

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Hayton Baker
Hall, Ripe on Tuesday 7th May 2013

PRESENT: Cllr Webb (Chair) Cllr English
 Cllr Mrs Allcock Cllr Dadswell
 Cllr Dunbar Dempsey

ATTENDING: County Councillor Bennett, District Councillor Harms and A Hillman (Clerk).
County Councillor Bennett and District Councillor Harms left after the public session to attend other meetings. There was one member of the public in attendance.

Public Session

District Councillor Harms provided some background information to the scoping application WD2013/6507SCO. This application is one of four similar applications in the immediate area. Environment Assessment documents have been requested and this request has been appealed against.

Wealden District Council is looking at mobile phone coverage in this area. Parishes are invited to write to Wealden setting out any concerns.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ward and Brass.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th May 2012 were read, approved and signed.

3. To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year

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

Cllr Webb kindly accepted the role of Chairman to Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.

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

Councillors agreed to defer the appointment of a Vice-Chairman until the next meeting.

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

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved to adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for the ensuing year subject to the following amendment;

In the event of the District Council's consultation period falling outside of the Parish Council's meeting dates, Councillor's comments on planning applications will be requested by the Clerk by email.

6. 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 Joint Action Group	Cllr Dunbar Dempsey
Emergency Co-ordinator	Cllr Brass
Wealden District Association of Local Councils	Cllr Webb
Tree Warden	Cllr Ward
Hayton Baker Hall	Cllr Brass

7. To consider payment of the following annual subscriptions:

Councillors resolved unanimously to pay the following subscriptions for the ensuing year;

Wealden District Associations of Local Councils
Society of Local Council Clerks
Sussex Association of Local Councils
Zurich Insurance

8. To agree the meeting dates for the year ahead

Councillors resolved unanimously that the dates will be;

June	3 rd
July	1 st
August *	5 th
September	2 nd
October	7 th
November	4 th
December	2 nd
January	6 th
February	3 rd
March	3 rd
April	7 th
May	6 th
June	2 nd

- This date is provisional.

9. To agree bank signatories

Councillors resolved that the principle of two bank signatories remains.

10. To adopt the accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2013

Councillors **resolved** to accept the accounts and annual governance statement for the financial year to 31st March 2013 which had previously been circulated to them. They can now be forwarded to an auditor on the SALC auditors' list for approval and verification.

11. 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.

12. Business Plan

Councillors **resolved** to set up a Working Party to meet and draft a Business Plan/Village Plan which will then be referred back to the Full Council for approval. The Working Party will consist of Councillors Dunbar-Dempsey, Webb and English with Councillor Dunbar-Dempsey as Chair.

13. General Power of Competence

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

14. Bridleway Ripe 19/Laughton 32

Jackie Rowland, County Bridleways Officer for the British Horse Society has written formally to East Sussex County Council about the state of Bridleway Ripe 19/Laughton 32 and the fact it appears to have been moved. The British Horse Society is asking for the Parish Council's support. Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council agreed to wait and see what the response is from ESCC first.

15. Roads in the Parish

Selmeston Parish Council recently contacted the Parish Council over concerns it has about the state of the roads in its parish, one of which roads is Langtye Lane. Langtye Lane is also in this parish.

Selmeston Parish Council understands that Central Government has allocated an extra £3bn for County Councils nationally to spend on roads. Councillors **resolved** that the Chalvington with Ripe Parish Clerk writes to our County Councillor to find out how much has been given for roads here.

15. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered;

WD2013/0786F Mount Pleasant Farm, Chalvington Lane
New sand school.
Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD2013/0787F Church Farm, Church Lane.
Extension to existing barn to provide additional storage.
Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds but would like to see the extended barn screened by trees and hedging.

WD2013/6507SCO

Laughton Level Solar Park

Request for scoping opinion for solar park.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has concerns about this application and initially requests that an Environmental Assessment Exercise and a Traffic Assessment Exercise are carried out. It is noted that Wessex Solar Energy (WSE) would like to talk to the Parish Council. The Parish Council would like to invite WSE to attend a Parish Council Meeting in due course but will need two months notice. The Clerk will register for regular updates about this application in the meantime.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.