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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** G. Hussey (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chair), R. Allen, C. Forrest, M. Fillmore, G. Fleming, M. Cooke, and R. Gatt  
L. Bannister (Clerk)  
Chairman of Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions (CAGNE)  
7 members of the public  
WSCC & HDC Cllr. Kitchen

## **1 Presentation from Chairman of CAGNE on proposals by Gatwick Airport**

Cllr. Hussey introduced CAGNE.

See attached presentation for details.

The Chairman of CAGNE updated that the Government's committee on climate change released a letter to Government which explained that zero carbon aviation is unlikely to be feasible by 2050. The committee recommend a reduction of 25% on current levels. This is looking unlikely as aviation technology is not moving fast enough. The committee says that aviation growth needs to be capped.

Local authorities are considering a Development Consent Order that Gatwick have submitted about the use of the emergency runway. An inspector will decide whether or not this can go ahead, but the ultimate decision will be made by the Secretary of State. CAGNE plan to challenge the application and has already appointed a barrister. The Chairman of CAGNE suggested writing to the local authority to make any views known on the Development Consent Order.

The following questions were raised:

Q – What's happening with the complaints line?

A - This has gone through a re-design and the phone line is back. To reach the complaints information on the website click on the noise enquiry box. In CAGNE's opinion this is too complex.

Q – Is the emergency runway only to be used for short haul flights?

A – Yes, this is correct.

Q – How far does the runway need to move?

A – It needs to move by 210 metres to ensure there is the correct gap between the runways.

Q – Will the decision about the Heathrow additional runway be changed?

A – PM Boris Johnson has said that he wouldn't go against a parliamentary vote.

Q – The Davis commission on requirements for runways for the south east found that Heathrow was the best option for the area. What has changed since then?

A – Nothing has changed. The Davis commission did accept that Gatwick had a case, but had insurmountable issues.

Councillors queried why expansion at Gatwick is still being considered when Heathrow has already been agreed.

Members of the public thanked CAGNE for their commitment and knowledge, and also past council members who worked tirelessly to campaign. They requested that Rusper PC continues this work.

A member of the public asked what the Parish Council's view of Gatwick is. Cllr. Hussey explained that this was debated at the last meeting and overall members were against expansion at Gatwick due to issues with infrastructure and noise. Rusper PC supports the work of CAGNE and Warnham Parish Council. Cllr. Sallows added that Gatwick has been a useful employer but there is no room for expansion, especially with the housing crisis.

Cllr. Hussey thanked CAGNE for the presentation.

## **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sheridan, Saunders and Vance-Webb.

## **3 Declaration of Interests**

None.

## **4 Approval of Minutes of the previous Meeting**

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

## **5 Open Forum**

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

Mr Butler said that Warnham Parish Council donated £2400 towards No Incinerator for Horsham to fight the incinerator and asked Rusper PC to reconsider.

Mr Butler said that when he was a councillor he always supported Gatwick as an employer, but was against changes which weren't in favour of the community. While he was a member of Rusper PC an event was held which showed that a large proportion of the public were against expansion at Gatwick.

Mr Butler welcomed the report in the last issue of the Parish News but suggested that residents are looking for a more critical approach.

*The meeting was resumed.*

## **6 Planning**

DC/19/1730 Bohunt Horsham

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

'Rusper Parish Council has no objection to the layout of the school building but has concerns about this application for the following reasons:

- The drop off and access points are insufficient. They require more work to ensure the access is safe.
- The road layouts around the school are a problem for people using cycles and footways. It isn't clear how this will be managed.
- The crossing over the A264 is not safe enough for pedestrians, a footbridge would be desirable.'

*Cllr. Kitchen arrived*

DC/19/1777 Blackwells, Horsham Road

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

'Rusper Parish Council defers to arboricultural consultant on this application.'

DC/19/1885 Allingham Farm

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

'Rusper Parish Council requests that use of this site is limited so that the existing level of access cannot increase.'

Appeal hearing for Incinerator

The appeal hearing begins at 10am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Warnham Parish Council are now unable to commission a professional report and will put their funding towards No Incinerator for Horsham (Ni4H). This means that the funding agreed at the last meeting will no longer be needed.

**It was RESOLVED** to donate £2500 to Ni4H.

Applications received since publication of the Agenda

DC/19/1845 Bonwycks Lodge Farm, Ifield Wood

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

DISC/19/0267 Land North of Horsham

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

'Rusper Parish Council would like to clarify that the cycle routes include access to Bohunt School from the roundabout for cycles.'

DC/19/1912 Cherry Tree, Faygate

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

'Rusper Parish Council has concerns about the coalescence of development along the A264 considering the new garage along the road, and also the impact of signage and lighting.'

## **7 Planning updates**

The following planning decisions have been made:

DC/19/1240 Furlong Farm – permitted

DC/19/1308 Bonwycks Lodge Farm – refused

There was no opportunity to send further information on the appeal for 3 Chalice Walk. Cllr. Sallows sent further information direct to the Inspector who agreed to accept it on the basis that the Neighbourhood Plan has reached an advanced stage.

The Parish Council is aware that Homes England has sent information to residents about their housing proposal. Members of the public wanted to know what the Parish Council is doing about this.

Cllr. Hussey updated that Ifield Golf Club has been working to actively protect their land.

