

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

3rd December 2012

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

PRESENT: Cllr Webb (Chairman)                      Cllr Brass  
            Cllr Dadswell                                Cllr English  
            Cllr Ward

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

77. PUBLIC SESSION – C Cllr Bennett had nothing new to report as Council is meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Budget setting is in progress and a report will follow in due course.

D Cllr Harms said that Wealden is also reviewing its expenditure and now expects to complete its approval for the Core Strategy in February. Parish Training is being arranged and the planning application for a tractor store for the field to the North of West Lyn is going to appeal.

Mr Joe Simpson showed Councillors draft plans he has for The Courtyard in Ripe. He would like to convert the barn into a three bedroom house which is more in keeping than previous applications and he plans to submit a completed planning application to Wealden in the near future.

The meeting then opened. C Cllr Bennett left the meeting.

78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Allcock and Dunbar Dempsey.

79. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 5<sup>TH</sup> November 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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

81. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Brass attended the Village Hall meeting, which is covered under item 85.

82. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

None.

83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Planning application WD2012/0329 – Field to the North of West Lyn – Tractor Store this is going to Appeal.

84. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk's Conference on the 9<sup>th</sup> November reported that there are to be changes to precept setting and it is possible that Parish Council precepts may be capped. She is to attend a meeting at Wealden on the 6<sup>th</sup> December to find out more, a final decision is expected in the New Year.

She also attended a meeting with ESCC at its depot in Heathfield to see if Parish Councils can take over responsibility for the maintenance and repairs of fingerpost signs. ESCC presented the Parish and Town Councils with a draft contract for parishes to sign should they wish to do so otherwise responsibility for the fingerpost signs will remain with ESCC. ESCC will consider them a low priority and in time it will replace them with metal signs. She asked ESCC to provide each parish with a list of the fingerpost signs in its parish and suggested responsibility and finance could be shared. ESCC agreed and a further meeting is to be arranged in the New Year.

85. VILLAGE HALL – The Village Hall Committee would like provide a broadband service in the village hall and have requested a contribution towards the setting up and running costs from the Parish Council. A telephone line needs to be installed. Whilst the Committee has reserves these are in line with the recommendations of the Charity Commission.

Having discussed this at length, Councillors **resolved** to pay £150 towards the setting up costs and will consider contributing towards the running costs when these are known.

86. RIPE TELEPHONE BOX – Mr Bishop was called away at short notice and was unable to attend this meeting. This item was therefore deferred until the next Full Council meeting.

87. ESCC, BH & SDNPA WASTE AND MINERAL PLAN – Councillor Dunbar Dempsey sent the following report which was read out by the Clerk.

'The Inspector's report will not now be out until early 2013 so a bit later than originally scheduled (mid Dec) so we need to put this as an agenda item when the final report is out.

We need to continue to be vigilant until we can be sure that the final plan does not include any landraise on greenfield sites in the County. I am your rep for this area.

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

A Hillman – Wages	Cheque Number 100841
Mass Media – Website - £63.00	Cheque Number 100842

89. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS –

There were no questions from members and the meeting closed at 8.20pm