

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

6th February 2012

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

ATTENDING: County Councillor N Bennett, District Councillor S Harms and A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There were two members of the public in attendance including Gerry Price owner of Deanland Airfield.

120. There were no apologies for absence.

121. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 6th February 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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

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

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey said the report is still in the consultation stage and she asked if the Parish Council would like to add any further comments. Councillors had nothing new to add at this stage.

The meeting was suspended.

FIRST PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

Councillors agreed that in future the public adjournment will be moved to the start of the meeting.

D Cllr Harms apologised for not attending last month's meeting and said that Wealden;

- i: held a Localism Meeting to update District Councillors.
- ii: are progressing with the sale of the Crowborough building.
- iii: have put the Waste Contract out to tender.

He reported that the Core Strategy has now been inspected and the Inspection Report is pending. He also asked Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council to consider working with Berwick Parish Council under their 'Strengthening Local Partnerships' (SLP) initiative. Councillors asked the Clerk to ask Berwick for copies of any SLP minutes.

D Cllr Harms also urged businesses in the Parish who pay less than £12,000 a year in business rates to contact Wealden as they may be entitled to a discount.

C Cllr Bennett reported that

- i: feedback on the 40mph speed limit at Deanland has been positive.
- ii: its been a busy time in Childrens' Services.
- iii: Cabinet are currently in the process of reconciling their policies.
- iv: talks are underway to set up the first free school in the county.

Cllr Dadswell reported that the road between Boship Roundabout and Coldharbour Road is badly in need of repair and Cllr Brass reported that the road from the Chalvington crossroads to the Yew Tree floods badly. Residents were encouraged to report all potholes to ESCC through the East Sussex County Council website. C Cllr Bennett encouraged the Parish Council to use its new Road Steward and councillors agreed to make a list of any road problems in the Parish at the next meeting for the Clerk to report them to Dan Lesley, their Road Steward.

Mr Price asked if councillors had any questions about his planning application for a new office at Deanland Airfield. The airfield has a legal duty to provide somewhere for pilots to plan their flights. He answered concerns about drainage, screening and whether this will be an additional building or a replacement one. He also confirmed there was no intention to increase the number of flights. Flight usage information is available on the Wealden website.

C Cllr Bennett then left the meeting.

The meeting was then re-opened.

124. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

The Broadband Questionnaires were handed out for distribution at the Broadband Meeting of 21st February. Approximately 60% have been returned and Councillor Dunbar Dempsey is to write to the distribution volunteers to chase up any outstanding questionnaires. Councillor Webb will then take them all to Katy Thomas at ESCC for analysis.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council would like to officially thank its volunteers for all their hard work and it would also like to thank all residents who completed and returned the questionnaires. Councillors will feed back the results of the questionnaire as soon as practicable.

125. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For noting;

WD2012/0077F – Magnolia Cottage, Chalvington – Two storey extension to enlarge living room and form bedroom (revised application to WD2011/1293F) - Approved

WD/2011/2746/F – Brooklands Barn, Deanland Barn, Ripe BN8 6AR - New pitched roof to replace existing flat roof. Amendment to porch - Approved.

126. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2012/0228/F - Deanland Airfield, Deanland Road, Ripe, BN8
6AR - New Airfield Office – There were no objections to this application.

WD/2012/0329/F – Field North of West Lyn, Chalvington BN27 3TQ,
Erection of store/tractor – Councillors asked for clarification on the proposed
use of this building, in particular they asked why there is a need for a shower
if the building is being used by the residents of the house.

127. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk said that she has been
invited to a meeting at Wealden on the 16th April with a view to Chalvington being a
front runner in Neighbourhood Planning.

128. RIPE FINGERPOST SIGN – There has been no reply to the letter Cllr Webb
delivered by hand. Cllr Webb is to follow this up.

129. PARISH COUNCIL COMPUTER – The Parish Council is still waiting to hear from
Wealden to see if it qualifies for a new laptop under E-Planning.

Councillors **resolved** that the Parish Council needs its own laptop for the Clerk to
carry out the day to day functions of the Parish Council.

If the Parish Council commits to E-Planning they will no longer receive paper copies
of planning applications and Councillors **resolved** that the clerk can buy a suitable
laptop, bag, anti-virus package and software at an approximate cost of £450 instead.

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

Hayton Baker Hall - £132.00	Cheque Number 100782
A O'Sullivan – Wages	Cheque Number 100783
Inland Revenue	Cheque Number 100784

131. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – There were no questions from members.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm