

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

5<sup>th</sup> April 2018

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

154. Present: Cllr Webb (Chairman), Cllr Dashfield, Cllr English, Cllr Ward and Cllr White.

155. Attending: A Stevens (Clerk) and seven members of the public were also in attendance.

156. Public Session:

Professor Hill, speaking as Chairman of Litterwatch, asked the Parish Council to consider;

- Fitting posts with appropriate signage at each entrance to the Parish to ask people not to drop litter here.
- Asking other Parishes and the South Downs National Park to set up a joint initiative with this Parish to tackle the ever increasing amounts of litter on the A27 and A22.

Both suggestions will be on the agenda for the next Full Council Meeting.

Professor Hill also asked the Parish Council to consider pedestrianising an area outside the Village Shop to provide a community space. Other residents felt it would cause more problems than it would solve because traffic would no longer be able to turn round there, seven parking spaces would be lost and delivering to the shop would be more difficult.

The meeting was then opened.

157. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dunbar Dempsey and Councillor Lawrence and they were accepted by those present.

158. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th March 2018 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman

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

All matters' arising were included elsewhere in the minutes.

160. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor English declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application WD/2018/0420/F and left the room whilst discussions and voting took place.

161. Reports from Outside Meetings:

Councillor Webb attended an A27 Group Meeting. The meeting was called by Selmeston Parish Meeting to look into ways to avoid damage to the lanes when work is taking place on the A27. Those who attended suggested a route which should stop traffic going down Langtye Lane, or making Langtye Lane one way. It was noted that changes such as this generally need Parliamentary approval but there can be some discretion.

Councillor Webb said he has requested information about the new A27 cycleway at Middle Farm, as a resident, because the path leads to nowhere and there appears to be no justification for it. Councillors agreed he could also request the information on behalf of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.

#### 162. Planning Applications:

WD/2018/0358/LDE – Deanland Airfield, Ripe Lane, Ripe BN8 6AR - The use of the airfield for a commercial flying school (which is in addition to the private light aircraft use deemed lawful under 93/2854/LD), the stationing of two fabric hangars, the stationing of lorry bodies for aircraft storage, the presence of 2 heli-pads on the site. In addition, the storage of aircraft in a greater number (between 35-45) than that specified in 93/2854 and in an area that is located beyond the designated storage area specified in 93/2854 – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no evidence to either support or contradict the claims.

WD/2018/0420/F - The Old Cottage, The Street, Ripe, BN8 6BD - Replace the existing contemporary rear extensions with a single storey extension. Addition of wood burning stove and flue to lounge and wet room to first floor. Addition of conservation roof light – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD/2018/0498/F - Poundfield Farm, Poundfield Road, Chalvington, BN27 3TH - Proposed erection of 4 holiday accommodation units to be used solely in conjunction with the existing heavy working horse training and coaching facility. Extension to the existing mixed use agricultural and heavy horse commercial training and teaching barn – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application which will help support a local business and will also reduce traffic movements over the Ashdown Forest.

#### 163. Alterations to the Village Hall

The Diocese has been in talks with the Village Hall Committee over plans the Committee has to extend the hall and the Diocese has now set out its terms. As the Custodian Trustee any agreement needs to be made officially through the Parish Council.

Councillors agreed that an extension is needed and once a scheme has been agreed between the Diocese and the Village Hall Committee, the Clerk will ask SSALC's solicitors to approve the final document and bring it to the next appropriate Full Council Meeting for signing.

#### 164. General Data Protection Regulations:

The Clerk met Satswana and is drafting an Action Plan, two Privacy Statements, a Data Retention Policy and a Data Protection Policy. Once complete she will circulate them to Councillors for approval at the next appropriate Full Council Meeting.

#### 165. Highways – to provide an update on the;

- i: Cars for sale at Golden Cross – the matter is now with Trading Standards.
- ii: Deanland Road sign – The sign in Ripe previously contradicted the postal address of the adjacent property but it has now been moved.
- iii: Application for a 7.5 tonne weight restriction through the Parish – A request has been made for a 7.5 tonne restriction to ESCC.
- iv: To consider pedestrianising an area outside the Village Shop – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council does not support the proposal because traffic would no longer be able to turn round there, seven parking spaces would be lost and delivering to the shop would be made more difficult.

v: To recommend a name for the road in the new development at Church Lane – Councillors suggested various names for the new road and agreed to recommend to Wealden that it is called ‘Coach House Close’.

166. Ecology –

- i: A tree planting programme to help offset the effect the increased number of cars driving through the village has on the environment.
- ii: If there could be an education programme for children to make them aware of the effects.

Lady Conway has written an outline paper on this item and has set up a small group to take this work forward and come up with recommendations that will be presented to the Parish Council in the near future.

167. Parish Notice Boards

Councillors discussed whether or not to replace the cork in the noticeboards but felt that longer pins would make it easier to put the notices in, and they would be cheaper.

168. Bin Emptying in the Parish

The bin outside the Lamb Inn was reported to be overflowing. The Clerk has asked Wealden to empty it.

169. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

Villages Music Festival – Grant - £100.00	Cheque number 101012
A Stevens – Salary	Cheque number 101013
ESCC – Pension Fund	Cheque number 101014
SSALC – Local Council Review - £17.00	Cheque number 101015
Mass Media – Website - £168.00	Cheque number 101016
Ripe and Chalvington Village Hall – Hall Hire - £196.00	Cheque number 101017
SSALC – Councillor Training - £48.00	Cheque number 101018

170. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor Ward said he has been approached by a Deanland resident who has given him a note and some maps with his recollection of some works he did with regard to the A27 at Polegate when he worked for Highways. The note and maps will be passed on to the A27 Committee.

Councillor White;

- Said that he will be attending the next Wealden Parish Planning Panel Meeting with Councillor Webb. They will ask Kelvin Williams, Head of Planning, why this Parish has had more housing than its allocation in the Wealden Local Plan.
- Suggested Councillors might like to keep an eye on the situation in Norfolk and Kent where the Government is currently funding some ‘Quiet Lanes’.
- Noted that Heritage England supports Wealden on the Ashdown Forest issue.

Councillors were also asked to report any verges that need cutting, for safety reasons, to the Clerk.

There were no further questions from Parish Councillors and the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

