

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** G. Hill (Chairman), R. Allen, G. Hussey, V. Bender, V. Saunders, N. Vance-Webb, R. Gatt, A. Sheridan and C. Forrest  
L. Bannister (Clerk)  
WSCC & HDC Cllr. Kitchen  
2 members of the public

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Sallows.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Hill declared an interest in planning application DC/19/0059 as a relative of the applicant.

**3 Minutes of previous Meeting**

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Hill.

**4 Open Forum**

*The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.*

Mr Ethrington has spent a lot of time deciphering the transport/infrastructure documents for the planning application for Land North of Horsham, and wanted to present to council his findings from these.

*Cllrs. Saunders and Sheridan arrived*

*Cllr. Forrest left the meeting*

Mr Ethrington told council that the report says that there will be an extra 2,500 vehicle movements at peak times from the new estate, however Liberty think that only a minor amount of these will travel through Rusper. As such, there are no mitigation plans for traffic travelling north.

There was discussion about the proposed accesses from the estate into Rusper, with disagreement between Mr Ethrington and Councillors about the these.

Ms Couchman attended the meeting as a member of No Incinerators for Horsham to hear the comments made by Rusper PC on the appeal for the proposed incinerator.

*Mr Ethrington left the meeting*

*The meeting was resumed.*

**5 Planning**

DC/18/2707 The Royal Oak, Friday Street

The deadline for this application could not be extended to this meeting, so the following comment was decided by email:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/18/2753 Star Cottages, Horsham Road

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/19/0038 Carylls, Faygate Lane

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application provided that all health and safety regulations are met.'

Planning appeal for Incinerator WSCC/015/18/NH

This will be dealt with by inquiry. Details of this will be added to the Rusper PC website so that the public are aware that they are able to make representations.

The Clerk will ensure that Legal & General are aware of this appeal.

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this appeal to add that the Gatwick Master Plan will increase road congestion and pollution, and this should be taken into consideration alongside the increase to congestion and pollution caused by the incinerator.

Applications received since publication of the Agenda:-

DC/19/0059 1 Chalice Walk, High Street

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/19/0119 Oaklees, Ashmore Lane

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council defers to the arboriculturalist on this application.'

Report on Rusper Road developments

Cllr. Bender reported that the Martin Grant development is now nearly fully occupied. They have increased screening at the end of their garden so that the Bovis Homes development is not so intrusive.

*Ms Couchman left the meeting*

## **6 Planning updates**

The following planning applications were approved:-

- DC/18/2397 Old Park
- DC/18/2186 Merrilees, Ashmore Lane

## **7 Reports from other authorities**

This item was delayed (see item 11 below).

## **8 Lease of recreation ground**

The lease is due to expire this year, and no communication has been received from the landlord or his representatives. The Sports Club has sent an email raising concerns about the lack of lease.

**It was RESOLVED to:-**

- Authorise the Clerk to seek legal advice on the lease to find out the options available to the council.
- Respond to the Sports Club.
- Think about other land that may be available within the parish.

*Cllr. Kitchen arrived*

**9 Neighbourhood Watch signs**

Locations for 3 more signs in Lambs Green and Ifield have been approved. **It was RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to purchase these at a maximum cost of £100.

**10 Funding for Village Hall roof**

The Village Hall Committee has asked Rusper PC for funding to repair their roof. This will cost between £80,000-£100,000. Council does not have this kind of money in reserve, but some ideas were to:-

- Apply for a loan and grant this to them (this would need public consultation as it would increase Precept).
- Liaise with HDC to find out if any S106 money is available.
- Ask the school for a donation as the primary user.

**11 Reports from other Authorities**

Cllr. Hussey asked Cllr. Kitchen if there was any outcome from the fly tipping complaints. Cllr. Kitchen has spoken to the responsible officers about this, but does not have any further information.

*Cllr. Kitchen left the meeting*

**12 Carols in playground**

Rev. Flint has asked if the Christmas Carol service in 2019 can be held in the playground. This was approved.

**13 Request for bench in Ifield**

A resident in Ifield has requested a bench on the grass by the golf club. This was not approved.

**14 West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation**

**It was RESOLVED** not to comment on this.

**15 Vehicle Activated Signs**

WSCC has approved most of the locations, but has suggested moving the locations at Lambs Green away from the junctions. **It was RESOLVED** to ask Highways for a licence for these suggested locations, and to get quotes for the poles/ground sockets.

**16 Councillor elections 2019**

Members were made aware that they will need to complete a nomination form should they wish to put themselves forward for councillors for the next term. These will be available direct from HDC, and must be taken in to HDC personally (the Clerk will be unable to do this).

The election process will be advertised.

**17 Annual Parish Meeting**

This will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. The Neighbourhood Plan will be discussed, and a representative of the Village Hall Committee will be asked if they would like a speaking slot.

*Cllr. Bender left the meeting*

**18 General Power of Competence information**

This was explained to council. They will look to adopt this after the elections.

## **19 Report from Representatives**

Cllr. Hussey reported that a stile on a Public Right of Way from East Street to Lambs Green needs repair.

Cllr. Sheridan reported that he was unable to attend the GATCOM meeting. Also, the glass in the payphone will be replaced soon.

## **20 Clerk's report**

Regarding Operation Watershed, the Hillybarn funding has been approved and will be booked in. Further work in Lambs Green will take place in February following a survey that was done by the contractor. This will be done by Highways. Only one quote for the work in Wimland Road has been received. Cllr. Gatt thinks that this scheme will still be a problem with the landowner, so the Clerk will try to get his approval before making the application.

The next Land North of Horsham Liaison meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Cllrs. Saunders and Gatt will attend.

St Catherines Hospice has requested a donation.

## **21 Clerk's timesheets for 2018**

These were approved.

## **22 Annual leave for Clerk**

Annual leave was approved for:

- 18<sup>th</sup> February
- 20-22 February
- 14-15 March

## **23 Parish News**

It was agreed to include the following:

- Information about the Elections
- Operation Watershed funding for Hillybarn
- An invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting
- Information about the Precept

## **24 Finances**

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

**It was RESOLVED** to agree these and they were duly signed by Cllr. Sheridan.

Precept for 2019/20

The Clerk recommended a precept of £32,276, which is an increase of £3967 from the current precept. Although this is a 14% rise in precept, due to the increase of the tax base, the actual percentage increase to the Band D payment is 2.24%. **It was RESOLVED** to agree this.

Invoices to pay

**It was RESOLVED** to pay the following:

Salary for Clerk (January) – £572.48

Litter warden salary and expenses – £99 + £35.22 expenses = £134.22 total

HMRC for PAYE – £5

Microsoft Office - £59.99

SxBRC report - £120

ONeill Homer invoice - £1890

Local Councils Update - £75

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

**25 Other business**

None.

**26 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30 pm. The next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER  
CLERK

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