

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

7th April 2014

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

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

100. PUBLIC SESSION – Residents asked questions about the housing allocation in the Core Strategy for this parish. Ten houses have been allocated and whilst residents will not be able to reduce this figure they will have some say about where the homes will go and how they will look. Three to four houses will be assigned for Affordable Housing and provision will be made by developers for facilities for the community. Ripe was chosen because it has a village shop.

District Councillor Harms;

- reported that Wealden approved the solar farm allocation for Darp Lane and heavy lorries will access the site via Mill Lane, Laughton.
- noted there is only grid capacity for one more solar farm in this part of the country.

The Parish Councillors and parishioners thanked District Councillor Harms for all his help and support with both the solar farm and Church Lane planning applications.

County Councillor Nick Bennett is working on an Annual Report for the May Annual General Meeting and asked if there are any issues anyone would like him to take up.

Councillors and parishioners thanked him for all his help and support in getting the verges repaired at Langtye Lane and the drains cleared at the Street. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Highways and thank them too.

County Councillor Bennett has been working largely with schools to improve the County's results. He is paying particular attention to 'Early Year's Provision' and would like to provide a brief report to the Parish Council at the end of this school year. He also confirmed County is planning to provide more schools in East Sussex.

County Councillor Bennett then left the meeting.

The meeting then opened.

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – There were no apologies for absence.

102. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 3rd March 2014 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

103. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk circulated the latest Standing Orders for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

104. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Councillor English declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for The Old Cottage.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

There following application was considered;

Councillor English left the room whilst the Parish Councillors considered the following application.

WD2014/0385F – The Old Cottage, Ripe – Rear ground floor extension.  
Reinstatement of gable ends to existing rear elevation - **Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application because it feels it gets the house back to its full architectural value and adds space in a tasteful way.**

Councillor English returned to the room.

106. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – The Clerk attended SSALC Clerk's Networking Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Speakers included two magistrates who spoke about the work of The Magistrate's Courts.

107. FINGERPOST SIGNS – Discussions about the future maintenance of fingerpost signs with ESCC are ongoing and the Clerk hopes to provide an update at the next meeting.

108. VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE – The Working Party met, looked at the existing Village Plan and agreed to update it. Councillor Dunbar Dempsey will bring the first draft, which will include the Village Design Plan, to the June Full Council Meeting.

109. COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTER – Councillors **resolved** that the following assets are added to Wealden's Community Asset Register;

- i: The Yew Tree, Chalvington
- ii: The Lamb Inn, Ripe
- iii: The Village Shop, Ripe
- iv: The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe if appropriate.

110. COMMUNITY DIVIDEND – Councillors agreed the fingerpost signs are an important asset to the village and they have already repaired some. They **resolved** to ask District Councillor Harms for a share of the Community Dividend to help pay to repair the rest of the fingerposts. They also agreed to ask for money to buy flower bulbs to enhance both villages.

Councillors then discussed the possibility of improving the area around the bus stop and agreed this should be an agenda item for a future council meeting.

111. POTHOLES – Councillors **resolved** that Councillors Dunbar Dempsey and Shonfeld will meet the Road Steward and show him which potholes need repairing and which drains need clearing. The Clerk will arrange the meeting.

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

Inland Revenue – £264.40	Cheque Number 100862
A Hillman – Wages March	Cheque Number 100863
ESSALC – Subscriptions - £312.22	Cheque Number 100864

113. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS –

There being no questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.