

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

1st July 2019

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

41. Present: Cllr Lady Conway (Chairman), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey, Cllr Dashfield, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Turner and Cllr Ward.

42. Attending: A Stevens (Clerk) and four members of the public were also in attendance.

43. Public Session:

District Councillor Watts sent a written report which said;

'There is little to report other than the following:

- The new Biffa contract for Wealden waste is in progress. You can now place glass items within the recycling bin and the smaller box is now redundant. It can be used for whatever purpose people feel that they can use it. The garden waste bin at a cost of £50 has commenced, the bin can be shared with a neighbour but has to be registered to one household. This of course shares the cost.
- There is going to be some information put on the WDC (Wealden District Council) website about waste collection and travel of the waste to its final destination'.

Mrs Garner asked the Parish Council to consider extending the 30mph speed limit out of Ripe, to the A22. The Parish Council has recently discussed the issue and is taking the matter up with Highways. Councillor Rogers is also trying to arrange a meeting with the Safer Sussex Partnership to look at which options are open to us. In the meantime residents are encouraged to report all driving offences via Operation Crackdown.

The meeting was then opened.

44. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Geoff White and they were accepted by those present.

45. Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 3rd June 2019 and 14th June 2019:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 3rd June 2019 and 14th June 2019 were approved by all and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.

46. Clerk's Report on any Matters' Arising:

All matter's arising were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

47. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Lady Susan Conway declared a personal interest in the planning application for Roseneath Farm (WD/2018/2102/F) and did not take part in the vote.

48. Reports from Outside Meetings:

Councillor Rogers attended a Public Meeting, which has been organised by SCATE, about plans for the A27 Lewes to Polegate Road. The meeting was held on the 26th June. He said Maria Caulfield MP has now said she is in favour of improving the existing road and is encouraging Highways England to choose that option.

Councillor Ward and the Chairman met the Park Manager of Deanland Park. He;

- Said residents in Chalvington and Ripe are welcome to use the recycling facilities at Deanland. This was covered in more detail later on in the meeting.
- Asked if the Parish Magazine can be delivered to the Park bi-monthly instead of monthly to help reduce wastage.
- Said he sees Deanland as a self-contained community and as such it has no need to apply for any CIL money.

Councillor White attended the Wealden Planning Panel Meeting which was held on 12th June. He sent a written report which said;

- Definition of adjacent land. The land next to the core as shown on the maps in the Local Plan. The land can be any size so a 10 acre field would be treated as adjacent as would a 1 acre field. Other planning policies would, however, apply.
- Whilst not strictly a planning matter alerting the planning department to a potential contract issue with a site, such as an easement, is useful information which the department welcomes.
- Accessing a plot over land via land not owned by the applicant is a planning issue.
- Planning applications are simply allocated to the next available officer even if the applications are on the same site such as Roseneath.
- A new planning officer, Samantha Prior, has been appointed for our area.
- It is important to give reasons for either supporting or not supporting a planning application.
- MSOA. Allocations from any villages in the same MSOA can happen at any time during the life of the Local Plan. So if, for example, it was determined that Berwick Station could not accommodate an application at the moment then the applicant would be alerted to land available elsewhere within the same MSOA.

49. Planning Applications:

WD/2018/2102/F - Roseneath Farm, Mill Lane, Ripe BN8 6AX - Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new detached home – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council supports this application but asks that;

- The windows and doors are wooden and therefore comply with the Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council Design Statement.
- The materials used are of good quality.
- There are no roof lights or lanterns which would increase the ambient lighting.
- The design is more compact, squarer and less bulky.
- There are more indigenous trees to help soften the landscape.
- There are more energy saving measures, for example solar panels, included.

Councillors also;

- asked for reassurance that this development is not used to allow access for more development.
- Said they were disappointed with the Conservation Report because residents have often seen the Great Crested Newt there.

WD/2019/1339/F - Church Farm, Church Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AU - Conversion of remainder of redundant barn to provide additional residential accommodation. No increase in footprint bulk or

volume – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

50. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):

Councillors resolved to put the following notice in the noticeboards and village magazine in a poster format which will be designed by Councillor Rogers.

'As a result of recent local developments, Chalvington and Ripe Parish Council now has about £39000 in a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund, passed to us by Wealden. We're inviting ideas from residents as to how best to spend this money.

According to the Government, it can be spent on "a very broad range of facilities such as recreational areas, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, healthcare facilities, academies and free schools, district heating schemes and police stations and other community safety facilities." Wealden's plan talks about "new, enhanced and management of biodiversity attributes... open space, green space, leisure and recreation" The planting of trees might also be allowed as they would help offset the impact of an increased population.

Clearly £39,000 won't build much, so we're looking for smaller ideas that will improve our villages. Please submit a brief summary (no more than 500 words) of your idea, and a rough costing, by email to xxxx by the end of September. Councillors will shortlist the best for further discussion by the following criteria;

It should benefit a high proportion of residents,
It should complement the rural nature of the parish,
It should be a new facility i.e. should not duplicate an existing facility,
It should help to alleviate the volume of traffic i.e. should not encourage traffic,
It should improve the environment,
It should enhance the quality of life of parishioners and should not be to the detriment of anyone,
It must have no or low ongoing costs, or public liability

Councillors then resolved;

- To set up a Working Party to consider and shortlist the ideas. The Working Party will consist of Councillors Turner, Ward and White.
- Those shortlisted will be required to provide more detailed information to support their ideas so that they can be fully evaluated.
- Residents will be given a draft proposal form detailing the information required. The proposal form had been distributed before the meeting and was approved by those present.

51. Deanland:

Councillor Ward asked councillors to consider including 'Deanland' in the name of the Parish Council. It was agreed to return to the issue in January. In the meantime residents are invited to send in their comments about the proposal to the Clerk.

52. Recycling Sites:

Councillor Ward and the Chairman met the Park Manager of Deanland Park. He said residents in Chalvington and Ripe are welcome to use the recycling facilities at Deanland which are now by the north exit, as long as they drive through the park to get to them and do not park on the road.

53. Design Statement:

Councillors considered the updated draft Design Statement which Councillor Ward sent round before the meeting. Councillors agreed to look at the Design Statement and send any amendments to him by email. The Design Statement will then be brought back to Full Council for approval.

54. Emergency Plan:

Councillors suggested one change to the Emergency Plan. The Plan will then be updated by Councillor Ward and sent to everyone by email.

55. Fraudulent Letter:

A letter was sent to the District Council which fraudulently claimed to be from one of the Parish Councillors. This letter has subsequently been reported to, and is being held on record by, Sussex Police.

56. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

101085	Mass Media – Website	£ 76.79
101086	A Stevens – Salary	
101087	ESCC – Pension	
101088	Ripe and Chalvington PCC – Grant	£ 750.00
101089	Hayron Baker Hall – Grant	£ 350.00
101090	Cuckmere CCB – Grant	£ 100.00
101091	Mass Media – Website	£ 226.80
101092	Hayton Baker Hall – Hall Hire	£ 154.00

57. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor Lady Conway said the Parish Council has now received a response from Wealden in reply to the letter they sent to the Chief Executive and she asked Councillors how they wished her to proceed. After much discussion Councillors agreed that she should reply thanking them for their response and add that the Parish Council is now considering its position.

There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.