

## CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF

9<sup>th</sup> January 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: District Councillor S Harms and A O'Sullivan (Clerk). There were six members of the public in attendance.

96. C Cllr Bennett sent his apologies for absence.

97. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011 - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 5<sup>TH</sup> December 2011 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

98. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interests.

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

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey has sent the approved response to the Waste and Minerals Plan from Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council. This consultation period has now ended and the final plan has been drafted. It will now be sent to all three Planning Authorities and the Inspector for approval.

The meeting was suspended.

FIRST PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT –

D Cllr Harms said that;

- i: the Stone Cross Business Centre planning application has been approved by Wealden.
- ii: A caravan site at Golden Cross would like to increase the size of caravans and the number of months their site can operate as a caravan site. They have submitted a planning application to this effect.
- iii: Wealden will not be increasing the Council Tax and are working to achieve £500,000 savings with the Joint Waste Disposal Contract.

D Cllr Harms also asked if Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council have considered making the Parish a No Cold Calling Zone.

The wheelie bins in the parish went unemptied for four weeks during the Christmas period this year. Councillors agreed this was too long and asked D Cllr Harm to report their concerns to Wealden.

Mrs S Tyldsley Hill thanked the Parish Council for donating £200 to the children's event which is being organised for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and asked if a Parish Councillor would like to present the gifts to the children on the day. This is to be an agenda item for the May Full Council Meeting.

Prof Hill asked;

i: if the Parish Council will formally minute its support for the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall Committee would like to apply for grants from Awards 4 All and Wealden District Council to enable them to upgrade the Village Hall.

ii: the Parish Council to pay for the new chairs and oven for the Village Hall. The Village Hall will reimburse the Parish Council for any out of pocket expenses.

iii: to publicise a talk by Christopher Whittick, a local historian, about the History of Parish Schools. This event is taking place to celebrate the 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hayton Baker Hall and is on the 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

Prof Hill also announced that the Village Hall Management Committee has recently received £300 from the police towards the refurbishment of the kitchen.

The meeting was then re-opened.

#### 100. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

i: The Parish Council **resolved** that it fully supports the Village Hall Committee's application for funding from Awards 4 All and Wealden District Council.

ii: After much discussion during which Cllr Dunbar Dempsey and the Clerk said they objected to this proposal over VAT concerns, the Parish Council **resolved** to pay for the new chairs and oven for the Village Hall on the understanding that the Village Hall Committee reimburses the Parish Council for any out of pocket expenses. The Parish Council will be reportedly getting the chairs and oven at a better rate. The vote was carried by five votes to one.

iii: The Parish Council also agreed to help publicise the talk by Christopher Whittick about the History of Parish Schools.

#### 101. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Webb reported that the Clerk has registered the Parish with BDUK and he has written an article for the Village Magazine inviting residents to attend a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February. Representation is needed from residents, local businesses, children and home workers. Notices advertising the meeting are also in the Parish Noticeboards and a sub-group is to be formed to carry out a survey to prove the need in this Parish. Katy Thomas from ESCC is also to attend this meeting to answer any questions those present might have.

Councillors also agreed that someone from Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council should attend the Laughton Broadband Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

102. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were noted;

**WD2011/2676F – Willow Cottage, Church Lane, Chalvington –**  
Demolition of existing side extension. New ground floor side extension with room above – There were no objections to this application.

**WD2011/2686F – 2 Poundfield Cottages, Chalvington –** Proposed extension, alterations and detached garage – There were no objections to this application.

**WD2011/2661F – Mullany Developments, Deanland Road, Golden Cross –** Installation of solar panels – There were no objections to this application.

**WD2011/2746F – Brooklands Barn, Deanland Road, Ripe –** New pitched roof to replace existing flat roof. Amendment to porch – There were no objections to this application.

103. REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY WDC –

**WD2011/2124F – Brook Cottage, Ripe –** Rear ground floor extension, balcony and internal alterations – **APPROVED.**

**WD2011/2252F – Eckington Manor –** Bank of solar panels on outbuilding and the extension of the roof of the outbuilding – **APPROVED.**

104. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – The Clerk reported that she has sent the recorded delivery letter requested in the previous minutes and she also has costings from Action in Rural Sussex should the Parish Council use their services when drafting their Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Mass Media – Website - £105	Cheque Number 100773
Alison O'Sullivan – Wages	Cheque Number 100775
Queen's Diamond Jubilee - £200	Cheque Number 100776
Mayola Music - £83.95	Cheque Number 100777

106. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – Cllr Brass asked if the Village Magazine advertises the Parish Council website.

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider buying a computer for the Parish Council. This is to be an agenda item for the next Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm