

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

PRESENT: Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Acting Chairman) Cllr English  
Cllr Shonfeld Cllr Ward  
Cllr White

ATTENDING: County Councillor Bennett, District Councillor Ede, PCSO Fenn, A Stevens (Clerk) and three members of the public were also in attendance.

#### 29. PUBLIC SESSION –

PCSO Fenn reported;

- there have been reports of a burglary, a suspect caller and a barn break in since the last meeting. Residents are advised to report all scams and suspicious behaviour to Sussex Police and call 999 if the callers are still on their premises.
- fuel alarms are available for residents who need them.
- Sussex Police is inviting Parish Council Chairman to a meeting to look into setting up a pilot scheme to have Community Wardens in East Sussex.

Mr Garner reported an overgrown hedge in the parish which is obstructing the highway. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will contact the landowner. All landowners who border the highways were reminded to keep roadside hedging cut back.

Residents asked the Parish Council to contact Shepherd Neame and remind them of their obligations under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act to look after maintenance of The Lamb.

County Councillor Nick Bennett had nothing new to report from County because of the summer break. It was noted that BT has been laying fibre optics in the parish.

District Councillor Philip Ede said;

- there have been some new developments in Planning at Wealden and as a result there will be a new Wealden Local Plan. Officers will update Councillors at Wealden District Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- the Coach House planning application has been withdrawn. If the developers submit a new application he said the Parish Council will be invited to a pre-application meeting at Wealden.
- the Parish Council might like to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. He said a Neighbourhood Plan would be statutory and more detailed than Wealden's general plan, which it would still have to comply with.
- there has been more fly tipping in Wick Street and Langtye Lane but it has been cleared by Wealden.

- the recent Solar Farm planning application was called in and passed by the Planning Committee.
- he is likely to be appointed onto Wealden's A27 Reference Group Committee.
- he is to attend an meeting with the MP and the mobile telephone company EE to look at improving mobile 'phone coverage in the area. Councillors agreed Councillor English will also attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting then opened.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Webb.

31. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

32. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk told members NALC has a Transparency Fund and Councillors **resolved** she can apply for funding towards a new computer, scanner and the extra Clerk's hours needed to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code.

The Clerk also announced that ESCC has been awarded an additional £6m to improve broadband in the county.

33. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Councillor Dunbar Dempsey completed a new Register of Interest Form to reflect a change in circumstances.

34. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – There were no reports from outside meetings on this occasion.

35. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – The following applications were considered;

WD2015/1827F – Church Lane House, Church Lane – Delete reference to ground source pump and adopt measures stated in the Sustainable Solutions Ltd Report and appendix 2 – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

36. BERWICK SOLAR FARM UPDATE – The developers of the Berwick Solar Fund have given £34000 to Wealden to be shared between the villages of Selmeston, Arlington, Berwick, Dicker, Chalvington and Ripe. The money has to be used for sustainable green projects.

Chalvington Parish Council supports the bid being made by Hayton Baker Hall for a new boiler (£3800) and new double glazing at (£7107) and agrees for the Council to act as the accountable body. It was also suggested that apple press could also be bought.

37. DOG MESS - Wealden's poster has now been displayed in the Parish Village Magazine, in the Village Shop and on parish noticeboards. It was noted that Alfriston Parish Council is designing a sign with District Councillor Ede to display around its village. District Councillor Ede will forward the design to the Clerk for consideration at the next Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council Meeting.

38. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** to request a Tree Preservation Order for the ten horse chestnut trees in Church Lane to protect them from developers. The trees were planted as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977. Councillor Ward will apply for the Order.

39. A27 COMMITTEE – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** to form a committee along with neighbouring parishes which will represent the parishes affected by any changes to A27. Councillor Webb will represent this parish and Councillor White will attend meetings if Councillor Webb is not available.

40. VILLAGE HALL – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** not to donate any money towards the cost of broadband in the Hall but will consider increasing the maintenance payment in November.

41. VILLAGE PLAN – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** to update its Village Plan instead of producing a Neighbourhood Plan having heard the pros and cons of each. Councillors also **resolved** to set up a Working Party which will consist of Councillors Dunbar Dempsey, Webb, White and Shonfeld to carry out the groundwork which will include a review of the conservation area.

42. ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES;

The following procedures were adopted by the Parish Council;

- Dealing with enquiries.
- Document receipt, circulation and response handling.
- Employees Code of Conduct.
- Filming at Meetings.
- Grants.

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

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| Littlejohn – Auditor £120.00 | Cheque number 100909 |
| A Stevens – July Salary      | Cheque number 100910 |
| A Stevens – Aug Salary       | Cheque number 100911 |

44. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS –

Councillor White asked;

- what traffic calming measures can be taken in the village. The Clerk said that ESCC will not generally carry out or assist with traffic calming in roads and lanes where there is no accident record. ESCC will supply yellow signs which Parish Councils may erect at the side of the road asking drivers to slow down. The Clerk will ask for some signs and bring them to the next meeting.
- for the Highways Steward to look at the Langtye/Firle/Darp Lane junction which Councillors agree is a potential hazard. The Clerk will contact Highways.

Councillor Ward asked if the Highways Steward will clean the speed limit signs near Deanland. They have black cross painted over them. The Clerk will contact Highways.

There being no further questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.