

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

6th October 2014

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

PRESENT: Cllr Webb (Chairman) Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey
 Cllr Brass Cllr English
 Cllr Shonfeld Cllr Ward

ATTENDING: A Hillman (Clerk) and twenty members of the public were also in attendance.

54. PUBLIC SESSION –

The agent described the works in planning application WD2014/1891FR for Cherry Cottage, Deanland Road. He said

- the applicants did not realise the work required planning permission but they have been in discussions with planners since they found out.
- the building is a modest one which has the support of planning policy and is the type of project encouraged in the National Planning Policy Framework
- this application is supported by Wealden Tourism
- the building will be ancillary to the main house.

He concluded by asking the Parish Council to look favourably on the application.

Residents complained about application WD2014/2013F relating to land at Poundfield Lane. They said;

- the application states it will bring much needed affordable housing to the village but residents feel that rent of £1300 a month is not 'affordable' to most young people.
- there will be damage and loss of agricultural land
- the area is prone to serious flooding and the new buildings will cause extra run off.
- Chalvington has no amenities for families.
- the new housing will add extra cars to a road where speeding is already a problem.
- the new buildings will overshadow and overlook the neighbouring properties.
- there is no significant difference between this and the previous application.
- there was no planning notice visible at the site.

Residents also complained about application WD2014/1429F for Ivy Cottage because they say;

- it is not a redundant barn.
- the proposed building increases the building's footprint by about 50% and is therefore an overdevelopment.
- the roadside profile will double and change the appearance of the village.
- there will be extra traffic on an already dangerous bend.

- the glass full length patio doors are not in keeping with the surrounding properties.
- there was no planning notice on display at the site.

The meeting then opened.

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Allcock and were accepted by those present.

56. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 1st September 2014 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

57. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's hand bells can be included on the Parish Council's main insurance although there may be a small extra charge. Councillors agreed to include them.

The Clerk said she has also contacted the new PCSO and invited her to attend a future Parish Council Meeting and provide the Parish Council with regular crime reports for the area.

58. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: No disclosures of interests or changes to the Register of Interests were declared.

59. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Councillors Webb, Shonfeld, Dunbar-Dempsey and Ward handed the petition from Deanland residents against the proposed bus changes to County Councillor Bennett at East Sussex County Council.

60. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

There following application was considered;

WD2014/1854F – Sun Court, Chalvington Road – Single storey garage – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.**

WD2014/1823F – Manor Cottage, Church Lane, Chalvington – Ground and first floor side extension - **Chalvington with Ripe Parish has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.**

WD2014/1891FR – Cherry Cottage, Deanland Road – Retention of existing building and adjacent structure and its use for holiday accommodation – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved by 5 votes to 1 that they have no objections to this application as long as the holiday let is ancillary to the main house and cannot be sold separately at a later date.**

WD2014/2013F – Land in Poundfield Road, Chalvington – Two pairs of three bedroom semi-detached houses with off road parking and turning and new access to highway – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council unanimously objects to this application on the following grounds;**

- it is not Affordable Housing with rents at £1300 a month.

- **the application site still lies within the countryside outside any of the defined development boundary in the Local Plan, and as retained by Policy WCS6 of the Wealden Core Strategy Local Plan 2013.**
- **the Local Plan makes provision in Ripe for ten new dwelling. This covers the need for Affordable Housing.**
- **this site has been designated without consultation and could set a precedent for building in similar areas.**
- **This will have a detrimental impact on the area.**
- **councillors felt this is an wholly inappropriate application and that people want to live here because residents protect their environment.**
- **these properties will infill the two villages.**

WD2014/1429F – Ivy Cottage, Mill Lane – Conversion of redundant barn to form a holiday let – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council unanimously objects to this application because;**

- **the proposed building increases the building's footprint by about 50% and is therefore an overdevelopment.**
- **the roadside profile will double and will change the appearance of the village.**
- **there will also be extra traffic on an already dangerous bend.**
- **the glass full length patio doors are not in keeping with the surrounding properties.**

61. VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE – This item was deferred to the November Parish Council Meeting.

62. BT CONSULTATION TO REMOVE THE TELEPHONE BOX IN POUNDFIELD ROAD – Councillors **resolved** not to adopt the telephone box in Poundfield Road which BT plans to remove through lack of use and ask that BT remove all evidence that it was there. Taking over the box would mean the Parish Council would have to pay for the ongoing maintenance and lighting.

63. COMMUNITY DIVIDEND – The Parish Council's application for funds from the Community Dividend is with District Councillor Harms. The Parish Council is applying for money from Wealden District Council toward repairing the Parish's notice boards and fingerpost signs.

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

Mass Media – website £201.60
A Hillman - Salary
Inland Revenue

Cheque Number 100883
Cheque Number 100884
Cheque Number 100985

65. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Councillor Webb reported that following complaints about noise levels at events held at The Lamb in Ripe, Noise

Pollution Officers have visited the pub and asked the landlord to be mindful for future events and to set the noise levels to just those attending. The District Council does not consider the current noise levels to be a problem within existing policies but is working to set more defined policies in the future.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey is no longer able to attend the Parish Conference and asked if anyone would like to attend in her place.

There being no further questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.