

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

3rd September 2012

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

PRESENT: Cllr Webb (Chairman) Cllr Allcock
 Cllr Dadswell Cllr Ward
 Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey Cllr Brass

ATTENDING: District Councillor S Harms, County Councillor N Bennett and A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There were no members of the public in attendance.

36. PUBLIC SESSION – C Cllr Bennett noted that there will be roadworks on the A22 for most of September and that he is to get speed loops installed at Deanland.

C Cllr Bennett also said that the tenders are out for the provision of broadband and the tendering process begins later this month. Councillors noted that 4G could well replace fibre optic cabling in the future.

D Cllr Harms reported that the transfer of the Wealden offices to Hailsham is now complete and was on time and within budget. Consultation for the Community Infrastructure Levy is now underway, the Levy is a 'roof tax' paid to Parish Councils (and District Councils) from developers when they build in their Parish and District. This money is to provide infrastructure for the parish concerned.

D Cllr Harms also attended a Joint Waste Contract Meeting, the new Contract should mean recycling rates increase and the District Council saves £500,000. D Cllr Harms then asked the Parish Council to consider how Wealden District Council can improve their communication with Parishes and Towns as it is keen to improve on existing methods.

The meeting then opened. C Cllr Bennett and D Cllr Harms left as they had another meeting to attend.

37. No apologies for absence were received.

38. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd JULY 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 2nd July 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

39. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interests or changes to the Register of Interests. The new Register of Interest Forms have been completed and returned to Wealden.

40. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Webb reported that elections have now taken place and Laughton Parish Council has a new Parish Council. He attended its first meeting which he said was very well run.

Cllr Brass is to attend the ESCC Town and Parish Conference on 17th September, and Cllrs Ward and Webb are to attend the Wealden Parish Conference on the 24th October. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey will attend the SALC Legal and Finance Day on 11th September.

41. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

WD2012/1771LBR

Curls Farmhouse, Ripe Lane, Ripe
The dismantling and reconstruction of structurally unstable east boundary wall fronting Ripe Lane.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

42. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no planning applications to be noted on this occasion.

43. HEALTH CARE CONSULTATION – Having considered the East Sussex NHS Trust's proposal for health care changes, Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** that it supports the Trust's policy to establish Centres of Excellence.

44. VILLAGE SOS GRANT – The Parish Council has been notified of the Village SOS Grant and agreed that it might be useful for the new village shop. Details have been sent to Neil Eckert as the main organiser.

45. ESCC, BH & SDNPA WASTE AND MINERAL PLAN – An independent examination of the plan has taken place and a number of issues have been raised. A series of meetings has subsequently been arranged to discuss these issues and Councillors agreed that Cllr Dunbar Dempsey joins with Laughton Parish Council and shares attendance with them. Whilst this Parish Council can not speak at the meeting it was agreed that it should be there.

46. DARP LANE FINGERPOST SIGN – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** to replace the fingerpost sign at Darp Lane at a cost of £897.50 plus VAT. Attempts to seek funding elsewhere have proved unsuccessful.

47. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk reported that the matters' arising have been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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

A Hillman – Wages

Cheque Number 100826

SALC - £102 Councillor training

Cheque Number 100827

49. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS –

Cllr Dadswell asked ESCC to remove some road signs by the Golden Cross pub as they restricted vision onto the A22. The signs have now been removed.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey, following a request from Prof Hill, asked the Parish Council to reconsider further action about reporting the number of cancer cases in the Parish. Councillors felt this was not under their remit and agreed not to take this matter further.

Cllr Webb has received interest from a resident who would like to be considered to be a Parish Councillor. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Webb also asked that the Parish Council writes to ESCC to thank them for resurfacing the byway to Sheepcote Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm