

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

3rd July 2017

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

28. Present: Cllr Webb (Chairman) Cllr Brass
Cllr English Cllr Shonfeld
Cllr Ward Cllr White
29. Attending: County Councillor N Bennett, District Councillor P Ede, A Stevens (Clerk) and one member of the public were also in attendance.

30. Public Session:

County Councillor N Bennett said;

Hailsham/Polegate/Eastbourne Movement and Access Corridor

The increase in traffic generated from the proposed additional housing and employment in the South Wealden and Eastbourne area, will result in increased levels of congestion on the road network, unless a package of mitigation measures is delivered. The Hailsham/Polegate/Eastbourne Movement and Access Corridor identifies and includes improvements to key junctions, along with the provision of bus lanes and other bus infrastructure together with new cycle routes and pedestrian improvements.

He said he is working closely with officers to ensure a consultation is undertaken on the overall package of mitigation proposals for the 'A' Roads and that the outcomes of the consultation will be reported back to his Lead Member Meeting.

Countryside Access Strategic Commissioning Strategy

There has been a public consultation which has now closed. The responses have been reviewed and the majority of the feedback was positive, including the proposal for Rights of Way management to remain in house and for the maintenance of countryside sites to be transferred to other organisations. These organisations will be Management Companies who will fully commit to their role. Cabinet have been recommended to approve the Strategy and are also asked to delegate the strategy's implementation stage to him as the Lead Member for Transport and Environment.

Councillor Bennett also described the new Portfolio Holders at County, details can be found on the East Sussex County Council website.

In answer to questions he confirmed;

- the problem of the Golden Cross car sales is with Highways Enforcement.
- He will chase County to improve the signage at the Langtye Lane/ Darp Lane crossing.
- There has not been a change of policy regarding grass cutting.
- He will pass on everyone's thanks to the Rights of Way Team who remain particularly efficient.

District Councillor Ede said The Local Plan is in abeyance whilst Wealden gather more evidence on the Ashdown Forest. The Plan is now expected to be passed in September/October, and all major applications are being shelved in the meantime. There will be a consultation but it be based on matters of fact not matters of opinion.

Professor Hill asked;

- that Rights of Way paths are kept open.
- why neither footpaths nor litter were mentioned in a recent on line questionnaire which he understood originated from the County Council.
- why nothing seems to be happening about the rubbish which is being dumped illegally, and a runway which is being extended at Kitty Hawk Farm. District Councillor Ede said he will email Wealden Planning and ask them. County Councillor Bennett said he will also see if the rubbish is an environmental issue and, if so, involve ESCC. He will also report the matter to the Civil Aviation Authority.

County Councillor Bennett and District Councillor Ede then left the meeting.

The meeting then opened.

31. Apologies for absence:

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey sent her apologies for absence which were duly accepted by those present.

32. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th June 2017 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.

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

All matters arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

34. Disclosures of Interest:

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

35. Reports from Outside Meetings:

Councillor White attended the Wealden Planning Panel Meeting held in June, with Councillor Dunbar Dempsey and confirmed the status of the Wealden Local Plan. He also said;

- he is worried that now other District Councils are aware they have to take into account the effects of the Ashdown Forest when they consider planning applications, the Government may change the legislation.
- he is also worried that now developers have to mitigate for the effects of the Ashdown Forest they will create areas with poor low quality plants, and that such a requirement will make it more difficult to obtain planning permission which may encourage the Government to modify the legislation protecting the Ashdown Forest
- Developers are now sitting on land they cannot do anything with yet. Some may go broke as a result.
- A credit scheme will exist. If a planning application is for say 20 houses and only fifteen are built, there will be five credits and Wealden will decide how those credits are allocated.

The Minutes of the Planning Panel Meeting will, in due course, be sent to the Clerk who will then send them on to the Parish Councillors for noting.

36. Planning Applications:

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2017/1331/F – Little Meadow Stud, Church Lane, Chalvington – Increased residential curtilage. New oak framed single-storey pool room – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

37. Dog Mess:

Councillors considered the request from the Christmas Tree Committee which asked the Parish Council to support the installation of two dog bins, one at the church field and one on Church Lane where the shop bins are situated. Councillors resolved not to provide dog bins at either location because of the costs involved.

Councillors also discussed whether to provide a dog bin on the path between the two churches, and one on the path behind Mill Farm. Having consulted each landowner, Councillors resolved not to provide dog bins on either path because neither landowner supports the idea. They agreed instead to look into providing a pre-drilled 'bag it, bin it and take it home' sign on the path between the two churches. If it proves to be effective they will also provide signs on the path behind Mill Farm. Neither landowner has any objections to signage. The Clerk will bring prices for the signs to the next meeting for approval and ask Ms Phillips for permission to put one of the signs at the entrance to the field. A Working Party will be formed to fit the signs.

38. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

Mass Media – Website - £47.99	Cheque number 100974
A Stevens – Salary – June	Cheque number 100975
HMRC – Inland Revenue	Cheque number 100976
ESCC – Pension	Cheque number 100977
CCB – Grant - £100.00	Cheque number 100978
Ripe and Chalvington PCC – Grant - £750.00	Cheque number 100979

39. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor Brass has spoken to the landowner to see when the fence which is around the field (which is sometimes used as a car park) is being repaired. He will bring a price to repair the fence to the next Full Council Meeting.

There were further questions from Parish Councillors and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.