

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

7th June 2010

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

PRESENT: Cllr Bishop(Chair) Cllr Ward
Cllr Mrs Allcock Cllr Brass
Cllr Ms Thyer Cllr Dadswell

ATTENDING: County Councillor Bennett, District Councillor Watkins, A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There were 3 members of the public in attendance

13. Apologies for absence – Cllr Thomas.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2010 AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MAY 2010 - These minutes were approved and signed.

15. MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk has been chasing ESCC about the fingerpost sign. Councillors resolved that if the sign has not been repaired within the week the Clerk should get two prices from contractors to carry out the work.

16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Cllr Thyer declared a prejudicial interest in the Yew Tree application and Cllr Brass declared a personal interest in the same application. Cllr Thyer withdrew whilst this issue was discussed.

17. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN ON PARISHES LANDRAISE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE etc

Cllr Bennett explained that the Parish Council will shortly receive a letter from ESCC explaining more about the Land Raise issue. It will describe what has happened, what is to happen and why Land Raise has to be considered. He suggested that Cllrs Dashwood Hall and Bishop present the petition to the Transport and Environment Meeting on 21st June.

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

Councillor Bennett said that Minister Eric Pickles feels that the LDF and SE Plan are expected to go but it is not known what would replace them.

Cllr Watkins said that as far as Planning at Wealden is concerned nothing has changed. Wealden do however have a non statutory plan they work to.

18. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY PARISH COUNCIL: Cllrs considered the proposed 30mph speed limit for Chalvington and resolved to accept the proposal. They also asked that a new request is submitted to reduce the speed limit to 30mph to the north of the Yew Tree.

19. PLANNING MATTERS.

WD2010/624/CM - Vermiculture beds at Church Farm, Chalvington

Councillors unanimously agreed they support this application but that it should be a temporary permission for no more than five years with an appraisal of the environmental impact carried out after five years. They also asked for an upper limit to be set for the amount of stored material there to reduce nuisance from stored waste, and for the run off to be looked into by the Environmental Agency and its environmental impact monitored.

WD2010/0091FR - Meadow Stud, Church Lane

Retrospective change of use for use of barn as riding school, use of outbuilding as office, storage of two mobile homes and use of stables for livery.

Councillors unanimously agreed that they support the use of the barn as a riding school, the use of the outbuilding as an office and the use of stables for the livery. They are unable to support the storage of the two mobile homes without further explanation. They would like to know why the mobile homes are there and also what they will be used will for.

WD2010/0977F – The Yew Tree, Chalvington

New function room.

Councillors resolved unanimously that this application is not acceptable. They feel the new function room is not large enough for its suggested use and that marquees will still be used. The opening hours suggest it will be used for more than weddings and private parties. They feel this application will be a source of considerable nuisance and there is not adequate sound proofing. They are also concerned that the owner already appears to flout planning laws by having marquees on site for more than the 28 days allowed, and there is no reason to think this application would change that.

20. REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY WDC. Done

21. CORRESPONDENCE.

Wealden – Community Facilities List

Wealden – Community Transport Scheme

SALC – Legal and Finance Day

ESCC – Fingerpost Sign

ESCC – Speed Limit – Deanland Road

Councillors resolved to accept the proposed 40mph speed limit for the Deanland Wood Park Road.

22. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – Councillors resolved that a Parish Council website is set up and maintained by an outside contractor and they asked the Clerk to get two prices.

23. ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT - The Clerk read the March 2010 Internal Auditor's Report. Councillors resolved that the Clerk carries out the actions noted.

24. QUALITY PARISH STATUS – The Clerk said that although the Parish Council is unable to apply for Quality Parish Status (it does not have the required number of elected members yet), she will work towards it.

25. CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT – None. The Clerk has registered the Parish Council with the Inland Revenue.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Cllr Thyer asked for a Play Area to be an agenda item for the next meeting. She also reported that a peacock is running wild by the Lamb and asked if Sussex Wildlife Rescue can be contacted to take it somewhere safer.

Meeting concluded at 21.30hrs