

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

4th July 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, A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There were two members of the public in attendance.

28. There were no apologies for absence.

29. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th JUNE 2011 - These minutes were approved and signed.

30. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interests. The Clerk will send a Register of Interests Form to Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey.

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

Councillors **resolved** that Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey will be the Parish Council Representative on the Land Raise Committee.

The meeting was suspended.

FIRST PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

The Clerk is to circulate the report from C Cllr Bennett.

D Cllr Harms reported that Wealden have received a planning application for a Traveller's Site at Laughton, it is WD/2011/1355. There is to be a public meeting about this application on Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7.30pm at Laughton Village Hall.

Cabinet at Wealden are considering joint functions which are expected to save the District Council £500,000 a year.

There were four recent burglaries in the District but the police have suspects for all four robberies.

The meeting was then re-opened.

32. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey attended the New Councillors' Training at Peacehaven and found it very interesting. There are to be changes in planning and councils are to be asked to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors agreed to invite Trevor Leggo to the January meeting to talk about this more.

33. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD2011/1293F – Magnolia Cottage – Two storey extension to enlarge and form bedroom – **No objections.**

WD2011/1241LB – The Old Cottage, The Street – Single glazed doors in rear elevation – **No objections.**

34. REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY WDC – The planning application for Claverham House has been approved.

35. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING - The Clerk reported that ESCC are pursuing the broken finger post signs, the Clerk has forwarded the details to them.

The Parish Council has received the Health and Safety Report for the Village Hall and residents are being asked to consider Homeshare where owners of larger homes are being asked to consider sharing their homes in return for help around their homes.

Wealden have offered the Parish Council some free folders and the Clerk has been to Crowborough to collect these.

The Clerk has also been to Wealden Crowborough for the Closed Churchyard Meeting and whilst it doesn't affect this Parish now, its worth noting for the future that, Wealden can no longer maintain these churchyards without imposing an extra charge to residents or passing over the maintenance costs to towns and parishes. Church walls can cost over £100,000 to repair.

36. RISK ASSESSMENT – The Working Party have produced and circulated a draft Health and Safety Report of the Parish Council's assets and asked Councillors to look at it for the next meeting. In the meantime they **resolved** that the catches should be replaced on the notice boards and a team will be organised to varnish the notice boards.

37. INTERNAL AUDIT – Councillors read the Internal Audit Report and congratulated the Clerk. The Clerk is to implement the Internal Auditor's recommendations.

38. NEWSLETTER – Cllr Webb is to draft information about the Parish Council's activities for the Village Magazine, having first circulated it to Councillors for approval.

Councillors also agreed that there should be an article thanking the previous Chairman, Piers Bishop, for his years of good service. This is to be supported by a letter to Mr Bishop. Councillors also asked for it to be minuted that they wished to thank Mr Bishop for his outstanding work as a Councillor.

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

A O'Sullivan – Wages	Chq 100756
Litterpickers - £30.00	Chq 100757
SALC - £60.00	Chq 100758

Mass Media - £42.00
Peter Frost - £70.00

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40. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – Councillor Brass asked councillors to read the WARR newsletters that are received and circulated by the Clerk.

Meeting concluded at 20.25hrs