

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

7th October 2013

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: District Councillor S Harms, County Councillor N Bennett and A Hillman (Clerk). There were twenty members of the public in attendance.

#### 42. PUBLIC SESSION –

Mr Alderton, Agent for the Curl's Courtyard application explained the background to his clients' application. The applicants are local landowners who need a three bedroom house to live in and they want to convert a barn for this purpose. They have submitted an application for a new build before but after talks with Wealden have opted to convert an existing building instead. They have revised the access and believe this application enhances the area.

Residents complained about the Pound Lane application which they say will overshadow their properties. They feel it will set a precedent for other developments and will have a considerable and detrimental impact on the area. The Agent for this application said surveys carried out by Wealden District Council prove there is demand for this type of property in this area. He said this site is suitable and any environmental studies requested at this stage have been carried out.

This agent is also the same agent for the Mount Pleasant Farm application which already has consent but the Mount Pleasant Farm application is being resubmitted because it is a new structure.

The agent for the Cleggett's Barn application also explained his application to replace a 5kw wind turbine with 10kw solar photovoltaic array.

County Councillor Bennett said that

- although there are rumours that there are problems with the national broadband plan, the ESCC plan is still on track. ESCC expects to roll out its plan in the next few weeks.
- ESCC has two consultations which are currently open. These consultations concern home school transport and proposals for a wider distribution of free school meals.

District Councillor Harms reported that;

- policy guidance has now been received for solar farm applications.
- all Parish Councils refused the Berwick application except Arlington.
- training sessions are available to councillors on the Planning Committee.

The meeting then opened.

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Allcock and Webb sent their apologies which were duly accepted by those present.

44. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

45. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interest or changes to the Register of Interest.

46. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Cllr Brass and the Clerk attended the Wealden Parish Conference in September. Further details will be available electronically from Wealden in due course.

47. SPEAKER JAMES STOBART - Sussex Police have re-vamped Operation Crackdown. Operation Crackdown is an initiative where the Sussex Safer Partnership works with the Fire Brigade and local Councils to clamp down on anti-social driving, speeding, careless driving and undertaking. Residents are asked to report any incidents they witness via [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org) or by calling 01243 64 22 22.

More details about Operation Crackdown are available at [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org). The Chairman thanked Mr Stobart for his presentation and Mr Stobart subsequently left the meeting.

48. SPEAKERS FROM DEANLAND AIRFIELD – Deanland Airfield is owned by two families - the Price family and the Brook family. Following complaints about noisy aircraft in June they encouraged residents to report such incidents to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The number of each plane should be visible to the naked eye and a link to the CAA is available through the recently updated Deanland Airfield website. Mr Price and Mr Brook invited residents to visit the airfield and offered to attend a future Parish Council meeting and talk about it in more detail.

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

WD2013/1902F – Mount Pleasant Farm – Demolition of redundant bull pen. New building to accommodate biomass boiler – Chalvington with Ripe has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD2013/1903/F – Mount Pleasant Farm – Demolish redundant building and rebuild oak framed building to same footprint and volume – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD2013/1891/F – Mark Cross Barn – Conversion of existing attached store to associated living accommodation – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as the living accommodation is for the use of the family of the applicant.

WD2013/1813F – Curls Courtyard, Ripe Lane – Conversion of existing redundant agricultural barn to single dwelling – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as the total building height is not raised.

WD2013/1204F – Land in Pound Road, Chalvington – Two pairs of three bedroom semi-detached houses with garages. New access to Poundfield Road – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds;

- it is not Affordable Housing.
- the application site 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. In addition the Local Plan makes provision in Ripe for ten new dwellings, the specific sites for those dwellings are yet to be indentified, and so any application for new market housing development in the parish is premature in respect of the plan making process and contrary to the advice contained within paragraph 17 (1) of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- this site has been designated without consultation.
- this could set a precedent for building in similar areas. This and similar applications 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.

WD2013/1874F – Land at Mill Lane, Ripe – Four new stables with secure tack room and feed store – Chalvington with Ripe has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD2013/1808F – Cleggett's Farm, Deanland – Removal of a 5kw wind turbine to be replaced by 10kw solar photovoltaic array – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this planning application provided the solar panels are for domestic use and not commercial use.

49. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk said that Wealden District Council has now given permission to this Parish Council to co-opt a new councillor.

There have also been some changes to the Solar Farm application at Berwick in that part of the land has been removed from the application. Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council's has nothing further to add to the comments it has already made. Its original comments still stand.

50. FINGERPOST SIGNS – Councillors **resolved** to replace the fingerpost sign at Mark Cross at a cost of £902.50 plus vat and asked the Clerk to see if ESCC will fund half the cost.

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

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| PKF Littlejohn – Audit - £120.00 | Cheque Number 100811 |
| Wealden – Training - £30.00      | Cheque Number 100812 |
| Chiddingly - Training - £35.00   | Cheque Number 100813 |
| HMRC - £265.71                   | Cheque Number 100814 |
| A Hillman – Wages                | Cheque Number 100815 |
| HMRC - £266.60                   | Cheque Number 100816 |

52. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – Councillor Dunbar Dempsey asked for potholes to be an agenda item for the November meeting.

Councillor Brass asked for it to be recorded that he has received a cheque from ESCC to pay for the damage caused to his car by potholes.

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.