

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs. G. Hill (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chair) G. Hussey, R. Allen, C. Forrest, V. Saunders, D. Lawton, V. Bender & R. Gatt
L. Bannister (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Sheridan.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Forrest declared an interest in application DC/17/1182 as the applicant.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed subject to an amendment on page 1, and duly signed by Cllr. Hill.

4 OPEN FORUM

No members of public present.

5 PLANNING

DC/17/1182 Bridgehill Farm, Orltons Lane

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:-

‘Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.’

DC/17/1223 Kilnwood Vale

It was agreed not to comment on this application.

WSCC/062/16/NH Britaniacrest Recycling Ltd

It was agreed to reiterate the original comment on this application. The following comments will be added:-

- This will now be in a built up area due to the imminent development of Land North of Horsham.
- Noise pollution will also be an issue due to the increased vehicle movements to and from the site.

Applications received since publication of the Agenda

DC/17/1355 Brynestyn, Rusper Road

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:-

‘Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.’

DC/17/1224 Winterfold Farm, Wimland Road

Paper details of this application had not been received by the meeting, and the internet was not available to view details online. So, it was agreed to form a comment on this application via email.

6 PLANNING UPDATES

None.

7 GRASS CUTTING OF SPORTS FIELD

The football association have requested that the grass cutting is removed from the football pitch. Members want to know the reason for this. Cllr. Hill will find out.

8 S106 FOR DISABLED TOILET IN VILLAGE HALL

It was agreed that the Clerk can find out if any S106 money is available to put towards the disabled toilet in the Village Hall.

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Nothing to report (see Annual Parish Meeting Minutes for information).

10 PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed to include the following:-

- Information on Operation Crackdown and Crimestoppers.
- WSCC's analysis of the speed data collection.

11 CLERK'S REPORT

The Historical Society is trying to get grant money for a project on Lucy Broadwood. They have asked for a letter of support from Rusper PC. This was agreed.

There is a planning training seminar for Members on Monday 17th July at 6.30-9.30.

The Clerk has changed annual leave from the end of August to the 4-8 September.

12 FINANCES

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Gatt.

Internal Audit

All figures were agreed. The only issue to be clarified is the trust of the recreation ground.

External Audit

- a. Annual Governance Statement
This was agreed and signed by Cllr. Hill and the Clerk.
- b. Accounting Statements for 2016/17
This was agreed and signed by Cllr. Hill.
- c. Exercise of Public Rights
This will run from 3rd July to 11th August.

Invoices to pay

It was agreed to pay the following:

Salary for Clerk (June) – £469.30

Litter Warden salary & expenses – The amount due to be paid will be agreed by email as payroll information had not been received.

HMRC – Litter warden's tax for the month – This will also be agreed by email.

Mulberry & Co invoice for internal audit - £102.96

Expenses for Cllr. Sallows for stamps for NP survey – £152.32

Expenses for Cllr. Hill for stamps for NP survey - £49.84

Expenses for Cllr. Hill for padlock for car park - £18.99

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

After the previous meeting, it was agreed to pay £879.71 by email to Xpress Group for the Neighbourhood Plan surveys. Payment was required on collection.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Another meeting with Mr Hurst to discuss the recreation ground lease has taken place. It is likely that Rusper PC will need to take on more responsibility for the maintenance of the pavilion.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Council meeting will be held on 25th July 2017. The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th July 2017.

The meeting closed at 10 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER
CLERK

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs. G. Hill (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chair) G. Hussey, R. Allen, C. Forrest, V. Saunders, D. Lawton, R. Gatt and V. Bender
L. Bannister (Clerk)
10 members of the public
PCSO Damian Cecil

1 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Cllr. Hill introduced all Members of the Council and explained their roles.

Cllr. Hill said over the past year Rusper PC has been working hard to try and reduce the speed limit in the village (this is covered later in the meeting).

Rusper PC has been granted money to alleviate the flooding in the Parish, and work will be taking place this summer.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been started, which Cllr. Sallows will give a presentation on later in the meeting.

Cllr. Hill thanked everyone for attending.

2 UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. Sallows said that the Neighbourhood Plan has been started, and Rusper has been registered with Horsham District Council for the plan area. Hopefully everyone has now received a survey.

The start of the process is to capture how residents feel about the area and what they feel needs attention. Based on the results, focus groups will be set up to gather evidence about certain issues. Then, policies will start to be formed.

The call for sites will be advertised for people to suggest sites in the Parish that need focus. The Plan won't just look to allocate sites for housing, but also for recreation and to improve public rights of way (for example).

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee meet on the third Tuesday of each month, and everyone is welcome as it is an open meeting. Now is a good time for people to start to get involved.

