

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th December 2011

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: District Councillor S Harms and A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There was one member of the public in attendance.

82. Cllr Brass sent his apologies for absence, which were duly accepted by the Council.

83. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2011 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 7th November 2011 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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

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

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey drafted a response to the Waste and Minerals Plan from Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council and asked all councillors for their approval. Councillors agreed they will let her know of any changes they would like to make by 7th December. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey will then submit the Parish Council's response in time for the 8th December deadline.

The meeting was suspended.

FIRST PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

C Cllr Bennett had previously circulated his report a copy of which was available to those present.

D Cllr Harms said that;

i: the Wealden Budget Proposal will be out tomorrow and they are accepting the 2.5% government grant to keep the Council Tax down.

ii: the Localism Bill has been enacted and Wealden are updating District Councillors in January.

iii: a planning application is expected soon which is expected to increase both traffic and employment, east of the Stone Cross Business Centre.

The meeting was then re-opened.

86. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Webb and the Clerk attended the Broadband Conference arranged by ESCC on the 1st December 2011.

ESCC have been given £10.64m to bring Superfast Broadband to rural areas. They have added £15m and contractors will be expected to add another £10.64m. As this is not enough to provide Superfast Broadband to all of Sussex, parishes need to register and prove they need it.

Councillors **resolved** that the Clerk will register the villages with BDUK and the Chairman will write an article for the Village Magazine inviting residents to attend a meeting. A sub-group will be formed at this meeting to carry out a survey to prove the need in this Parish. Councillors also asked that one of the speakers from the Conference is invited to this meeting to answer any questions.

87. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were noted;

WD2011/2437F – 2 North View Cottages – Single storey side extension
– There were no objections as the proposal is suitable for the area, is in character and does not overshadow anyone.

WD2011/2252F – Eckington Manor – Bank of solar panels on outbuilding and the extension of the roof of the outbuilding. No new drawings – There were no objections to this application as the Parish Council likes to try and encourage alternative uses of power.

88. REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY WDC –

WD2011/0008F – Curls Farm Barn – Appeal dismissed.

89. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk reported that under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 a Police and Crime Commissioner will be elected by the people to hold the Chief Constable to account for policing. Elections will take place in November 2012 and residents are being encouraged to vote.

Parish Council's are to be asked to draft Neighbourhood Plans as a result of the Localism Bill. This will be a future agenda item.

90. CAR PARK DEEDS – The Clerk received the Car Park Deeds prior to this meeting and will read them and report back to the next meeting. She would like to thank Mrs Teager for all her help with this item.

91. MEETING DATES 2012 - Councillors **resolved** to accept the list of meeting dates for 2012 which had been previously circulated by the Clerk.

92. DARP LANE FINGERPOST SIGN – There has been no response to the letter sent to the owner of the mobile home and the Council **resolved** that the letter is sent again but this time by recorded delivery.

93. POWER OF WELLBEING – Councillors **resolved** to undertake Power of Wellbeing training which the Clerk will arrange.

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

Alison O'Sullivan – Wages

Cheque Number 100770

95. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – There were no questions from members on this occasions.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm