

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

7th July 2014

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: District Councillor S Harms and A Hillman (Clerk). There were also five members of the public in attendance.

30. PUBLIC SESSION –

Residents asked;

- if the Parish Council is to make any further comments on the Waste and Minerals Plan. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will check there are no changes since the last update and report back.
- who they should report bad smells from roadside drains to. Councillor Webb said they need to report them to Southern Water.
- which trees have Tree Preservation Orders. Councillor Ward will investigate.
- the Parish Council to follow up complaints of loud music coming from The Lamb in Ripe.

District Councillor Harms reported that;

- the applicants of the White House planning application have appealed against the decision.
- requests for funds from the Community Dividend need to be with him by November. The Clerk will bring prices for fingerpost repairs to the next meeting.

The meeting then opened.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brass and were accepted by those present. County Councillor Bennett also sent his apologies for absence.

32. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 2nd June 2014 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

33. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – Councillor Dunbar Dempsey reported that some items from minute 15 remain outstanding because they will £12500.00 to repair so she will contact County Councillor Bennett to see what he can do to help.

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

35. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Councillor Shonfeld attended a Deanland Working Liaison Group meeting. The group is producing a Community Resilience Plan a copy of which will be given to the Parish Council in due course.

The Clerk attended the ESCC Community Self Serve Event held recently at Uckfield. ESCC explained that because of government cuts they are only now able to cover the basic statutory services and parishes and towns will need to contribute either partly or fully for additional projects. Full details are available on the ESCC website.

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

There following application was considered;

WD2014/1150F – 1 Poundfield Cottages – single side storey and rear extensions. Domestic heating oil storage tank and associated screening – **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.**

37. VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

38. COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTER – The Clerk confirmed that the application to include the village shop on the Community Asset Register has been withdrawn.

Councillors **resolved** to buy ten shares, at £10 each, in the shop because they feel it's a valuable asset and they would like to be notified should it ever decide to close.

Councillors also **resolved** that Councillor Webb will attend shareholder and shop meetings and report back to the Parish Council. Councillor English will attend meetings if Councillor Webb is not available.

39. SOLAR PANELS FOR LAUGHTON SCHOOL – Wessex Energy are proposing to use £14000 from the Community Fund from the Kitty Hawke Farm Planning application to put towards solar panels for Laughton School and are also offering £6000 for other community projects making a total of £20000.

Councillors **resolved** to support the trustees of Hayton Baker Hall in their bid for the £6000.

40. CONSERVATION AREAS – Councillors **resolved** to keep the existing conservation areas but will consider including others in the Village Plan. This will allow councillors more time to consider other areas. Suggestions so far include Church Farm Lane and Ripe.

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

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| Mass Media – Website £201.60 | Cheque Number 100875 |
| Hayton Baker Hall Hire/Grant/ Broadband – replacement cheque | Cheque Number 100876 |
| A Hillman – June Wages | Cheque Number 100877 |
| WDALC – Subscription - £20.00 | Cheque Number 100878 |
| Ripe Village Shop - £100.00 | Cheque Number 100879 |

42. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Following complaints of noise, Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the Licensing Officer at Wealden District Council to find out what he and the Parish Council can do to prevent it happening again.

Councillors from Deanland reported proposals to seriously reduce the number of days the 143 bus service will be coming to Deanland. Councillors agreed that the Clerk will send in Chalvington with Ripe's objections.

Councillor English gave his apologies for absence for the September meeting.

There being no further questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.