

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

3rd October 2011

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

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

57. There were no apologies for absence.

58. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2011 - These minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

59. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interests.

60. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN ON PARISHES LANDRAISE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE etc

C Cllr Bennett covered this item under his report in the public session.

The meeting was suspended.

FIRST PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

C Cllr Bennett announced that East Sussex and West Sussex Fires Services are to merge, consultations are now taking place.

C Cllr Bennett also formally announced that there are no areas for waste disposal in the Low Weald in the new Draft Waste and Minerals Plan. He added that he is confident that the plan will be acceptable to government, and that there is enough capacity for other methods of waste disposal in the South East 7. Councillors agreed that they would like to formally thank all those who worked tirelessly to oppose Land Raise, when the Plan has finally been passed.

D Cllr Harms reported that the travellers' application at Laughton was referred to the Planning Inspectorate and was subsequently withdrawn.

D Cllr Harms reported that the anticipated savings in rubbish collection may not be as great as first thought.

He also reported that there is to be a Housing Review Report out on 18th October. The Report is looking at the Allocations' Policy and there are not expected to be any council houses in this parish.

There is to be a review of the Core Strategy around the same time. The Planning Inspector will ask the Council to justify reducing the number of houses from 11,500 to 9000.

Mr Garner asked the Parish Council to consider those residents who are less well off, when it sets the precept this year. He also asked that they take the Council's reserves into consideration.

The meeting was then re-opened.

62. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey attended the East Sussex Parish and Town Councils' Meeting. ESCC will not be continuing all of its current tasks and expects to defer some of them to Parish and Town Council level. There were also updates on Trading Standards, highways, the environment, broadband and community transport. The day finished with a discussion on how ESCC can work together with Towns and Parishes.

Cllrs Ward, Webb and the Clerk attended the Wealden District Conference where the main items under discussion were Localism and how Towns and Parishes can also work together with Wealden. It is anticipated that Towns and Parish Councils will have to produce Neighbourhood Plans, these will need to fit in with the Core Strategy and could be very costly and time consuming.

63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were noted;

WD2011/1694F – Curls Farm – Conversion of outbuilding to two new holiday lets with alterations to boundary wall to improve access visibility.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds;

Councillors feel there will be a loss of privacy to neighbouring residents and there would be extra traffic. The ownership of some of the land is in dispute and the benefits do not outweigh the inconvenience to residents. They also feel that the proposed use is unsuitable for the area and are concerned about the density of housing.

WD2011/1861LB – Curls Farm – Front elevation to receive canopy – no objections on any planning grounds.

Although these applications were commented on at the previous meeting, both have been re-issued because not all consultees were notified the first time round. Chalvington and Ripe Parish Council stands by these original comments.

64. REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY WDC – None.

65. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING - The Clerk reported that the Parish Council has received a letter from the previous owner of Abbot's Barn, enquiries are ongoing.

66. QUEEN'S JUBILEE – Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey is to contact the organisers for more details about the event which is being organised to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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

A O'Sullivan - Wages

Chq 100765

68. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – Cllr Ward asked for Car Park Deeds to be an item for the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm