

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 12th JANUARY 2015

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: District Councillor S Harms, PCSO Stephen Fenn, A Hillman (Clerk) and ten members of the public were also in attendance.

89. PUBLIC SESSION –

District Councillor Harms reported that;

- he allocated £600 from Chalvington's share of the Community Dividend to Alfriston and £300 to Alciston for its pond project.
- under the latest LDF proposals, new developments of five or more properties in small parishes must consist of, at least, 35% affordable housing. The Community Infrastructure Levy is to replace the section of S106 which allocates money for local expenditure.

As a result of a question from a resident, District Councillor Harms agreed to find out why windfall sites are not included in the SHLAA housing numbers. He also said Wealden may have to take up any other local District or Borough Councils cannot build.

Stephen Fenn introduced himself as the new PCSO and said he is looking forward to working in the Parish and he would like to attend local events. He also reported suspicious visitors have been reported in Ripe and a yearling was killed near Middle Farm.

Mr Goodwin, the agent for the Chalvington Barn application introduced himself and the owners of Chalvington Barn and described the works they would like to carry out there. They said the conversion will provide a rent income, bring new people to the village and see the steel barn roof replaced with a pitched one. Mr Thomas was very concerned that the barn owls will leave and never return. The owners said they will do all they can to make sure they come back and agreed to put two boxes on the barn once work is complete and monitor them.

The meeting then opened.

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Ward and Shonfeld and County Councillor Bennett.

91. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 1st December 2014 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

92. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – All matters' arising have been covered elsewhere on this agenda.

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

94. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Councillor Webb attended a private meeting called by Norman Baker MP along with representatives from other parishes along the A27. The purpose of the meeting was to see how they think the £75m earmarked by the Government for improvements to the A27 should be spent. A press statement will be issued in due course.

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – The following applications were considered;

WD2014/2578F – Vanguard Cottage, Chalvington Road – Ground floor and first floor extension, internal alterations and new double garage – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD2014/2598 – Chalvington Barns – The conservation, partial restoration and conversion/change of use of barns – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds but asks that two owl boxes are fitted as two are being removed.

96. SHED ALARMS – Sussex Police has given the Clerk a number of shed alarms for residents to fit to their outside buildings. Anyone who would like one is asked to contact the Clerk on chalvingtonripe@aol.com or PCSO Stephen Fenn on Stephen.Fenn@sussex.pnn.police.uk.

97. LOCAL ACTION TEAM - Sussex Police has invited the Parish Council to attend the first of what it is hoped will be, regular Local Action Team (LAT) meetings. These LAT meetings will feed local priorities into the Wealden Joint Action Group (JAG).

Councillors **resolved** that Councillors Webb and English can attend on behalf of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.

98. AVERAGE SPEED CAMERA - Maresfield Parish Council reportedly has problems with speeding in its Parish and Councillors are considering buying a radar system at a cost of £13000 -- £20000 initially and £1500 a year to maintain. It is inviting other parishes to consider jointly buying and sharing it.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** to decline the invitation on the grounds of cost and practicality. Councillors agreed speeding in the Parish was not a big enough problem to warrant this amount of expenditure.

97. VILLAGE PLAN – There was nothing new to report on this occasion and this item was deferred to the next Full Council Meeting.

98. COMMUNITY DIVIDEND – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has received £2098.00 from Wealden District Council towards repairing its fingerpost signs, treating its noticeboards and supplying and fitting a new bench in Ripe. Work is underway and is hoped to have been completed by the next meeting.

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

Alison Hillman – Salary	Cheque Number 100890
Ripe & Chalvington PCC - £350	Cheque Number 100891

100. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS – Councillor English reported two styles which need repairing in the parish. He will provide Councillor Webb with the location of the styles which will then be reported to ESCC.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey reported recent flooding at Chipps Cottage. Contractors from ESCC cleared an underground pipe and jetted the system in November but it does not appear to have worked. Councillors agreed that she can draft a letter from the Parish Council asking them to check the work and see why it has silted up again. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will then send the letter to the Clerk.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey also reported that the road from Darp Lane to Marchants Farm is in a bad way following the construction of the new solar farm at Kitty Hawk Farm and she said that planning conditions have not been met. She asked Councillors to support Laughton Parish Council who have written to Wealden Planning to complain. Councillors agreed that Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will draft a letter for distribution to all Parish Councillors via the Clerk and will include the letter from Laughton Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.