

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

76. Present: Cllr Webb (Chairman) Cllr Brass  
Cllr Dunbar Dempsey Cllr Shonfeld  
Cllr Ward Cllr White

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

78. Public Session:

County Councillor Bennett;

- asked residents to support the County Council's campaign 'Stand Up For ESCC'. The campaign is asking the people of East Sussex to sign a petition which calls on the Government to give the county a fairer deal.
- said new arrows have now been painted on the Deanland Road.
- has arranged for the Safety Team to carry out a site visit to look at the roundabout outside the Village Shop. At the last meeting Councillors had said they felt a more formal arrangement was needed because it is not clear which way is the correct way to drive round it. County Councillor Bennett said it was unlikely the County Council would agree to more signs because it could cause more problems than it would solve.

In reply to Councillor's questions County Councillor Bennett confirmed;

- he will ask officers for an update on the current state of broadband in Laughton, Chalvington and Ripe. Some residents are reported to be receiving speeds of between 3mb and 30mb but are paying for more.
- the sale of cars by the side of the road at Golden Cross is a District Council issue and will need to be taken up with them. The Clerk will ask District Councillor Ede if he can do anything to help.

Ms Turner introduced Chalvington and Ripe Equestrian. A number of people who regularly ride horses in the area have joined together to share information by means of a Facebook page. Membership is currently 56.

One of the reasons for the formation of the group is the increasing amount of traffic and particularly farm traffic on our local lanes.

She said members would be very grateful if the Parish Council would raise awareness of the group, support riders and recommend some 'think horse' signs for the lanes. This item was covered in more detail later on in the meeting.

The meeting was then opened.

79. Apologies for absence:

No apologies for absence were received.

80. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.

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

At the previous meeting Councillors noted that cars are still being advertised for sale at the side of the A22 at Golden Cross and that they are dangerous because they block driver's vision. The Parish Council asked the County Council if they can stop them, and the Clerk to find out if Chiddingly Parish Council is doing anything about them. The Clerk contacted Chiddingly Parish Council who have not received any complaints.

82. Disclosures of Interest:

There were no disclosures of interest and there were no changes to the Register of Interests.

83. Reports from Outside Meetings:

There were no reports from any outside meetings on this occasion.

84. Planning Applications:

The following planning application was considered;

WD/2017/2220/LB - The Manor House, Mark Cross Lane, Ripe - Re-roof the entire roof with new peg tiles. Minor repairs to 1 no. chimney breast, 2 no. window sills, 1 no. balcony door sill, replacement of Georgian panelled patio doors on the east elevation.- Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

85. Dog Mess:

At the previous meeting Councillors resolved to supply and fit two A4 size signs reading 'No Dog Fouling – Bag it - Bin it on the path between the two churches. The signs have now been made and Councillor White will check the church has no objections to one being fitted on its wall. If permission is given he will then fit both signs.

87. Precept 2018-2019-

- i: to consider any grant requests 2018=2019
- ii: to consider paying for extra cuts to the verges.
- iii: to agree the precept for 2018-2019 subject to government legislation due late December

Councillors resolved to award the following grants, payable in the new financial year;

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| PCC (Mowing)           | £400 |
| Parish Magazine        | £350 |
| Hayton Baker Hall      | £350 |
| Cuckmere Community Bus | £100 |
| Remembrance Wreath     | £ 45 |

Councillors carefully considered the figures distributed and resolved that, subject to any changes in government legislation, the precept for 2018-2019 will be £11,000.

ESCC is still working on the figures for the grass cutting. The Clerk hopes to have them for the next meeting.

88. Highways:

At the last meeting Councillors asked if a more formal arrangement is needed at the roundabout outside the village shop because it is not clear which way is the correct way to drive round it. Having considered the matter further, Councillors agreed that more signs could cause more problems than they would solve.

89. ESCC Library Consultation:

Councillors discussed the ESCC Library Consultation and agreed they would be sad to see the mobile library go, and the number of libraries and the opening hours of the remaining libraries reduce.

90. Chalvington and Ripe Equestrian

Councillors resolved that whilst they are generally against more signs they are happy to help the group promote road safety on the roads around the Parish and would support the fitting of the yellow 'think horse' signs issued by the County Council.

91. Fencing:

The fitting has been delayed because a post hole borer is needed. Councillors Webb agreed to put a notice in the village magazine and see if anyone local has one she can use.

92. Cheques for Payment:

The following cheques were approved for payment;

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| A Stevens – Salary           | Cheque number 100995 |
| ESCC – Pension Contributions | Cheque number 100996 |
| Signs Direct - £130.74       | Cheque number 100997 |

93. Questions from Parish Councillors:

Councillor White said he will attend the Wealden Planning Panel Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and invited the other councillors to join him.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey said she is worried about the number of lorries, some of which are double articulated, which are driving through the village because they cause a lot of mess and are not suitable for such small roads. The lorries are understood to be linked to Little Meadow Stud so Councillors agreed the Chairman will draft a letter to the owners which, once it has been approved, will be sent to the owners to see if they can find a solution.

Councillors were reminded to bring any questions they have for the Police and Crime Commissioner to the next meeting so a list can be drafted to send to her in advance of her attendance at the February meeting.

Councillor Webb gave his apologies for absence for the December Meeting. Councillors agreed the meeting will be chaired instead by Councillor Dunbar Dempsey and if the revisions to the planning application for the Lamb have been received by then Councillor Ward will Chair that part of the meeting.

There were further questions from Parish Councillors and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

