

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

4th April 2019

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

160. Present: Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Acting Chairman), Cllr Dashfield, Cllr Lady Conway, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Ward and Cllr White.

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

162. Public Session:

Professor Hill, Chairman of the Litter Watch Group, asked the Parish Council to support the provision of;

1. A litter bin in the lay by at the railway crossing on the Firle Road. He suggested it could be a 'Glasdon Plaza' or 'Glasdon Community' bin and said the Group can pay for one and arrange for it to be emptied if the cost is a problem.
2. Moveable signs, such as those made by 'Archer', but he said the Group can pay for these too.

Councillors agreed to consider both requests at the next meeting. Councillor Rogers will provide the Clerk with a map of the location proposed for the bin and also a picture of the moveable signs, so the Clerk can find out from ESCC if licences are required.

The meeting was then opened.

163. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Webb and were accepted by those present.

County Councillor Bennett also sent apologies for his absence.

164. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Councillor Lady Conway;

- asked the Minutes to reflect that the Head of the Nursey School is very concerned about the speeding. She said it would be a huge loss to the village if the school left.
- Said the 30mph sign is too close to the school and so it is too late for drivers to brake in time.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting which was held on 4th March 2019 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Acting Chairman

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

All matter's arising were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

166. Disclosures of Interest:

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

167. Reports from Outside Meetings:

Councillor Rogers attended the Public Exhibition held on the 15th March for the A27 East of Lewes Scheme. The following improvements are proposed;

- Polegate Junction – Reconfiguration of the A27/A2270 junction to provide more capacity, bridge widening, widening of the road to two lanes between the junction and the Cophall roundabout and signalisation of Gainsborough Lane.
- Wilmington Junction – Provision of Pegasus crossing and upgraded footways.
- Berwick roundabout – Enlargement of existing roundabout, widened junction entry and exists to two lanes and upgrade of crossing to Pegasus standard.
- Shared use path – Provision of new shared use path between Firle and Polegate with signalised crossing at Firle and pedestrian crossing at Selmeston.

More details about the Scheme can be found by contacting Highways England at infor@highwaysengland.co.uk. Input from cyclists is especially welcome.

The meeting was then suspended to allow comments from residents;

168. Planning Applications:

WD/2019/0533/P04 - Former Blacksmiths Barn, Chalvington Road, Chalvington BN27 3TB - Proposed change of use of agricultural barn to single dwelling house – Councillors appreciate they are not official consultees on this application but ask that if it has to go ahead it counts towards our imposed housing allocation.

Councillor White suggested that;

- Councillors should bear in mind that they objected to the Local Plan when they consider future planning applications.
- By his calculation, the lack of a five year land supply equates to 2352 more houses and any further development here will have little impact on that figure

Councillors agreed they should continue to keep a list of developments that count towards our housing allocation.

Councillor Rogers pointed out that if the Wealden Local Plan is rejected, development in the District will be developer led. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey said stricter rules will also come into play which will result in even more housing.

Councillors also noted, that as far as Wealden is concerned, the compulsory purchase of redundant buildings is not an option.

169. Road Safety:

Wealden District Council has now confirmed that neither the cameras nor the survey fall within the definition of what the CIL monies can be spent on. ESCC will also not support the cameras but recommends reporting offending vehicles via Operation Crackdown or setting up a Speedwatch Team

Councillors agreed;

- To talk to the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership so they can understand the parameters they can work in.
- That Councillors White and Lady Conway will meet Wealden and find out what CIL can be spent on.
- Councillor White will find out more about speed cameras.

170. Defibrillator Update:

BT has registered the Parish Council's application to adopt the telephone kiosk outside the village shop, and the Parish Council is waiting to hear the results.

171. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

101068	ESALC	£ 355.25
101069	Mass Media - Website	£ 50.40
101070	Signs Direct – Sign fitting	£ 30.00
101071	S Goacher – Payroll	£ 154.23
101072	ESCC – Pension	£ 212.42

172. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor Lady Conway asked if the Emergency Plan has been updated to include the two new councillors. Councillor Ward said it has and he will send the updated version to the Clerk so she can forward it on to the Councillors.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey checked that all the councillors have receipt of their nomination form from Wealden. They have.

There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.