Rusper PC will be meeting with Homes England soon.

Cllr. Sallows encouraged members of the public to respond to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation as this has policies in place to protect Rusper against development that would not be acceptable.

## **8 Reports from other authorities**

Cllr. Kitchen asked what is happening at the garage on Rusper Road as the hedgerow has been cut back. Members didn't know.

*Cllr. Kitchen left the meeting*

**9 Community Infrastructure Levy/S106 expenditure**

Cllr. Gatt suggested coming up with projects that could use S106 money. Cllr. Gatt will put together some ideas on a spreadsheet and bring this forward at the next meeting.

**10 Recycling**

A member of the public has suggested a recycling bin in Rusper for items that can't be put in household recycling. It was agreed that Cllr. Sallows will look into this. The best location for this seems to be the recreation ground.

**11 Electric Vehicle Strategy Consultation**

Members will read the document and send comments to the Clerk by the end of this week.

**12 Parking lines outside Wayside**

A resident has been in touch to say that the white lines on the road outside Wayside has rubbed away which is making exiting Chalice Walk dangerous. The Clerk advised the resident to report this on Love West Sussex.

It was agreed that the Clerk will double check that Highways is responsible for this section of land and find out how much it would cost for Rusper PC to repaint the lines.

**13 CAGNE Parish Council Forum**

This will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at Worth Parish Council. Cllr. Sallows will try to attend.

**14 Request for donation from Age UK**

Age UK has requested a donation of £100. This was not agreed.

**15 Recreation ground**

The S26 notice was served on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**16 Report from Representatives**

Cllr. Fleming attended the Horsham Association of Local Councils (HALC) meeting. They would like parish councils to send them any questions for HDC.

Cllr. Fillmore sent around a report following the latest GATCOM meeting.

Cllr. Gatt also attended the HALC meeting. HDC planning officers gave a presentation on the Local Plan Review. They discussed the housing numbers and how they will need to increase. The total number for the next plan period of 18 years could be between 18,000 and 25,000. They already have 9,000 homes. This was queried by Campaign to Protect Rural England. If there are any questions for HDC, HALC need to know by 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed to ask the following questions:

1. What is HDC's stance on the Homes England development proposed in Rusper, and its impact on the coalescence of Crawley and Horsham.
2. How is HDC planning to deal with the issues with planning compliance?

WSCC presented about improving places and spaces. They are losing their budget for lots of things so are trying to get parish councils to take on more funding. This includes reducing gritting in winter. The Clerk will check for the list of roads that will be affected and will tell WSCC that access for emergency vehicles would be a concern. Verge cutting is also being reduced.

Pulborough Parish Council has developed a footpath charter to try and make landowners aware of their responsibilities. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Cllr. Cooke is attending the West Sussex Association of Local Councils AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Cllr. Sallows has attended a meeting with the History Group to explain to them about the Neighbourhood Plan. This was useful as their members had been put off of reading the document due to its size. Cllr. Sallows will try and repeat this in the local pubs. Not many responses to the consultation have been received so far, so the consultation will be advertised more.

## **17 Clerk's report**

The Clerk has been contacted by a company called The Utility Supplier. They would like to quote to find a cheaper electricity supplier for the street lights. This was agreed.

The Hillybarn drainage works have been booked for the week starting 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The Parochial Church Council would like someone to attend their meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 to discuss the Local Green Spaces. They have been told that this is outside of the consultation period. Cllr. Sallows will try to attend.

The North Horsham Liaison meeting will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11am in the South Hall.

The Clerk reminded Members to join Community Speedwatch and complete the training.

A meeting with Homes England will be arranged. Cllr. Gatt would also like to attend this.

The Clerk gave Cllr. Hussey an envelope with passwords and pin numbers in, in accordance with the Financial Regulations. Cllr. Hussey will keep this envelope sealed and will follow instructions on its opening if this is ever needed.

The Clerk reminded Cllrs. Fillmore and Cooke to send their pictures for their ID cards.

## **18 Annual leave for Clerk**

The Clerk requested 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October, and 1<sup>st</sup> November. This was agreed.

## **19 Parish News**

It was agreed to include the following information in the Parish News:

- Information on where the bin stickers can be found. They will be included with the Parish News on its delivery route. The remainder will be left in the shop if anyone wants extras.
- Thank you to those people that responded to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

## **20 Finances**

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

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

External Audit

No report has been received yet.

Village Hall agreement

It was agreed to sign this.

Invoices to pay

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

Salary for Clerk (August) & overtime – £572.48 (salary) + £218.23 overtime = £790.71 total

Litter warden salary and expenses – £81.60 + £35.22 travel expenses = £116.82 total

PAYE - £30.36  
Sussex Land Services - £448.57  
SSALC Ltd training for members (two invoices) - £168  
Xpress Group - £389  
Saxon Weald - £31.21 – don't pay  
Stocksigns - £2,457  
Surrey Hills Solicitors - £240  
No Incinerator for Horsham - £2500

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

**It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk can purchase bin stickers up to a cost of £500 and can be reimbursed for this by agreement with two councillors.

The Clerk suggested setting up a pre-paid debit card for purchases that require immediate payment. The Clerk will investigate the different options for this and bring it forward at the next meeting.

## **21 Other business**

None.

## **22 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30 pm. The next Neighbourhood Plan Committee will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm

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