

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 and A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There were no members of the public in attendance.

107. D Cllr Harms sent his apologies for absence.

108. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 9th January 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

109. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Cllr Webb declared an interest in the planning application for Mount Pleasant Farm.

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

C Cllr Bennett reported thus;

Consultation on the draft Waste and Minerals Plan suggests that the majority of individuals and stakeholders are satisfied with the Council's approach to future waste management and mineral production in the Plan Area. In accordance with legislation, a Proposed Submission Waste and Minerals Plan has been prepared which takes account of evidence, comments received and the Sustainability Appraisal. It is considered that this document amounts to a 'sound' Plan. Cabinet has submitted the plan to the Secretary of State, for testing, following a statutory six week period for representations on its soundness which commences on 24 February 2012.

The meeting was suspended.

FIRST PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

C Cllr Bennett said that;

The work to ensure 40mph speed limits for Chalvington and Deanland is expected to take place on the 14th and 15th February.

ESCC is working to reduce the existing 50mph speed limit on the A22 in part to 40mph. This is being progressed with a view to implementation in the financial year 2012-2013.

Highways Engineers visited the site with the Police and the Designer to review the preliminary set of proposals. Some minor amendments were discussed and it was agreed to include part of Coldharbour Road in the proposals. However, this will require some traffic management to help achieve compliance with the speed limit on Coldharbour Road.

ESCC is developing these proposals and making the minor alterations that were decided upon at the site meeting. The proposals should be ready in the next 2 or 3 weeks and once they have been finalised they will be sent formally to C Cllr Bennett.

Major new and ongoing projects include £15m for Superfast broadband and £10m to change the way children's services are delivered. The demand for children's services is expected to increase hugely and therefore more investment is needed.

C Cllr Bennett then left the meeting.

The meeting was then re-opened.

111. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

There were no reports from outside meetings.

112. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For noting;

There were no Planning Applications to note.

113. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2011/1744F – Mount Pleasant Farm, Chalvington Road – Change of use of existing garage and store rooms to holiday let – **There were no objections on any planning grounds to this application as long as there is a condition imposed that the barn can not be sold off separately to the main house.**

WD2012/0077F – Magnolia Cottage, Chalvington – Two storey extension to enlarge living room and form bedroom (revised application to WD2011/1293F) – **There were no objections on any planning grounds to this application.**

114. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk said that Matter's Arising are covered elsewhere on this agenda.

115. RIPE FINGERPOST SIGN – There has been no reply to the recorded delivery letter sent as per the December Meeting. Cllr Webb is now going to deliver a copy by hand.

116. WEALDEN CORE STRATEGY STRATEGIC SITES CONSULTATION – The Clerk briefly explained that the Wealden Core Strategy Strategic Sites Consultation is now underway. The nearest developments to this Parish will be at Polegate, Willingdon and Stone Cross and she said that if anyone would like to make any comments, the consultation period ends on the 24th February.

117. PARISH COUNCIL COMPUTER – The Clerk asked the Parish Council to consider buying its own computer for the day to day running of the Council. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should find out how much a computer and printer will cost.

Councillors also considered whether or not to buy a projector and screen but decided to defer this as the Village Hall Committee is considering providing them for hall users.

Councillors also discussed whether they might qualify for a computer from Wealden under the E-Planning criteria. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should investigate this option.

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

Ningbo – Chairs - £1944.60	Cheque Number 100778
Alison O’Sullivan - Wages	Cheque Number 100779
Wealden – Election - £261.64	Cheque Number 100780
Mass Media - £84.00	Cheque Number 100781

119. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – Councillors asked what the next stage is for the Superfast Broadband application. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey is to adapt the questionnaire provided by Laughton Parish Council for this Parish Council and send it to the Clerk for copying. A meeting is to be arranged for the week beginning the 20th February so the questionnaire can be distributed by Parish Councillors and volunteers from the Superfast Broadband Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm