

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs. G. Hill (Chairman), G. Sallows (vice Chair), G. Hussey, R. Allen, V. Saunders and R. Gatt.

L. Bannister (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sheridan, Forrest, Bender and Kitchen.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Hill.

4 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

Cllr. Sallows arrived

5 PLANNING

DC/16/2651 Stammerham, Capel Road

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

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

DC/16/2718 Broadbridge Cottage, Lambs Green

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

‘Rusper Parish Council objects to this application on the basis that it is over intensification of the area, there is a lack of suitable access, and parking there is already an issue.’

DC/16/2182 Old Park, Horsham Road

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

‘Rusper Parish Council is in support of this application.’

DC/16/2736 1 Bensons Farm Cottages

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

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

DC/16/2394 Gate Cottage, Normans

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

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

Street naming, land east of Rusper Road

HDC have asked for some street name suggestions for this new development. The following suggestions have been made by Councillors, and also members of the local art and historical society:

John Drughorne
Ellis
George Ernest Rhodes
Jack Hoy
Nelson Charman
Arthur Laker
George Samuel Franks

It was agreed to send all of these to HDC along with the explanations of who each person was.

6 PLANNING UPDATES

A new application has been received for Bellwood, Ifield Wood. Details of this have not yet been received, so the Clerk will try to arrange an extension to the comments deadline so that a comment can be agreed at the next meeting. If this is not possible, the Clerk will circulate details to all Members and a comment will be agreed via email.

The appeal details for Ifield Court Hotel have been received. It was agreed to write to the Planning Inspectorate to say that there is a strong feeling against this in the Parish, and reiterate that the previous comment made still stands.

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

HDC is holding a Neighbourhood Plan Conference on 25th January. Rusper PC has two spaces for Members to attend. The Clerk will send details of this around to all Members to find out who will attend.

It was agreed to wait until after this event before meeting with prospective professional advisors.

The new Neighbourhood Planning Officer at HDC can meet Rusper PC in 2017. However, he is unable to meet later than 6pm.

It was agreed that no NP meeting will be held in January. The Clerk will update the Steering Group.

8 FINANCES

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Hussey.

Budget

The draft budget was examined, and agreed. Although the budget totals approx. £34,500, due to accrued reserves being held, a precept of £25,652 has been agreed. This is an increase of 2.2% (in line with inflation).

Invoices to pay

It was agreed to pay the following:

Salary for Clerk (November) – £469.30

Litter Warden salary & expenses – £54 & £11.74 (total £65.74)

HMRC – Litter warden's tax for the month is unknown, but is unlikely to be above £10

GH expenses for meeting with Liberty - £18.80

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

9 OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk will instruct Advanced Transport Research to collect the speed data in February. This will cost £825 plus VAT.

The deadline for the Parish Magazine is 14th January, so any information needs to be sent to Cllr. Allen before then.

Some developers want to attend the next meeting to speak to Members about a proposed development on land at Baldhorne Copse.

Three Operation Watershed applications have now been made. These are for The Mount, Lambs Green and Rusper Road. More quotes are awaited for other applications, but these should be ready to submit in January.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Council meeting will be held on 31st January 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER
CLERK