

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Hayton Baker  
Hall, Ripe on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019

PRESENT: Cllr Webb (Chairman until item 5)  
Cllr Dashfield Cllr Dunbar Dempsey  
Cllr Rogers Cllr Ward  
Cllr White

ATTENDING: District Councillor D Watts, A Stevens (Clerk) and four members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Lady Conway and were accepted by those present.

2. Acceptance of Office

All the Parish Councillors present duly completed their Acceptance of Office, Register of Interests and Consent to Receive Electronic Agendas Forms and handed them in to the Clerk.

3. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year

Cllr White proposed and Cllr Dunbar Dempsey seconded Cllr Lady Conway for the role of Chairman to Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council. All were in favour.

Cllr Lady Conway had confirmed before the meeting she was happy to accept the role if she was offered it.

4. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

Cllr Ward proposed and Cllr White seconded Cllr Dunbar Dempsey for the role of Vice Chairman to Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council. All were in favour.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey confirmed she is happy to accept the role and, in the absence of Lady Conway, chaired the rest of the meeting.

The meeting was then suspended.

5. Questions from the Public

Mrs Philipps described her application (WD/2019/0629/F) and said the accommodation was needed to help her run her business and therefore stay in her home.

The meeting was then re-opened.

6. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 were duly noted having been agreed at the previous year's Full Council Meeting in June.

7. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 4th April 2019 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Acting Chairman.

8. Co-option of New Councillor

Councillors considered two applications and resolved to co-opt Mrs Debbie Turner because they currently have no representation from Chalvington but they asked if the other applicant's details could be kept on file until the next vacancy representing Deanland arises.

The Clerk will write to the other applicant and explain and ask to keep his details for next time.

9. To adopt the Standing Orders/Financial Regulations for the ensuing year

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved to adopt the 2018 Standing Orders for the ensuing year which had been circulated by the Clerk before the meeting.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved to adopt the latest Financial Regulations for the ensuing year which had also been circulated by the Clerk before the meeting.

10. To appoint Councillors as Representatives of the Parish Council on the following bodies:

Councillors resolved that the following Councillors serve on the outside bodies listed;

Police Liaison Meetings	Cllr Dunbar Dempsey
Emergency Co-ordinator	Cllr Ward
Planning Overview	Cllr Lady Conway
Wealden District Association of Local Councils	Alison Stevens
Dog Waste Warden	Cllr White
Tree Warden	Cllr Dashfield
ESALC AGM	Vacant
Parish Planning Panel	Cllr White and one other

11. To consider payment of the following annual subscriptions:

Councillors resolved unanimously to pay the following subscriptions for 2019-2020;

Wealden District Associations of Local Councils  
Sussex Association of Local Councils  
Zurich Insurance  
Information Commissioner

12. To agree the meeting dates for the year ahead

Councillors resolved unanimously that the dates will be;

<u>2019</u>	
June	3rd
July	1st

September	2nd
October	7th
November	4th
December	2 <sup>nd</sup>

<u>2020</u>	
January	6th
February	3rd
March	2nd
April	6th
May	7th (Thursday)
June	1 <sup>st</sup>
July	6th

13. To agree bank signatories

Councillors resolved that two councillors sign each cheque and that the signatories will be – Councillors Lady Conway, Ward, Dunbar Dempsey and the Clerk.

14. To adopt the accounts for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Councillors **resolved**;

- i: to approve the Annual Governance Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- ii: to approve the Receipts and Payments Account, Bank Reconciliation, Asset Schedule, Annual Return, Risk Management Document and Internal Control Arrangements for 2018-2019.
- iii: that they are not exempt from an External Audit for the year to 31st March 2019 because the Parish Council's turnover was more than £25000.

15. To adopt the Code of Conduct for the ensuing year

Councillors resolved to accept the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests introduced by Wealden District Council under the Localism Act 2012.

16. General Power of Competence

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved that it meets the prescribed conditions for the General Power of Competence.

17. Litter

i: Councillors discussed whether or not they would like to support the LitterWatch Group's proposal to put a litter bin in the lay by at the railway crossing on the Firle Road. They considered the following options;

Option 1: To fit a 'Glasdon Community Bin' at a cost of £317.35 (including fittings) plus VAT.

Option 2: To fit a concrete bin supplied by Wealden District Council for £750 plus VAT.

Option 2 would need to be anchored by its own weight, so a simple section 115 application request would have to be made to ESCC. This costs £57.20 and lasts for 2 years. The bin would also be replaced by Wealden, once, if it is damaged or stolen at no further cost to the Parish Council.

Option 1 would need fitting to the ground via a concrete base for security purposes

and will require an additional section 171 excavation licence. This is a 'one off' charge of £380.00.

Wealden will charge £250 a year to empty either bin.

Councillors agreed to support the proposal in principle and that Councillor Rogers will discuss the various options with the Chairman of the Litterwatch Group and see which the Group prefers.

ii: Councillors also considered the Group's proposal to provide moveable signs which say 'Litter picking in progress'. These signs would be temporary and will only be out when the litter pickers are working. Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council and ESCC have any objections to this and the Parish Council understands a licence would not be required.

Councillors also discussed whether or not to provide 'Take your litter home' signs but felt they needed more detail. Councillor Rogers will ask Professor Hill what the LitterWatch Group would like the signs to look like and where they think they should be. Councillors will also bring their suggestions to the next meeting.

18. Road Safety – update

Councillor White provided more information about ANPR cameras.

Councillors agreed a more robust stance was needed with Wealden because they seem to be rejecting all their CIL ideas and they also agreed they have to be careful not to fund things which are the responsibility of other authorities. Councillor White will circulate the criteria for looking at CIL in time for the next meeting.

19. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered;

WD/2019/0629/F - Church Farm, Church Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AU - Conversion of remaining part of a redundant barn to provide ancillary accommodation – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

The Parish Council has objected to the Local Plan on the grounds that the numbers of homes proposed to be built in Ripe are far too high. If this application is approved by Wealden then it should count towards the settlement capacity.

District Councillor Watts reminded Councillors of the vulnerability of the Wealden Local Plan and the consequences if it is not found to be adequate.

20. Questions from Members

Councillor Rogers said the Chair of the A27 local pressure group met Rupert Clubb and the Chief Executive of ESCC recently and they seemed determined to build a dual carriageway. The pressure group has called a meeting to discuss the matter further. The meeting will take place at Selmeston Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.

Councillor White said;

- Maria Caulfield MP does not support an off line carriageway and is going to call a meeting of her own because there is a lot of wrong information out there.
- The next Wealden Planning Panel Meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Councillors agreed to confirm which dates they can attend the Wealden Local Plan Public Inspection by email.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.