

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

2nd April 2012

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

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

132. PUBLIC SESSION – D Cllr Harms reported that;

- i: there will be a Waste Contract meeting on 28th April 2012.
- ii: he is concerned that Ringmer Gliding Club want to bypass the District Council and have a Management agreement effectively cutting out comments from the public.
- ii: The Core Strategy Inspector approved 9400 new houses in Wealden between now and 2027, ten of which are expected to be in this Parish.

He then invited questions from those present.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey was concerned that Wealden's policies on conservation and energy efficiency, appear to contradict each other. This leads to confusion for Parish Councils, for example listed buildings can not currently have the latest modern timber style double glazing so D Cllr Harms said he will take this up with Planning Committee South. He asked that in the meantime when Parish Councils comment on applications they give material planning reasons to support their comments.

Cllr Webb asked D Cllr Harms to also pass on his thanks to the Hailsham Recycling Centre. He found the staff there were particularly helpful.

C Cllr Bennett said the latest Full Council Meeting at ESCC was followed by a presentation from Trading Standards about the new 'Buy Safe' Scheme where traders are accredited and CRB checked.

He reported that Government money has now been approved for the Bexhill to Hastings link road and he asked if Councillors are happy with the new Deanland speed limit. They are.

He also confirmed that despite reports to the contrary, ESCC has no plans or sites earmarked for fracking (fracking is the process of drilling and injecting fluid into the ground at a high pressure in order to fracture shale rocks to release natural gas inside).

C Cllr Bennett and D Cllr Harms then left to attend other meetings.

The meeting was then opened.

132. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Allcock.

133. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH MARCH 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 5TH March 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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

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

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey said that, following the last Full Council Meeting, she contacted ESCC to see if the Parish Council should submit any further comments on the proposals. ESCC confirmed that the Parish Council can submit comments about the legal compliance and soundness and these would be reported verbatim to the Inspector.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council felt that it was not in a position to comment on these two issues and it stands by its original comments.

136. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Webb has taken the completed questionnaires to Katy Thomas at ESCC and she has confirmed that ESCC are working through them. The Parish Council now awaits feedback. Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council is extremely grateful to all the residents who distributed and/or completed and returned the questionnaires. An official thank you has been sent to all those who distributed the questionnaires by email. A thank you to everyone will appear in the Village Magazine.

137. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For noting;

There were no planning applications to note on this occasion.

138. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were considered;

LW/2012/0335 – Ringmer Gliding Club - Removal of conditions 2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 relating to planning approval LW/87/0083 and addition of new condition stating that "Gliding operations shall be undertaken in accordance with a noise management plan that shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority" – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council feels that the increased usage in this case does not greatly affect its residents but, whilst it is keen to work with other Parish Councils, it will not enter into a noise management plan.

WD2012/0411LB – Keeper's Cottage, Church Lane – Replace rotted timber windows with double glazed windows – Councillors have no objections as the

external alterations are in character and appear to conform to the energy saving policies set by Wealden.

139. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk said that she has been invited to a meeting at Wealden on the 16th April to see if Chalvington can be a front runner in Neighbourhood Planning. She is also due to meet with ESCC about the future of fingerpost signs and asked for comments. ESCC are to stop maintaining fingerpost signs and responsibility will be offered to town and parish councils. Parish and Town Councils will then have a choice as to whether they take them on or not. If the parishes and towns say no they will lose their fingerpost signs, if they say yes the cost of maintaining the signs would then be met from the precept. Cllr Webb felt that if parishes take over the responsibility they should receive funding from ESCC and lobby the District and County Councillors if they do not.

140. RIPE FINGERPOST SIGN – There has still been no reply to the letter Cllr Webb delivered by hand. Cllr Webb is to get an updated quote to replace the sign.

141. PARISH COUNCIL COMPUTER – The Clerk has bought a Dell laptop, bag, anti-virus package and software which she duly showed Councillors.

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

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| A O'Sullivan - Wages | Cheque Number 100785 |
| SALC – Training/LCR - £455.08 | Cheque Number 100786 |
| WDALC - £20.00 | Cheque Number 100787 |
| Computer Software - £99.97 | Cheque Number 100788 |
| PC Computer - £436.94 | Cheque Number 100789 |
| P Brass – Toner - £12.00 | Cheque Number 100790 |

143. CLERK'S PAY – The Clerk said that, subject to satisfactory performance, under the terms of her contract she is entitled to automatic increment increases on 1st April 2011 and 1st April 2012.

Councillors **resolved** that the Clerk's pay scale increases to scale 33 from 1st April 2012.

143. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – Cllr Brass, on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, asked for the Parish Council filing cabinet to be moved out of the Village Hall. The cabinet is to be stored in the Clerk's garage.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey asked Parish Councillors to look at applications on line prior to meetings to save time and to look more professional at meetings. Councillors agreed that this is not always possible so hardcopies of planning applications will be available to look at from 7.15pm, on the day of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm