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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: G. Hussey (Chairman), R. Allen, G. Fleming, M. Cooke, R. Gatt, A. Sheridan and C. Forrest
L. Bannister (Clerk)
WSCC & HDC Cllr. Kitchen
1 member of the public

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sallows, Fillmore and Vance-Webb.

HDC Cllr. Hogben also gave his apologies.

2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Hussey declared an interest in planning application DC/19/2387 as the applicant.

3 Approval of Minutes of the previous Meeting

These were agreed by Council and duly signed by Cllr. Hussey.

4 Open Forum

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

No comments.

The meeting was resumed.

5 Planning

Cllr. Forrest arrived

DC/19/2216 Spinroute Ltd CCM, Rusper Road

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

Rusper Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- It is not clear how many vehicles the applicant is seeking to provide parking for.
- The previous application for this site was refused in 2015, so 10 years continuous use has not been proven.
- Rusper Parish Council does not support unofficial airport parking sites.

Cllr. Kitchen arrived

Cllr. Sheridan arrived

DC/19/2190 Horse Ghylls Wood Farm

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

Rusper Parish Council objects to this application as the following information is required:

- How many kennels there will be.

- The hours of operation.
- How many vehicles could be parked on site.
- If there is a requirement for overnight accommodation.

DC/19/2387 The Mount Barn, The Mount

Cllr. Hussey explained the reasons for the application, and then left the room. Cllr. Allen chaired this decision.

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

Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application but would ask that the development is annexed to the main building so that it is legally restricted from becoming two properties.

Cllr. Hussey returned to the room and resumed chairing

DC/19/2498 Ghyll Manor Hotel, High Street

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

Rusper Parish Council requests that your tree officer visits this site as there are two ancient trees in the adjacent site that could be affected by moving the line and height of this building. One is an oak tree and the other a lime in the adjacent site. Although they do not have TPOs, Rusper Parish Council would not want these trees to be damaged.

6 Planning updates

A resident has complained about an oil tank being delivered to Langhurst Farm. HDC has contacted the landowner who said that there has never been an oil delivery to the site; there is no heat source to the barn. Cllr. Allen will inform the resident.

The Ifield Society has made the Clerk aware that there are some groundworks going on behind the Bovis Homes development. The Clerk will find out what this is for. Cllr. Sheridan suspects that this is drainage work for the site that was agreed originally.

7 Reports from other authorities

Cllr. Kitchen reported as follows:

WSCC are still contemplating the reports on their children's services. There were many accusations about bullying from high up within WSCC. A new Chief Executive and Leader have been appointed.

The Piries Place car park is now open.

Cllr. Kitchen will support the Operation Watershed application.

Cllr. Hussey asked if Cllr. Kitchen had received any complaints about the road closures in Rusper. Cllr. Kitchen is aware of the issue but has not had any complaints directly.

Cllr. Hussey reported that Thames Water will be requesting a site visit with residents and the Parish Council in January.

Cllr. Kitchen left the meeting

8 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Clerk reported that the documents were submitted to HDC at the end of November. HDC will start their Regulation 16 consultation in January.

9 Report from Representatives

Cllr. Forrest reported that there are still many repeaters missing from the roads, and some have been knocked over.

The Clerk reported that Community Speedwatch training will be booked for January.

Cllr. Sheridan reported that he will put the Neighbourhood Watch signs up soon. He needs to call the bank to apply for a credit card.

The litter warden is due £94.50 holiday pay from 1st April to November. Going forward, a percentage of 12.07% will be added to each hour that is worked. The Clerk will check that this is acceptable to the litter warden.

Cllr. Fillmore sent an email regarding GATCOM's response to the transport consultation. Cllr. Fillmore recommended that this included more detail regarding rural lanes. This was agreed.

The Clerk will request that Highways visits Rusper to inspect the roads as there are lots of pot holes and damaged verges, many of which have been caused by the Thames Water roadworks.

10 Clerk's report

A resident who lives behind Rusper Village Stores has complained that people keep parking in front of her access when parking for the shop. The shop has bought yellow cones, but this is not working. Members suggested more signage and road markings could help but this is not something that the Parish Council can help with. The Clerk will relay this to the resident and suggest that she speaks to the landowner of the driveway and Highways.

11 Parish News

Cllrs. Allen and Cooke and the Clerk have been working to include a reduced version of the minutes in the Parish News. These will need to be clearly marked as draft as waiting to include the agreed version would mean they would be very out of date by the time they are published. This will cost £10 each month for four pages, to be paid on an annual basis. This was agreed.

12 Finances

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

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

Budget for 2020-21

It was requested that the Clerk adds in £1000 to be donated to VE celebrations in 2020. Apart from that, Members were happy that the budget reflects what they want to achieve in 2020.

Look into dog bin location.

Invoices to pay

It was RESOLVED to pay the following:

ID cards - £27.59

Rusper Parish News - £110

The payroll information has not yet been finalised. So, **it was RESOLVED** to agree a maximum amount to be paid of:

Salary for Clerk (December) & overtime – £900

Litter warden salary and expenses – £220, including a holiday payment

PAYE - £60

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

23 Other business

Members proposed paying a £100 bonus to the Clerk as an appreciation of the effort that is put in. The Clerk will look into whether or not this is allowed.

24 Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on 28th January 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER
CLERK