

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

4th March 2013

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

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

116. PUBLIC SESSION – There were no questions from members of the public on this occasion.

District Councillor Harms reminded residents to register by 31st March if they want to have their garden waste collected after 1st July. He said that Wealden has now agreed its finances for 2013-2014 and that Planning Officers are to meet smaller parishes in the autumn to confirm sites for new housing.

District Councillor Harms also told those present that a planning application is expected soon for a 26.5 hectare solar panel farm at Selmeston.

The meeting then opened.

117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor English sent his apologies which were duly accepted by those present.

118. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2013 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 4th March 2013 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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

120. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Councillors Webb and Ward attended planning training and noted;

- i: the Core Strategy is now called the Wealden Local Plan.
- ii: there are major changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (The National Planning Policy Framework sets out government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied).
- iii: planning applicants will now be encouraged to consult with planners before submitting planning applications.
- iii: the NPPF now provides guidance on the weight of plans and now gives more importance to habitat regulations.
- v: more details about Neighbourhood Plans.
- vi: that decisions on planning applications will need to be in combination with the new local plan.

Councillor Brass attended the Reid Hall Committee Meeting. After much discussion during which Cllr Dunbar Dempsey and the Clerk said they objected to this proposal over VAT concerns (but agreed the curtains need to be changed), the Parish Council **resolved** to pay for the new curtains for the Village Hall on the understanding that the Village Hall Committee reimburses the Parish Council for any out of pocket expenses. The Parish Council are reportedly getting the curtains at a better rate as a result. Councillor Allcock abstained as she felt the existing curtains are perfectly adequate. The curtains are being changed as they are not fire retardant.

121. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

WD2013/0249F – Cleggett's Farm, Ripe Lane – Erection of timber swimming pool enclosure – There were no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD2013/2014FR – Chalvington Sand Pit – Retention of boundary fence – There were no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

122. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For noting:

It was noted that the application for Broadacres at Whitesmith has now been approved.

123. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk circulated financial reports to 31st January 2013 and it was noted that the Parish Council accounts reflect a healthy financial position. She had also previously circulated an example of a Business Plan and Councillors agreed to look at this in conjunction with the Chalvington with Ripe Parish Plan. This is to be an agenda item for the next Parish Council Meeting.

124. RIPE TELEPHONE BOX – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

125. FINGERPOST SIGNS - Councillor Webb is to look at the damaged fingerpost sign at Langtye Lane and report back at the May meeting.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to replace the damaged sign at the junction of Church Lane and the Chalvington Road at a cost of £1000.

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

A Hillman – Wages	Cheque Number 100847
Mass Media – Website - £105.00	Cheque Number 100848

127. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – A resident has approached the Parish Council via Councillor English and offered to sand down and re-stain the notice board in Ripe. Councillors agreed to accept her kind offer and pay for any materials used.

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 8.06pm