

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th November 2012

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

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

62. PUBLIC SESSION – Mr Bishop asked the Parish Council to consider adopting the phone box in Ripe and install a defibrillator for the emergency use of villagers. The Village Shop would maintain the equipment, the telephone would be removed and BT would supply the electricity for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council would adopt the phone box for £1 and would need to get permission from Wealden who have previously objected to the removal of the telephony service.

C Cllr Bennett had previously distributed his report. He said Cabinet is meeting soon to review ESCC budgets. Significant savings are needed. He also said that Deanland are expected to submit a planning application soon and will be putting money into Highways as part of their proposal therefore the speed loops proposed for Deanland are now on hold.

C Cllr Bennett confirmed he will update members on the latest broadband situation giving a firmer time frame and the likely outcome. He will also contact the Road Steward about the black crosses on the 40mph speed signs and potholes which are on the Deanland Road.

D Cllr Harms said that Wealden is also reviewing its expenditure, Council Tax is to remain frozen. He said that Mr Michael Hesseltine CH, PC has suggested that the number of Local Authorities could be reduced and it is expected that at a future election the number of members of Local Authorities will be reduced.

The latest planning proposals are still not out for consultation.

The Core Strategy has now been approved by the Inspector, Chalvington with Ripe parish is to have up to ten additional houses. The Core Strategy is expected to be approved by Full Council on the 28th November.

Wealden is also considering reducing exemption for second homes. This is currently out for consultation.

The meeting then opened. C Cllr Bennett left the meeting.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Webb and English.

63. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st OCTOBER 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 1ST October 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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

65. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Ward and the Clerk attended the Parish Conference where the emphasis was on everyone working together. Subjects covered included planning policy, the Joint Action Group, Community Right to Bid and the Joint Waste Contract. The broadband bus was also on site to show councillors the technical aspects of broadband.

66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

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Chalvington Sand Pit, Poundfield Road
Retrospective application for existing shed used for secure storage, welfare and tool storage.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application. The planning history suggests this is a prelude to building a house there, the shed is out of character and out of proportion to the needs of the site. This is also a greenfield site of open fields with no buildings and outside the boundaries of the village.

WD2012/2014FR

Chalvington Sand Pit, Poundfield Road
Retention of boundary fence with modified panels.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council objects to this application as it is totally out of keeping with with the surrounding area.

The Parish Council is also extremely concerned that both applications regarding this site are retrospective applications and would ask that action is taken about this.

67. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no planning application decisions to be noted on this occasion.

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

69. CODE OF CONDUCT – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** to accept the new Wealden Code of Conduct which complies with the provisions in the Localism Act.

70. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** that it meets the prescribed conditions for the General Power of Competence.

Councillors congratulated the Clerk on her success in achieving this latest qualification.

71. PRECEPT REQUEST 2013-2014 – The Clerk previously distributed copies of the cash book, bank reconciliation and budget forecast to councillors.

Councillors considered the request from the Parish Magazine to increase its grant and **resolved** that the grant paid this year will remain £350 this year. This is to be reviewed next year upon sight of the Magazine's accounts.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey queried the amount spent on website maintenance but Councillors agreed they are happy with the current website and the service provided.

After careful consideration Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council **resolved** that subject to any late government legislation the precept for 2013-2014 will remain £10,000. There will be no increase.

72. DATES OF MEETINGS 2013 – Councillors **resolved** that the meeting dates for 2013 will be as follows;

January	7 th
February	4 th
March	4 th
April	2 nd
May	7 th
June	3 rd
July	1 st
August	5 th
September	2 nd
October	7 th
November	4 th
December	2 nd

It was also noted that the August date is provisional and all dates have been confirmed with the Hayton Baker Hall

73. VILLAGE HALL – The trustees of Hayton Baker Hall would like to provide broadband in the hall and requested a contribution towards the cost from the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed in principle upon receipt of the costs involved.

74. RIPE TELEPHONE KIOSK – Having considered the request from Mr Bishop to adopt the Ripe telephone kiosk, Councillors agreed to consider the proposal subject to more detailed costs being provided by Mr Bishop.

74. ESCC, BH & SDNPA WASTE AND MINERAL PLAN – Councillor Dunbar Dempsey said that the Inspector’s Report is out in December. There are sixty five pages of minor alterations and the Inspector wants the National Planning Policy Framework Policy Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development included. Councillors were extremely concerned that this could be used as a back door way to Land Raise.

Councillors **resolved** that Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will draft a response within the consultation period which will be circulated to all councillors and then sent as the Parish Council’s response, subject to councillors’ approval.

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

Cuckmere Community Bus - £100.00	Cheque Number 100832
Hayton Baker Hall - £250.00	Cheque Number 100833
Poppy Appeal - £35.00	Cheque Number 100834
Jakk – Fingerpost - £963.00	Cheque Number 100835
PCC – Grant - £400.00	Cheque Number 100836
PCC – Grant - £350.00	Cheque Number 100837
A Hillman – Wages	Cheque Number 100838
Inland Revenue – PAYE	Cheque Number 100839
Mass Media – Website - £42.00	Cheque Number 100840

76. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS –

There were no questions from members and the meeting closed at 8.55pm