

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

7th January 2013

held at The Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe

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

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

90. PUBLIC SESSION – C Cllr Bennett reported that ESCC has drafted a schedule of works to repair the large number of potholes in the county. Additional work is planned for the A22 which may result in temporary road closures. Budget setting remains a priority. There are, at this stage, no new updates about the ESCC Broadband Plan.

D Cllr Harms reported that budget setting also remains a priority at Wealden. The District Council is expected to remove the 10% second homes discount and precepts are to be agreed in February. He also reported that the description on the Sand Pit planning application was incorrect – approval is for two year's only.

Mrs Tyldsley-Hill asked the best way to publicise the crime reports she receives from the police. Some of the reports require residents to be notified immediately. Mr Bishop offered the village shop's email distribution list, assuming those on it agree.

The meeting then opened.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dadswell.

92. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2012 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 3RD December 2012 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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

94. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS - There were none.

C Cllr Bennett left the meeting.

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For consideration;

WD2012/2490F – Broadacres, Whitesmith – First floor extension to provide additional bedroom accommodation – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council approves this application as it is in keeping with its surroundings and the existing countryside. It was also noted that no immediate neighbours will be affected.

96. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – For noting:

None.

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

98. VILLAGE HALL – The Village Hall Committee would like provide a broadband service in the village hall and have requested a contribution towards the £23 a month running costs from the Parish Council.

After much discussion, Councillors **resolved** the Parish Council will contribute £100 towards the running costs at the end of this financial year. This decision will be reviewed annually.

99. RIPE TELEPHONE BOX – Mr Bishop distributed a report which details the advantages and costs involved in taking over the Ripe telephone kiosk and housing a defibrillator in it. The initial costs will be £1650 and entail running costs of £170 a year but money may be available from outside sources such as SECAMB.

Councillors deferred this item until the next meeting to allow them time to read the report.

100. ESCC, BH & SDNPA WASTE AND MINERAL PLAN – The Inspector's Report which looks at the soundness of the plan is due out shortly. Land raise is not in the current plan and no sites have been mentioned.

101. PRECEPT UPDATE – After much discussion at their meeting in December, representatives of the WDALC and Wealden District Council agreed that the effect of the benefits changes affecting the precept will be offset largely by a grant from the District Council. The effects of these changes would have meant a 10% reduction in the precept. The Government has also now confirmed that Parish precepts will not be capped. Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council therefore **resolved** that the precept for 2013-2014 will remain £10,000.

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

A Hillman – Wages	Cheque Number 100843
Mayola – Insurance - £96.81	Cheque Number 100844
HMRC	Cheque Number 100845

103. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS –

Councillors reported that some fingerpost signs in the parish have been knocked over. Cllr Webb will look at them to see what needs doing.

There were no questions from members and the meeting closed at 8.17pm