

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th November 2018

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

80. Present: Cllr Webb (Chairman), Cllr Lady Conway, Cllr Dashfield, Cllr Ward and Cllr White.

81. Attending: District Cllr P Ede, A Stevens (Clerk) and eight members of the public were also in attendance.

82. Public Session:

Residents asked when the bridge along Mill Lane is being repaired. The work was due to start on the 22nd October but it was delayed, and it will now be starting on the 22nd November.

Professor Brian Hill, in his capacity as Chairman of the Hayton Baker Hall, asked if the Parish Council could make a donation towards the cost of getting an up to date valuation on the hall. This was covered later on in the meeting.

District Councillor Ede said;

- He has been focussing on missed bin collections. He spoke to the Portfolio Holder who confirmed that the situation has now improved and that the new waste contract starts next year.
- The Wealden Local Plan is being submitted to the Planning Inspector on the 24th January 2019.
- He is encouraging Wealden to hold a 'Best Kept Village' competition.

The meeting was then opened.

83. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors A Dunbar Dempsey and T Lawrence and they were accepted by those present.

Apologies for absence were also received from County Councillor N Bennett.

84. Official Signing in of New Councillor:

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Lady Susan Conway who duly signed the Acceptance of Office, Register of Interests and Consent to Send Electronic Agendas Form.

85. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting which was held on 1st October 2018 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman

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

All matters' arising were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

87. Disclosures of Interest:

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

88. Reports from Outside Meetings:

Councillor Ward attended the East Sussex Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting in October. Presentations were given from County Cllr Bill Bentley on the Armed Forces Covenant, Mr Paul Rideout on Civic Crowdfunding, Chief Constable Giles York on Policing in Sussex and Madeline Gorman on the East Sussex Joint Waste Partnership.

89. Planning Applications:

WD/2018/2113/F - 1 Peafield Cottages, Church Lane, Chalvington BN27 3TF - New unit for use as a tourist let – Chalvington Parish Council resolved by three votes to one, with one abstention, that they support this application because it will encourage more people to spend money in the village without increasing the amount of traffic. They would also respectfully ask that it is included in their housing allocation in the Local Plan. Those who objected felt it did not comply with the Local Plan in that it is not in the Core Area or on land adjacent to the Core Area.

WD/2018/1558/F - Land Adjoining Curls Courtyard, Ripe Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AP - Proposed detached tractor and field equipment storage building – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD/2018/1520/LB - Curls Farm, Ripe Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AP - Alterations to existing outbuildings within the curtilage, including works to repair/replace roof – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

90. Precept 2019-2020:

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved unanimously that the precept for 2019-2020 will be £13000. This equates to a rise of £4 a year per Band D household but allows the Parish Council to keep up with its rising costs. It was noted that Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council still has the second lowest precept per elector in the District.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council also resolved to contribute £150 towards the costs of the insurance valuation needed for the Hayton Baker Hall.

91. Community Infrastructure Levy:

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has received £5516.18 in respect of the Community Infrastructure Levy. The money can be used to support the local area by;

- 1: The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure.
- 2: Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

Councillors and residents are requested to bring their ideas on how to spend the money to the next Full Council Meeting. The Chairman will draft a notice for the notice boards and the Parish Magazine appealing for suggestions too.

92. Ripe Christmas Tree

The Clerk has applied to ESCC Highways for a licence for the Christmas tree and councillors approved the £57.20 cost of the licence. Councillor White will carry out an inspection regime and keep written records to comply with the insurance requirements.

93. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

101046	SSALC – Conference	£ 54.00
101047	A Stevens – October Salary	
101048	ESCC – Pension	
101049	WDALC – Subscription	£ 21.00
101050	ESCC – Christmas Tree Licence	£ 57.20

94. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor White asked;

- The Clerk to report the temporary barriers on the A22 by the BP garage because they are too tall and obscure most drivers' vision.
- If anyone can attend the Wealden Planning Panel Meeting on 3rd December. Councillor Lady Conway and Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will attend instead.

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