

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th September 2011

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: District Councillor Harms, A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There were five members of the public in attendance.

41. There were no apologies for absence.

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2011 - These minutes were approved and signed.

43. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interests.

44. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN ON PARISHES LANDRAISE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE etc

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey read from C Cllr Nick Bennett's report which is summarised as follows;

On July 21 a delegation representing the REAL campaign, the Parish Councils Group and local residents attended County Hall in order to make representations and to ask questions at the Economy, Transport and Environment Lead Member's meeting.

C Cllr Bennett asked Cllr Carl Maynard several questions concerning timescales, the effect of the Council's relationship with the SE7 group and how activities in West Sussex might affect the Council's approach to finding sustainable solutions to waste management as people are still very anxious across the County.

They all met with Tony Cook, Head of Planning after the questions were raised. He answered their concerns and said a report would come out in early Autumn which would explain that ESCC is seriously looking at other options.

C Cllr Bennett entered the meeting.

The meeting was suspended.

FIRST PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

D Cllr Harms reported that Wealden turned down the planning application for a Traveller's Site at Laughton. There has been no appeal to date.

The landlord at the Lamb was recently injured in a gas explosion at the pub and Wealden are making sure all the safety checks are taking place.

The Constituency Review is taking place and a report is expected on the 13th September.

C Cllr Bennett confirmed that ESCC have found money for the 40mph speed limits at Deanland and Ripe, and both are expected to be in place by the end of the year.

Mr Simpson, Mrs Goddard and Mr Hersey raised concerns about Planning Application WD2011/1694F. Mr Simpson believes the owners of Curl's Barn have no right of access.

At this point, the owner of Curl's Barn, Mr Randall entered the room.

Mrs Goddard has concerns over this application as the track is very close to her front door and she feels her privacy will be lost. She also feels that holidaymakers will not respect the surroundings and the property could one day be changed into permanent residential use. She also feels there are three major inaccuracies in the application, namely concerning vehicular access, the demolition of a Listed Building Wall and the consultation with the community. The access will also need to be altered as some of the land is hers.

Mr Simpson and Mrs Goddard said they have not been served with a Notice Number 1.

Mr Hersey outlined his objections, two of the walls form part of his boundary. He shares the concerns about the lack of privacy, the rights of access and also the density of housing. He said it is inappropriate to have holiday lets in the middle of private housing.

Mr Randall said the wall is not being demolished as it is a feature of the property. He has spoken to all the authorities and wants the work to be in keeping. He said the driveway is not used frequently but is in use. He has right of way and has been maintaining the hedging. He also said the barns will be a gentle development to enhance the village and he hopes to attract walkers and cyclists who will use village amenities.

C Cllr Bennett said that the Highways Department need to know about any ownership disputes.

The meeting was then re-opened.

45. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Webb attended the public meeting about the proposed Laughton Traveller's Site which he felt had been well conducted.

46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Noted;

WD/2011/1498/F - ONE ACRE FIELD, POUNDFIELD ROAD, CHALVINGTON
BN27 3TQ – Double garage and side extension – No objections.

WD/2011/1575/F for THE YEW TREE, CHALVINGTON ROAD, CHALVINGTON BN27 3TB – Extension to dining room – Under the valid material planning considerations, we do have objections to the planning application on the following grounds:

‘Whether external alterations are in character’ – the proposal is for windows and doors to be of UPVC; this would not be in keeping with the existing structure of the Yew Tree Inn, which is of timber windows and doors.

Applications for the temporary erection of marquees have been refused. This new planning application would seem to be a more permanent way around this problem. Whether the proposed largely glass structure would contain the sound of music is doubtful.

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2011/1694F – Curls Barn – Conversion of outbuilding to two new holiday lets with alterations to boundary wall to improve access visibility.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds;

Councillors feel there will be a loss of privacy to neighbouring residents and there would be extra traffic. The ownership of some of the land is in dispute and the benefits do not outweigh the inconvenience to residents. They also feel that the proposed use is unsuitable for the area and are concerned about the density of housing.

WD2011/1861LB – Curls Barn Farmhouse – Front elevation to receive canopy – no objections on any planning grounds.

47. REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY WDC – None.

48. CLERK’S REPORT ON MATTER’S ARISING - The Clerk reported a generally quiet month but everything is covered, later, on the agenda.

49. RISK ASSESSMENT – Cllrs Webb, Brass and Dunbar-Dempsey are to paint the noticeboards next year. Cllr Webb has fitted new catches.

50. NEWSLETTER – Cllr Webb has produced information about the Parish Council’s activities for the Village Magazine.

51. QUEEN’S JUBILEE – Whilst Councillors seemed generally in favour of supporting a Jubilee Event, they would like a more specific proposal before they commit an amount of money.

52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Councillors **resolved** that before they consider a Planning Application they will visit the properties affected by the application to find out the neighbours’ views. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey will visit Ripe residents, Cllr Brass will visit Chalvington residents and Cllr Ward will visit Deanland residents.

The Clerk advised that Councillors visit in pairs and stand on doorways for security purposes and members agreed that each councillor can call on other councillors if they need them.

53. RIPE FINGERPOST SIGN – Councillors resolved that the previous owner of Abbot's Barn is contacted for her insurance details to cover the cost of repairing the fingerpost sign.

54. WEALDEN CORE STRATEGY SUBMISSION – Cllr Webb made sure the Parish Councillors were aware of the site proposed for further housing under SHLAA.

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

Wealden – Course Fees - £100.00	Chq 100761
Mazars - £162.00	Chq 100762
A O'Sullivan - Wages	Chq 100763
Mass Media - £105.00	Chq 100764

56. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – None.