

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

135. Attending: District Councillor P Ede, A Stevens (Clerk) and seven members of the public were also in attendance.

136. Public Session:

District Councillor Ede reported that Wealden's Full Council has approved the direction of travel for the Local Plan. Once they have received all the reports, the Plan will be sent back to Full Council for approval.

Lady Conway complained about the increasing amount of dog mess in the village. She said she is currently picking up at least two or three parcels of dog mess a day from a public footpath which runs through her land, and offered to erect a camera on her property to catch offenders. Councillors agreed dog mess is a big issue in the Parish and one which is proving difficult to tackle but agreed to put a notice in the village magazine and on the notice boards asking people to be more vigilant. Mrs Conway offered to forward any photographic evidence to District Councillor Ede for further action. District Councillor Ede agreed to do so.

Councillors also considered whether or not to provide more dog bins but Councillor Ede said Wealden will not fit dog bins on private land. The District Council is, however, providing signage and he will look into getting more signage instead.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey said the Footpath Officer will be providing a report on the state of the Parish footpaths at the Parish Assembly and pointed out other problem areas such as the path from Ripe Church to Chalvington Church and the path from Mill Lane to Channers Lane.

Professor Hill said the Litterwatch Team is continuing to clean the Parish and took part in the Great Wealden Spring Clean in March. They collected 28 bags of litter of which Ms Bartter collected 9. The Chairman thanked the Litterwatch Group on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mr Meek described his two planning applications for Darp Farm in Darp Lane. The first, WD/2017/0449FR, is a retrospective application for the change of use of a private swimming pool, the second is WD/2017/0524/FR which is for the retention of a dressing of road scalplings to provide a suitable granular base within the entrance of the field.

The meeting then opened.

137. Apologies for absence:

Councillor English sent his apologies which were duly accepted by those present.

138. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.

The Chairman also clarified the official minute approval process. He said that Minutes are the Clerk's Responsibility but the Clerk can ask the Chairman to check the Minutes for accuracy. Any queries/corrections should be raised under Minutes of Last Meeting on the next agenda and formally recorded. At that point they become the Council's Minutes.

At Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council the Clerk sends the draft Minutes to the Chairman and then on to Councillors for comments so that any queries can be addressed before the next meeting.

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

All matters arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

140. Disclosures of Interest:

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

141. Reports from Outside Meetings:

Councillor White attended the Parish Planning Panel meeting held at Wealden on the 20<sup>th</sup> March.

He said;

- the revised Local Plan covers from 2013 until 2028 and not 2037 as originally proposed.
- the housing numbers in the Plan have been reduced from 20000 to 11456 of which 7392 have already been approved. The housing needs have changed because the Heritage Regulations show the nitrogen levels on the Ashdown Forest are dangerously high.
- as a result, vehicle numbers need to be reduced, no new applications will be approved on greenfield sites and any on brownfield sites will have to be assessed.
- The Heritage Regulations are written in English Law and will not therefore be affected by Brexit. They override everything, including the five year land supply.
- Parish Councils can use the Heritage Regulations as a reason to object to an application.

Councillor White said he found the Planning Panel Meetings really useful and encouraged other Parish Councillors to attend.

Councillors also noted the Conservation Areas have been approved. Details can be found at: [www.wealden.gov.uk/...Conservation\\_Areas/Conservation\\_Areas/Planning\\_Conservation\\_Areas.aspx](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/...Conservation_Areas/Conservation_Areas/Planning_Conservation_Areas.aspx)

142. Planning Applications:

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2017/0483/F – Little Meadow Stud, Church Lane – Increased curtilage and new oak framed single storey pool room – Councillors agreed by five votes to one that they had no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD2017/0557 – Little Meadow Stud, Church Lane – Proposed agricultural hay barn – Councillors agreed by five votes to one that they had no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD/2017/0449/FR – Darp Farm, Darp Lane – Retrospective application for change of use of private swimming pool for mixed private and limited commercial purposes for teaching babies and toddlers up to the age of 4 and people with physical disabilities including amputees to swim – Councillors had no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD/2017/0524/FR - Darp Farm, Darp Lane – The retention of a dressing of road scalplings to provide a suitable granular base within the entrance of the grassland field for the purposes of ingress of vehicles to that field – Councillors did not understand why this needs planning permission and agreed they had no objections on any planning grounds.

143. Car Park Risk Assessment:

Councillors resolved that Councillor Brass will carry out a visual Risk Assessment of the field used as a car park three or four times a year, and report any defects back to the Clerk for appropriate action.

144. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

ESALC – Subscription - £336.86  
A Stevens – Salary - March  
HMRC – PAYE - £394.60

Cheque number 100965  
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Cheque number 100967

133. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor Brass said he would like to officially thank County Councillor Bennett for helping to get the ditch cleared in Chalvington. He said there is still a tree which needs chopping and pipework which needs unblocking there.

Councillor White asked if anyone would like to form a croquet team and enter a competition with neighbouring villages in the summer. Councillors agreed this would be a nice idea.

Councillor Ward said he has reported two potholes outside Deanland to ESCC.

There were further questions from Parish Councillors and the meeting closed at 8.10pm.