

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

2nd June 2014

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: District Councillor S Harms and A Hillman (Clerk). There were also four members of the public in attendance.

17. PUBLIC SESSION – Residents asked when the ditches outside Brooklands will be cleared. Councillors Dunbar Dempsey and Shonfeld met the Road Steward from ESCC recently and have been told the ditches will be cleared in the next few weeks. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will continue to chase ESCC until they have been.

District Councillor Harms reported that;

- Wealden recycling rates are very good. 46% of waste is recycled, 46% goes to the Newhaven Incinerator and 8% is sent to landfill.
- the solar farm application for Arlington Reservoir was refused by Wealden. Wealden District Council feels this district has enough solar farms.
- planning regulations have generally been relaxed. Berwick shop for example can now be converted into residential accommodation without planning permission. Councillors are concerned that this relaxation could mean that less money is brought into villages.

The meeting then opened.

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Shonfeld and were accepted by those present. County Councillor Bennett also sent his apologies for absence.

19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 7th April 2014 and the Annual General Meeting held on 6th May 2014 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

20. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk reported that Wealden is now calling for sites for land which is located either within or adjacent to, one of the settlements within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). Landowners, who are interested, are asked to contact Wealden District Council at www.wealden.gov.uk/planningshlaa.

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

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

23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

There following application was considered;

WD2014/0757F – Elmsdowne, Church Lane, Ripe – demolition of side and rear extension single story extensions. Erection of new single and two storey extension to rear of property – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.**

WD2014/0948F – Cleggetts Farm, Deanland Road – One bedroom mobile accessible lodge to be used by applicants parents as ancillary accommodation – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as the following conditions are imposed;**

- **permission lies only with this current owner.**
- **use of the mobile is restricted to the current owners' parents.**
- **permission is granted temporarily and will be reviewed in five years.**

WD2014/0921F – The Lamb Inn, Church Lane – Conversion of existing building into single dwelling – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application which it feels is a good use of this building. It is however concerned about the effects light pollution will have on neighbouring properties (from the conservation roof lights) and would like to see this addressed.**

24. FINGERPOST SIGNS – Discussions about the future maintenance of fingerpost are ongoing and the Clerk hopes to provide an update at the next meeting.

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

26. COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTER – The Clerk confirmed that The Lamb Public House has been accepted by Wealden District Council and is now on its Community Asset Register.

The following assets are now being considered by them;

- i: The Yew Tree, Chalvington
- ii: The Village Shop, Ripe
- iii: The Hayton Baker Hall

27. INTERNAL AUDIT – The Internal Audit was successful. The Internal Auditor recommends the Parish Council carries out a Risk Assessment Exercise of its assets and its Financial Management.

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

Hayton Baker Hall Hire - £120.00	Cheque Number 100865
HB Hall Grant - £250.00	Cheque Number 100866
HB Hall – Broadband - £100.00	Cheque Number 100867
S Goacher – Payroll - £104.70	Cheque Number 100868
A Hillman – April Wages	Cheque Number 100869

Zurich Insurance - £243.80	Cheque Number 100870
A Hillman – May Wages	Cheque Number 100871
HMRC - £88.21	Cheque Number 100872
Mass Media – Website - £336.00	Cheque Number 100873
Peter Frost – Auditor - £80.13	Cheque Number 100874

29. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Councillors asked the Clerk to make enquiries to find out how to extend the conservation area in the parish. The Clerk will report back to the next meeting.

There being no questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.