

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

2nd March 2015

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: PCSO Stephen Fenn, A Hillman (Clerk) and seven members of the public were also in attendance.

113. PUBLIC SESSION –

There were no reports from County or District Councillors on this occasion.

Mr Morris, a neighbour affected by the planning application for Ivy Cottage, said it's a revised submission of application WD2014/1429F which Wealden District Council and Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objected to. He feels the new application has not adequately addressed the reasons why the previous application was refused.

Mr Smith, the agent for the Ivy Cottage application, said the original application was supported by planners but was rejected by the Committee and he feels the original reasons for refusal have now been addressed.

Mrs Morris added that she and her husband are speaking on behalf of all the neighbours but they are the only ones who can attend this meeting. She said there were errors that matter in the original application and these have not been corrected. It was also noted that the extension will look higher than the plans suggest from the road because the land at the site, drops.

A full copy of the Mr and Mrs Morris' objections are on the Wealden District Council website.

PCSO Fenn reported;

- he has looked at the state of the bridge at Darp Lane and confirmed it is to be repaired by Highways.
- he will attend the next Local Action Team Meeting and report back on matters affecting this Parish.
- there has been one burglary. The burglary took place on the evening of the January meeting.
- one scam has been reported in Deanland and it involved the fraudulent purchase of foreign currency. The scammers were unsuccessful but residents are warned to be careful.
- he organises Street Meetings in the Parish and he will let the Clerk know when the next one is to take place.

Representatives from The Lamb Community Interest Group (LCIG) updated everyone on the progress the group has made. Members have had their first meeting which was minuted and are inviting offers of support (including practical support) from the community through the Village Magazine and letters to residents. The Group has received one offer of financial help so far and is in the process of producing a budget so that a costed out plan can be drafted. The MP has also pledged his support. Members are keen to point out they do not want to block out any other bids because they want the building to remain a public house and they also want to point out that all offers of financial help are treated as confidential.

The next meeting of the LCIG will take place in two to three weeks and members will update the Parish Council at the Parish Council's next meeting.

The meeting then opened.

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – No apologies for absence were received.

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

116. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk reported that attempts to claim the money on behalf of the Village Hall Committee from developers of the Kitty Hawk application have been unsuccessful. This was addressed in minute 127.

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

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

119. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – The following applications were considered;

WD2015/0363F – Ivy Cottage, Mill Lane – Conversion of redundant barn to holiday let – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application because, whilst Councillors generally support applications for holiday lets, they feel this is the wrong place for such a development and it is too big for this site.

120. THE LAMB PUBLIC HOUSE – This was covered in minute 113.

121. VILLAGE PLAN – There was nothing new to report on this occasion and Councillors agreed to remove this item from future agendas.

122. MEETING DATES 2015-2016 – Councillor Dunbar Dempsey asked that when meeting dates fall on bank holidays, the meetings can be moved to Thursdays instead of Tuesdays. There were no objections and, assuming the Village Hall is available, the Clerk will bring a list of all dates for 2015-2016 to the Annual General Meeting.

123. INTERNAL CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS and RISK ASSESSMENT – Councillors **resolved** they approved and accepted the Internal Control Arrangements for the ensuing year.

124. ELECTIONS 2015 – The Clerk had distributed nomination packs before the meeting. Councillors Webb encouraged anyone who wishes to stand on the Parish Council, to complete them and return them to Wealden District Council by 9th April 2015.

Councillors Mrs Mary Allcock announced that, after twenty five years' service, she will be standing down.

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

PKF Littlejohn – Auditors - £120.00	Cheque Number 100895
Jakk – Fingerpost Contractors - £2930.24	Cheque Number 100896
Alison Hillman – Salary	Cheque Number 100897

126. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Councillor Webb noted the parish fingerposts, bench and notice boards are looking good.

He also noted that despite numerous requests and promises, there has still been no money forthcoming from Kitty Hawk Farm development. Councillors agreed that he shall call the developers and if need be follow up the call with a recorded delivery letter. If that fails Councillor Webb will notify the Sussex Express and the company's shareholders.

Councillor Ward asked when the Darp Lane roads are being repaired. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey is working with the Road Steward and Highways on this.

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