

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

6<sup>th</sup> June 2012

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: District Councillor S Harms and A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There was one member of the public in attendance.

12. PUBLIC SESSION – D Cllr Harms reported that;

- i: he can confirm that the new Curls Barn Farm building complies with the architect's drawings.
- ii: Wealden's Planning members felt the windows at Keeper's Cottage should have been bespoke. The application was therefore rejected.
- iii: despite rumours to the contrary Wealden has no plans to charge to collect garden waste. It is however to look into expanding their collections.
- iv: the Joint Waste Management Contract is due to be signed in September.

D Cllr Harms distributed information about Neighbourhood Plans and encouraged residents to contact him, via the clerk, if they have any questions about any issues at all.

Prof Hill asked if the Parish Council will consider asking Defra to investigate the cause of a number of cancer cases in the parish. There are reported to have been 20 cases and he asked if this is considered to be a significant number. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey said she will find out who the Parish Council needs to contact and Cllr Webb said he will contact Cllr Brass to find out if it is possible to plot the statistics on a map of the parish. This will then be an agenda item next month.

The meeting was then opened.

13. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brass and C Councillor Bennett.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 8<sup>TH</sup> May 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

15. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interests or changes to the Register of Interests.

16. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN ON PARISHES LANDRAISE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

There was nothing new to report, the draft plan has been submitted and the inspector will report back in due course.

## 17. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Webb attended a broadband meeting at Laughton Parish Council. The ESCC broadband plan is progressing well and councillors asked if it is possible to have a breakdown of this parish's responses to the recent broadband questionnaire.

Cllr Webb also attended a meeting in the village about the future of the Village Shop and it was agreed that he will represent the Parish Council at any future meetings.

## 18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For noting;

There were no planning applications to note on this occasion.

## 19. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

20. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING/LOCALISM – The Clerk attended the Clerk's Conference at Wealden on 16<sup>th</sup> April where it was reported that;

The Localism Act came into force on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012. The main parts that affect the Parish Council are;

### Neighbourhood Plans

These will need to conform to the Core Strategy, the National Planning Policy Framework, Local Plans, all legal requirements, National Policies and European Legislation.

Parish Councils will be able to ask for more development not less and the Local Planning Authority have a duty to advise and support them. There are other cheaper options in which Parish Councils may be able to achieve their aims.

If they pursue with Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Councils will need a robust evidence base and to consult with Highways, the Environment Agency, Natural England, developers and the public as the completed draft plan will then need to go to a referendum.

Costs of producing plans are predicted to be anywhere from hundreds of pounds to £100,000. Councillors will need to decide if it is necessary to produce a Plan, if it will change decision making, stop development or if there are other options they can consider.

### Community Right to Build

Parish Councils can now build affordable houses and can borrow from the Public Sector Works Board to do so.

### Planning

The new National Planning Policy Framework is now considerably smaller, more vague and very much open to interpretation.

Uckfield Town Council has been considering its own non contentious applications. They have their own allocated planning officer but could be liable for the cost of appeals.

### Standards

Wealden have produced a new code of conduct which is expected to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. There are three options but the Wealden code is expected to be the one which is adopted in East Sussex.

There will also be a new Register of Interests and it will now be a Criminal Offence not to complete the new Register of Interests within 28 days. Failure to complete it, could result in 5 years disqualification or a level 5 fine.

The Standards Board has been disbanded and there is now a Standards Committee. The committee has no independent member and Parish Councillors will be co-opted from WDALC. Trevor Scott, Senior Legal Officer at Wealden will be the Monitoring Officer and he will have more discretion.

Parish Councils can also now produce a list of Community Assets and will need the General Power of Competence.

21. RIPE FINGERPOST SIGN – This has been deferred until the outcome of a clerk's meeting with ESCC about fingerpost signs, is known.

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

Mass Media – Website - £147.00	Cheque Number 100791
Alison O'Sullivan - Wages	Cheque Number 100792
Inland Revenue - £242.58	Cheque Number 100793
Inland Revenue - £100.00	Cheque Number 100794
Alison O'Sullivan - Wages	Cheque Number 100795

23. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS –

Cllr Webb asked and councillors agreed that the recent Jubilee events were a great success. An official thank you from the Parish Council to the army of organisers and helpers, is to go in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey visited Deanland Airfield and they provided guidance on noise pollution. If bothered by noise, residents are advised to look for the number plate of the plane or glider concerned.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm