

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

4th November 2013

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

PRESENT: Cllr Webb (Chairman) Cllr Allcock
 Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey Cllr Brass
 Cllr Ward

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

53. PUBLIC SESSION –

Professor Hill asked why the fingerpost sign by The Lamb has been taken down. Councillor Webb will investigate.

District Councillor Harms reported that;

- Wealden District Council is to start looking at its precept for the new financial year. Wealden is likely to lose 15% of the Council Tax Support Grant and 33% of the New Homes Bonus it expected to receive from Central Government.
- planning permission has been approved for a solar farm at Berwick. Applications for more solar farms are expected including one at Golden Cross.
- residents still waiting for new brown bins should receive them in February/March 2014.
- ESCC has a consultation open for the proposed closure of three waste sites, the nearest to here, being at Seaford.

County Councillor Bennett has previously circulated his report, a copy of which is available from the Clerk. ESCC is currently reviewing school transport funding.

The meeting then opened.

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor English sent his apologies which were duly accepted by those present.

55. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 7th October 2013 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

56. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interest or changes to the Register of Interest.

57. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Details of the Wealden Parish Conference and the ESCC Town and Parish Conference are available from the Clerk are available upon request from the Clerk.

58. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

There were no planning applications for consideration on this occasion.

59. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – All matters' arising are covered elsewhere on the agenda.

60. PRECEPT REQUEST 201-2015 - The Clerk previously distributed copies of the cash book, bank reconciliation and budget forecast to councillors.

After careful consideration Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** that subject to any late government legislation the precept for 2014-2015 will remain £10,000. There will be no increase.

61. FINGERPOST SIGNS – Councillors **resolved** to replace the fingerpost sign at Mark Cross Lane/Mill Lane at a cost of £856.20 plus vat and asked the Clerk to see if ESCC will fund half the cost.

62. POTHOLE – Councillor Dunbar Dempsey has sent a list of potholes to ESCC and has asked to meet the Road Steward and show them to him. Councillors thanked Councillor Dempsey for the work she has carried out to date on this.

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

Peter Frost – Audit - £86.60	Cheque Number 100818
Poppy Appeal - £35.00	Cheque Number 100819
Cuckmere Community Bus - £100.00	Cheque Number 100820
A Hillman – Wages	Cheque Number 100821

64. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – Councillor Ward reported that there have been no cases of Ash Die Back reported in the parish.

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.