

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

25th July 2017

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

40. Present: Cllr Webb (Chairman) Cllr Dunbar Dempsey
Cllr Shonfeld Cllr Ward
Cllr White

41. Attending: A Stevens (Clerk) and one member of the public was also in attendance.

42. Public Session:

Professor Hill recorded his objections to planning application WD/2017/1084/F for Kitty Hawk Farm. He said he and his wife have already experienced massive disruption from Kittyhawk Farm due to the high volume of lorries using Darp Lane in order to extend the current airfield runway on the site. He believes there is a flight restriction already in place. The lane is extremely narrow and is rapidly deteriorating due to these lorry movements and that if permission is granted it should stipulate that the proposed new building should be used for domestic use only and not for commercial purposes.

The meeting then opened.

43. Apologies for absence:

Councillors P Brass and S English sent apologies for their absence which were accepted by those present.

44. Disclosures of Interest:

There were no disclosures of interest nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

45. Planning Applications:

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2017/1084/F - Kitty Hawk Farm, Darp Lane, Ripe, BN8 6BB - Demolition of existing residential dwelling and erection of a single replacement dwelling with associated extension to residential curtilage –

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds;

- 1: The size of the new house has increased substantially. It is twice the size of the existing dwelling and is an overdevelopment.
- 2: If it is allowed to go ahead, the number of cars using Darp Lane will increase from 2 to 6. Darp Lane is very narrow. It is a rural lane, similar to an un-adopted road, and is already deteriorating rapidly.
- 3: The square footage will double and it therefore falls foul of the Ashdown Forest principle. Wealden planning policy AF1 states that development may only be delivered when suitable compensatory measures for the Ashdown Forest Special Area of Conservation are identified, secured and an agreed management plan is in place in agreement with the competent authority in consultation with Natural England. This proposal does not meet those requirements.
- 4: The applicant has a history of non-compliance and has not pulled down the wall refused by the Planning Department (planning application WD/2016/1050/FR) or submitted a

planning application for the runway extension. If this application is granted the new property should be built within 2.5m of the existing property and follow up visits made to check the original building has been pulled down.

- 5: The new property looks, in our opinion, like it is made for commercial use. Councillors Thought it looks more like a potential airport arrival/departure lounge. If it is allowed to go ahead the new building must be for residential use only.
- 6: The South Downs National Park Authority does not appear to have been consulted as a neighbouring authority.
- 7: The applicant does not appear to be paying the Community Infrastructure Levy.

46. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the owners of The Lamb and ask them to clear the garden and car park of weeds and cut back the shrubs and trees. The Clerk confirmed she sent a letter to the owners on 20th July.

Councillor White said cameras were now in place to monitor instances of dog fouling.

Councillor Ward reported someone walking seven dogs on the path between the two churches.

There were no further questions from Parish Councillors and the meeting closed at 5.25pm.