

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

14th April 2015

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

PRESENT: Cllr Webb (Chairman) Cllr Allcock
 Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey Cllr Brass
 Cllr Shonfeld Cllr Ward

ATTENDING: A Hillman (Clerk) and five members of the public were also in attendance.

127. PUBLIC SESSION –

There were no reports from County or District Councillors on this occasion. District Councillors are understood to have been advised that they should not attend Parish Council meetings under the rules of purdah. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to District Councillor Harms and thank him for all the help and support he has given the Parish Council during his term of office.

Professor Hill, as Chairman of the Hayton Baker Hall, thanked the Parish Council for its help in securing funds from the developers of the Solar Farm at Kitty Hawk Farm which it plans to put towards extending the hall.

The meeting then opened.

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor English sent his apologies for absence were duly received and accepted by the Parish Council.

PSCO Stephen Fenn also sent his apologies for absence.

129. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 2nd March 2015 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

130. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – Councillor Dunbar Dempsey confirmed she has been in touch with Highways about the state Darp Lane, Mill Lane and the road outside Kitty Hawk Farm have been left in following the building of the solar farm. Councillors Dunbar Dempsey and Ward had offered to attend to meet officers and show them the extent of the problems but were told by ESCC that they could not meet them under the rules of purdah. Chalvington Parish Council has been assured by Development Control that the roads and verges will be reinstated.

131. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interests or changes to the Register of Interests.

132. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – There were no reports from outside meetings on this occasion.

133. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – The following applications were considered;

WD2015/0444F – Deanland Cottage, Deanland Road – Side extension and rear first floor extension. – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD2015/0594F – Mark Cross Cottage, Ripe – Demolish existing derelict three bay garage and erection of steel framed barn - Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD2015/0686F – Vanguard Cottage, Chalvington Lane – Demolition of existing house and rebuilding new four bedroom house with detached double garage – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as access for the work and subsequent access to the house is from the main road and not from Sheepcote Lane at the rear.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey suggested Councillors should note Wealden's decisions on planning applications and take the points raised into account when considering future applications.

134. THE LAMB PUBLIC HOUSE – The Group would like to see the pub continue trading and has told the estate agents it will step aside if a buyer comes forward. In the meantime the Group is to draft a business plan for investors.

135. CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT – The following cheques were approved for payment;

ESALC – Subs - £314.01	Cheque number 100898
Zurich – Insurance - £292.65	Cheque number 100899
S Goacher – Payroll - £105.77	Cheque number 100900
Mass Media – Website - £84.00	Cheque number 100901
HMRC - £268.80	Cheque number 100902
A Hillman – Salary – March	Cheque number 100903

136. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Councillor Webb;

- has received notification that the fence between the village hall and the adjacent field needs repairing and he has received an offer from the owner of the field to pay for part of the repairs. Councillor Webb will establish who owns the fence and report back to the next meeting.
- noted the Parish Council will not have a contested election this year and thanked those who have come forward.
- has received notification Laughton Parish Council that Wealden has been approached again by the owner of the land south of Lower Vert Wood. He plans to submit a new planning application for a permanent residential gypsy/traveller development on this site. No application has been received as yet but the landowner has a new planning agent working for him and a planning application is expected by May. It has been suggested to the landowner that he should discuss his application informally with Laughton Parish Council and it is an item for discussion on their agenda of 15th April.

Whilst Chalvington Parish Council accepts it has not yet seen the application it sees no reason to change its original comments as;

1. the need for the site has still not been proven.
2. flooding will still be a problem. It understands the development is to be moved from the roadside to nearer the wood.
3. the development will still contravene the Planning Framework.
4. access to road will still be dangerous.

Councillors agreed Councillor Webb should attend the meeting of the 15th April and any subsequent meetings and report back to the Parish Council.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey asked when the notice boards are being repaired. Jakks is reported to have the work in hand.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey also noted that Laughton Parish Council has achieved some success recently in its rejection of a planning application but only because it questioned the evidence supplied. She encouraged Chalvington Parish Councillors to do the same and to not necessarily take everything at face value.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.