

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th March 2018

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

140. Present: Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Acting Chairman), Cllr Ward and Cllr White

142. Attending: County Councillor Bennett, A Stevens (Clerk) and seven members of the public were also in attendance.

143. Public Session:

Residents asked;

- For a tree planting programme to help offset the effect the increased number of cars driving through the village has on the environment.
- If there could be an education programme for children to make them aware of the effects.
- What can be done about the increasing amount of litter not only in the Parish but also on the 'A' roads.

Councillors agreed to put all three items on the agenda for the next Full Council Meeting.

The applicants for planning application WD/2017/2863/F described their application. They would like to replace their mobile home and kennels with two low level buildings. They confirmed that if the application goes ahead they will plant out the site with hedgerows and they have already planted twenty trees. This item was discussed in more detail later on in the meeting.

Councillor Bennett said the County Council is currently holding two consultations, one on grass cutting and one on waste recycling. The grass cutting consultation is being held so residents can comment on plans the County Council has to reduce the number of urban cuts in the County, the second consultation is being held to allow residents the opportunity to comment on plans it has to close Forest Row and/or Waldron Recycling Centres, charge for non-domestic waste and change the opening hours of recycling centres.

Details of both consultations can be found on the ESCC website.

The Acting Chairman confirmed the Parish Council has already commented on the waste recycling proposals and made the following response;

'Residents already pay for household waste disposal through their rates so we object to having to pay more to dispose of soil, rubble and tyres etc. If this extra charge is imposed it will lead to more fly tipping/dumping in rural areas such as ours. We have seen an increase in fly tipping over the last few years and this will only increase. We are not sure how you can say that it will not lead to an increase, where is the evidence of this? However, we are in favour of saving money, but clearing an increased amount of fly tipping waste will cost money as well'.

In response to residents' questions, County Councillor Bennett confirmed;

- it is ultimately the responsibility of the Police to prosecute those who drop litter and because most litter is dropped from cars, the best way of reporting offenders is via Operation Crackdown on the Sussex Police website. He will also talk to the Chief Constable.
- he will request a 7.5 tonne weight limit through the Parish, if the Council writes to him, but asked Councillors to think about the effect a limit will have on the village because it will affect agricultural traffic and it won't necessarily stop lorries. He also offered to report any repeat offenders to the Companies who employ them.

In response to councillor's questions, County Councillor Bennett confirmed;

- He will take up the case of where the Deanland Road sign in Ripe contradicts the postal address of the adjacent property if the resident contacts him direct. Councillor White will let the resident know.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey confirmed that 'access only' signs are no longer needed in Church Lane because there is a Construction Management Plan in place.

County Councillor Bennett then left the meeting.

The meeting was then opened.

144. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors English and Webb and they were accepted by those present.

District Councillor Ede also sent apologies for his absence.

145. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Councillor White pointed out the date on the last line of Minute 132 should read 2018 and not 2017.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th February 2018 were then amended, approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Acting Chairman

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

ESCC is holding a review of roads it classes as 'Sensitive Roads'. Councillors agreed they needed more time to consider the review and agreed to submit their responses to the Clerk by the 12th March.

147. Co-option of New Councillor:

Councillors resolved to co-opt Tim Lawrence onto Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council. Mr Lawrence will replace Peter Brass.

148. Disclosures of Interest:

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

149. Reports from Outside Meetings:

There were no reports from outside meetings on this occasion.

150. Planning Applications:

WD/2017/2863/F - The Cabin, Darp Lane, Ripe, BN8 6BB - Proposed removal of mobile home and outbuilding and replace with a single storey dwelling; demolition of former commercial kennels and replace with single storey dwelling – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved by 3 votes to 1 to object to this application because a) Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has already agreed to take way in excess of its allocation either by approval from Wealden District Council or PDRs. b) building a second property will add to the pollution levels on the Ashdown Forest. The Parish Council was, however, in favour of replacing the mobile home with one dwelling.

WD/2017/1055/F - Ayrshire Farm, Darp Lane, Ripe, BN8 6BB - Demolition of existing barns, dwelling and agricultural dwelling foundations and construction of 4 no. dwellings in the form of a traditional farm. - Amended plans received to show reduction in size of proposed buildings and adjustments to design date stamped 29/01/18 – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD/2018/0171/LDE – Cherry Cottage, Ripe Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AR – Commercial use of yard area and buildings as a design and landscaping business since 2001 – Councillors agreed they see no reason to object to this application.

WD/2017/2661/F - Deanland Airfield, Ripe Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AR - Demolition of existing hangar, workshop and storage buildings/structures and construction of 2 new hangar/storage/workshop buildings and extension to existing hangar to create larger hangar. New landscaping and ecology enhancements. – This application is going to be considered by Planning Committee South on the 8th March because the hangars exceed 500 square metres so they cannot be dealt with under delegated powers. Councillors have received complaints from a couple of residents who have been disturbed by the sound of some of the aircraft. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the owners of the Airfield and see if anything can be done to help reduce the noise.

151. General Data Protection Regulations:

The current Data Protection Act is out of date and does not take into account Social Media.

The new regulations take effect from 25th May 2018 and return ownership of data back to the individual. After May individuals will have to give their consent when anyone wants to use their data, and for what they want to do with it.

Professional organisations (including Town and Parish Councils) will have an obligation to look after information.

Organisations such as Town and Parish Councils will need to appoint an independent Data Protection Officer. Solicitors at NALC and the SLCC agree this cannot be the Clerk. The role of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) will be to act like a policeman and protect the individual.

One solution is to appoint a Cyber Protection Solutions Company to be the DPO. They have discovery templates they can share which will find out where the data is and they can work out what to do with it. We can take our lead from them.

Any information held by the Parish Council will need to be encrypted because;

- If the Parish Council gets hacked the information will be unreadable it won't have to report it.
- If information is lost on a memory stick for example, no-one will be able to access the information on it.
- If the Parish Council loses someone's data and it is not encrypted they are entitled to compensation.

Consent to hold data will need to change. Individuals will no longer be able to tick a box providing general consent, they must specifically consent to the purpose the data is being used for and that consent must be recorded.

Parish Councillors may need to have separate Parish Council email addresses and their own personal devices will have to be encrypted if they hold Parish Council information.

Councils will also need to approve more policies (ie; Retention Policy, Privacy Policy).

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has started to take the new regulations on board, the Clerk has attended training, the office computer is now encrypted and the contents are now stored on an encrypted memory stick.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved to appoint Satswana, a Cyber Protection Solutions Company recommended by SSALC, as its independent Data Protection Officer.

152. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

Mass Media – Website	Cheque number 101008
A Stevens – Salary	Cheque number 101009
ESCC – Pension Fund	Cheque number 101010
HRMC – Inland Revenue	Cheque number 101011

153. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor White;

- Said cars are still being advertised for sale at the side of the A22 at Golden Cross. Councillors asked the Clerk to find out what action is being taken to remove them.
- Asked if the potholes in Church Lane have been reported. All potholes can be reported direct on the East Sussex County Council website.
- Noted there has been a significant reduction in the amount of dog mess since the new signs were put up on the path between the two churches. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- Said that he will be attending the next Wealden Parish Planning Panel Meeting with Councillor Webb.

There were no further questions from Parish Councillors and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.