3 PRESENTATION FROM SUSSEX POLICE

Operation Watershed

Damian Cecil from Sussex Police explained that Sussex Police have a system in place called Operation Crackdown for members of the public to record any driving incidents. This can include driving whilst using mobile phones, throwing rubbish from cars, and any anti social driving. Details of incidents can be reported on the website, and this includes the whole of Sussex. Surrey has a similar system, but Damian was unsure whether or not the counties share their information.

Drink and drug driving reports are also entered into Crackdown, and details are kept for two years. If there are repeat offenders, information is sent to the traffic base, and that person is targeted.

There are two ways to report, either by calling 01243 664422 or using the website www.operationcrackdown.org.

Members of the public can also call 101, but this service isn't always available, and there is a charge for the call. If a member of the public wants to remain anonymous, they can report incidents via Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Community Speed Watch

This is a scheme where members of the public can monitor speeds in a designated area. Schemes can be started online, but people interested should seek support from their local council/authority first. If there are viable places for speed to be monitored, Sussex Police will offer support to set this up. Storrington and Warninglid already have schemes in place. Sites have to be risk assessed first.

Speed data is collected from a hand held device, which is then uploaded to Sussex Police. Offenders may be visited by an officer off of the back of this scheme.

Speed scanners cost between £1000-£2000, but they can also be loaned from Horsham Police. The main investment is people's time.

The following questions were asked:

Is it possible to upload videos onto Crackdown?	PCSO Cecil will let us know.
Is Operation Crackdown useful to report people running red lights?	Yes, potentially. PCSO Cecil does recommend dash cams for evidence reasons.
How long does the road have to be for a speed scanner?	All roads would have to be risk assessed.
Operation Crackdown can also be used to report elderly drivers who are no longer road safe.	
Can fly tipping be reported on Operation Crackdown?	PCSO Cecil is unsure about this, but if it is reported to Sussex Police they can bear it in mind when they are on patrol.
There is an issue with speeding motorbike riders on Rusper Road.	PCSO Cecil advised to report these on Operation Crackdown. If there are lots of reports showing trends of incidents, this may trigger a visit to the area by the Police.

Cllr. Lawton suggested that the mobile site for Operation Watershed needs to be improved as it is slow running.

4 UPDATE ON SPEED REDUCTION

Cllr. Hill updated that Rusper PC paid for speed data to be collected in the village to try and reduce the speed limit to 20mph. This was needed to prove that traffic was already travelling at a low enough speed. The average speed of vehicles travelling through Rusper was too high to allow the speed limit to be reduced. So, the next step is to try and reduce the speed by other means. All of this information will be posted on the website.

Rusper PC is looking at vehicle activated signs. Cllr. Hill thinks that community speed watch may also help.

Cllr. Sallows suggested that residents could also help by reducing their own speeds.

5 QUESTION TIME

The following questions/comments were raised:

Anti social behaviour

There is an issue in Rusper with anti social behaviour. Would the PC consider tackling this? It is affecting local businesses, pubs and shops. Cllr. Sallows said that the PC doesn't have any enforcement powers although could quietly speak to people if necessary. Cllr. Sallows suggested that more serious crimes are reported, anonymously if necessary.

Gabby from Age UK said that there is an anti social behaviour team working out of Horsham, and there is an organisation in Crawley called Band of Brothers that may help.

Cllr. Bender said that sometimes just approaching younger people stops the behaviour.

Age UK

Gabby is a representative of Age UK and used to work for a school. Her role is to support people aged 50+ in Rusper, Colgate and Faygate. She is trying to find people who are socially isolated and asks people to let her know if they are aware of anyone. Her details are in the parish magazine.

Bovis Homes development on Rusper Road

The hedge on the site that Bovis Homes is developing has been destroyed. This was a completely impenetrable hedge and now leaves gardens exposed. Bovis Homes have also overstepped their boundary. Residents have written to Cllr. Kitchen and Claire Vickers at HDC to report this, and also to Bovis Homes (although have been unable to contact Bovis). Wildlife has been destroyed.

Martin Grant development on Rusper Road

This development is causing lots of dust which is affecting the health of residents who already have health issues. They were supposed to put in two accesses for construction to drive in and out, but they only have one which means that the HGVs have to reverse into the busy road, and they cannot drive out without ruining the verges. Complaints have been made to the Environment Agency and HDC, but no response has been received.

People that live in the top floor of the block of flats will be able to see into the bedrooms of the houses on Rusper Road.

Cllr. Kitchen arrived

Cllr. Kitchen is aware of the problems with the developments on Rusper Road and deeply sympathises. Cllr. Kitchen will take this up with HDC and will contact Cllr. Hill who will liaise with the residents.

Cllr. Saunders suggested contacting the WS County Times as this might push the developers to respond.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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