

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

1st September 2014

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: County Councillor N Bennett, District Councillor S Harms and A Hillman (Clerk). There were no members of the public in attendance.

Councillors agreed that item 9 'Proposal to reduce the bus service' will be discussed before item 2 'Apologies for absence' to allow County Councillor Bennett to participate.

43. PUBLIC SESSION –

County Councillor Bennett reported that the ESCC Cabinet is to discuss Ofsted, GCSE and Key Stage 2 results and buses when it meets next. GCSE results are reported to be down overall, although there have been improvements in Early Years and Key Stage 2 results. Rural secondary schools have recorded particularly low results.

District Councillor Harms said there is a lot of work in progress at the District Council. He also asked for the Parish Council's Community Dividend application. The Parish Council is to ask for its fingerpost signs to be repaired.

The meeting then opened.

44. PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE BUS SERVICE – Councillor Shonfeld presented a petition to the Parish Council from 291 residents of Deanland. They strongly object to proposals to reduce the number of days the buses serve the parish from five days to two.

Councillors **resolved** to wait for further communication from ESCC and then arrange to present the petition to the Chairman of ESCC. A delegation from Deanland will also be invited to attend.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr English and were accepted by those present.

46. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 7th July 2014 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

47. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council now holds shares in the Village Shop.

She also reported that the firm insuring the Parish Council's hand bells has ceased trading and she would like to include the hand bells on the Parish Council's main insurance. Councillor Webb said he will find out more details about the bells.

48. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: No disclosures of interests or changes to the Register of Interests were declared.

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

50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

There following application was considered;

WD2014/1234F - Chalvington Sand Pit – Replacement stables and store –
Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

51. VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

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

A Hillman - Salary
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Cheque Number 100880
Cheque Number 100991

53. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Councillor Brass asked how the Parish Council is progressing with its plans to install a bench by the bus stop at The Lamb. Councillor Webb will ask the architect from Shepherd Neame for an update.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey asked what the Parish Council would like to spend the rest of its allocation from the Community Dividend on. Councillors asked the Clerk to find out prices for a defibrillator. The Parish Council will also ask for its two notice boards to be refurbished.

There being no further questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.