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MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held at Rusper Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs G. Hussey (Chairman), M. Cooke (Vice Chairman), G. Sallows, M. Fillmore, V. Hanstad-Pilcher, G. Fleming, C. Hill, G. Adams, V. Bender and V. Saunders
L. Bannister (Clerk)
Cllr Hogben – Horsham District Council
Cllr Kitchen – Horsham District Council

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Gatt.

WSCC Cllr Nagel also gave apologies.

2. Review of Standing Orders and rules of debate

Members were reminded of the rules of debate and asked to adhere to them throughout the meeting.

Cllr Adams arrived

3. Declaration of interests

None.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Open Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

6. Reports from other Authorities

Cllr Hogben updated as follows:-

- The Local Plan is being delayed because the Government changed the National Planning Policy Framework recently and this has led to more work being needed to the Plan. HDC's extraordinary meeting on 28th July to vote on the Local Plan will be postponed until this work has been completed.
- Cllr Hogben is receiving around a hundred emails every day regarding the Land West of Ifield site. Cllr Hogben explained a little about HDC's reasons for including so many sites in the Plan.

Cllr Kitchen arrived

HDC councillors were asked if they think the housing numbers will be revisited due to the work needed by the National Planning Policy Framework. Cllr Hogben thinks if anything, more houses will need to be added as the Plan may need to be for a longer period.

Cllr Sallows reiterated that HDC should stand by the housing numbers in its current plan as the Government calculation is guidance only.

Cllr Hogben left the meeting

7. Climate Emergency

It was acknowledged that there is currently a climate emergency, and it was agreed that all decisions made within the meeting will have consideration to this. Cllr Sallows explained that there is a Horsham District Climate Change group which is sponsored by HDC, and part of their initiative is to keep the climate change emergency at the fore front of council decisions.

8. Pot holes

It was RESOLVED to write to WSCC to express dissatisfaction with their use of resources throughout the parish, using the evidence collected by the Roads and Transport Working Group as well as the videos provided by Cllr Gatt.

9. Land West of Ifield

- a. The responses to questions sent to Homes England were noted. Councillors felt that these were meaningless as there is no clear commitment of what Homes England will actually do.
- b. The report and presentation of the meeting with Homes England on 13th July were noted.

Cllr Hussey has asked a representative of the Bridleways Committee to connect with Homes England. Cllr Sallows recommended that this discussion is held with Highways.

- c. Homes England has asked RPC to consider taking ownership of the following (potential) future facilities:
 - The retained Ifield Meadows
 - River Valley Parks (new accessible Natural Green Spaces)
 - Neighbourhood Parks and a Sports Hub
 - Amenity Green Spaces
 - Urban Square in the Neighbourhood Centre
 - New foot and cycle paths providing traffic free routes through West of Ifield and out into the countryside to the west
 - Neighbourhood play areas
 - Local play areas
 - Sports pitches, playing fields and courts
 - Allotments and community food growing gardens

Cllr Kitchen requested that another asset of community value application is made for Ifield Golf Club.

It was agreed to respond to say that RPC would consider a request if a full planning application is given permission.

10. Glebe Field

Members decided not to consider proposing an affordable housing scheme to the landowner to secure additional affordable homes specifically for people with ties to Rusper.

11. West Sussex Transport Plan

There is a new consultation which closes on 8th October. Councillors should read the information available and consider a response to the survey to be considered at the September meeting.

Cllr Saunders arrived

It was agreed to contact the Bridleways Committee to ask for their views for a response (which Cllr Hussey will do), and to publicise the consultation and ask for members of the public to feedback to the Parish Council if there is anything that they would like included.

12. Police

A report of the meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner attended by Cllrs Hussey and Hanstad-Pilcher was noted. This was a positive meeting. Since the meeting, Cllr Hanstad-Pilcher has had further communication as follows:-

- The Office of the PCC gave details of a senior officer to pass along road issues to. Members are sending details of the issues through by email.
- The PCC asked for more details of a local burglary that was reported.
- The PCC has spoken to Inspector Starnes about the lack of police presence in Rusper, and she is waiting for feedback to give to RPC.

13. Gatwick

a. The following reports and correspondence were noted:-

- GATCOM's May newsletter
- GATCOM's June newsletter
- Report on GATCOM's July meeting
- Information re. the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise
- GATCOM's letter to MP Grant Shapps
- Report on Gatwick Airport's policy statement
- CAGNE's email to HDC regarding delegated authority
- The Department of Transport's response to Part 1 of the Night Flights Consultation
- Cllr Fillmore's correspondence with GATCOM
- A consultation on achieving net zero emissions by 2050

b. **It was RESOLVED** to support CAGNE's letter to MP Jeremy Quin regarding Gatwick Airport's Future Airspace Strategy Implementation South. The Clerk will send this.

12. Reports from representatives

a. The report of the Courage-Dyer Recreational Trust meeting was noted. Some years ago a grant was awarded to Rusper Village Hall to upgrade the toilets. Cllr Bender will speak to the Village Hall Committee to find out if this work will progress.

b. Councillors reported as follows:-

- Cllr Hanstad-Pilcher has informally taken on the role of Police liaison for RPC.
- Cllr Bender will put something on the notice board to alert people that HDC's extraordinary meeting on 28th July has been cancelled.
- Rusper Sports Club has appointed a sub committee to look at the refurbishment of court two and upgrading the football nets.
- Cllr Hill has completed the salt audit.
- Cllr Saunders will install the Remembrance bench at the Recreation Ground.
- The first Community Speedwatch session took place in Lambs Green and Rusper Village. More volunteers are required, and anyone interested should get in touch.

- Cllr Sallows has attended a tree training course and will complete a visual inspection of the trees with Cllr Bender.
- Some wood is rotting on the chat hut in the Playground. Cllr Hussey will look into how much this will cost to replace.

Cllr Kitchen left the meeting

13. Clerk's report

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- A firm quote for the playground bin has been received as £621.95 plus VAT including fixings and delivery. HDC has confirmed that this may be eligible for S106 funding so an application will be made. Cllr Sallows will put down a new base for this and will let the Clerk know how much the materials for this will cost.
- An application has been made for a Community Highways Scheme for a new path along Newdigate Road as agreed at the last meeting. A member of the public has also requested a path on East Street, and the Clerk will look into this.
- The Clerk requested that the Sports Club undertake an electrical conditions report at the pavilion as soon as possible.
- Legal and General has spoken to WSCC about the bus shelters at the Land North of Horsham site and confirmed that they will not adopt these. They do consider the wooden design to be in keeping with the street scene.

14. Financial report

It was RESOLVED to approve the report as attached to the Minutes. This was signed by Cllr Fillmore.

15. Schedule of payments

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:-

Payee	Reason for payment	Amount due
Various	Salaries	1,012.12
Surrey Hills Solicitors	Legal fees	1,320.00
Dropbox	Annual subscription	95.88
Countrymans	Grounds contract	289.80
	Total payments	2,717.80

16. Review of Clerk's working hours

It was RESOLVED to review of the Clerk's working hours and Cllrs Sallows and Fillmore were appointed to work with the Clerk on this. For the time being, overtime for the Clerk will be authorised up to three hours per week if required.

17. Three year plan

Councillors discussed their plans for the future, and would like to include the following:-

- Traffic calming and road improvements
- Recreation Ground improvements
- Rusper Village Hall renovations

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm