - Traffic calming update – *Cllr Rogers has written to Mr O'Connell and as yet has not received a response; he will continue to chase and report back at the next full council meeting.*

11.2 Weekend festival – *Cllr Dashfield represented the Parish council at the recent licencing meeting and reported to members the licence has been agreed but measures are to be put in place to avoid last year's complaints. Conditions must be adhered to; noise will be monitored all evening and there will be a contact number for complaints and residents.*

12 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed

- **Police & crime commissioners precept snap poll**
- **Europlants plants & grounds maintenance**

Members noted correspondence

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

12.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

None

13- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Dashfield asked for TPOs around Chalvington and Ripe to be placed on next month's agenda for discussion, at present Cllr Dashfield was unable to find current TPOs for the parish (except for the millennium trees on Church Lane Ripe) so they could be monitored.

Members discussed the current website needs improvements; this was agreed to be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting together with implementing new email addresses for councillors

The clerk will continue to obtain quotes for the finger post repairs.

2 members of the public left

Members also discussed the possibility of liaising with other parishes to discuss the local plan. This will also be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.09pm