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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: G. Hill (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chair), R. Allen, G. Hussey, V. Bender, V. Saunders, R. Gatt and A. Sheridan
L. Bannister (Clerk)
WSCC & HDC Cllr. Kitchen
2 members of the public

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Forrest, Vance-Webb, and Lawton.

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of previous Meeting

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Hill.

4 Open Forum

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

The applicant to planning application DC/19/0228 explained about the application. He has spoken to the neighbours but does not have any feedback from them yet.

Cllr. Sheridan arrived

Mr Ethrington spoke again about the impact on the rural roads of the strategic site Land North of Horsham.

Cllr. Saunders arrived

Mr Ethrington recommended that the validity of the traffic report should be challenged. Mr Ethrington will contact the council with a recommended course of action, and Cllr. Kitchen will be asked to be involved.

Cllr. Kitchen arrived

Mr Ethrington left the meeting

The meeting was resumed.

5 Planning

DC/19/0049 Trisolde, Ashmore Lane

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

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/19/0228 Moon Rakers, East Street

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

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application, but would ask that occupancy of this building cannot be severed from that of the main house.'

DC/19/0184 Dial Post Park, Horsham Road

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

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

- This would generate an unacceptable amount of vehicles bringing product to this site, which Rusper cannot support due to its lack of classified 'A' or 'B' roads.
- Access on this severe bend is not suitable.'

DC/19/0275 Ifield Court Farm

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

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/19/0276 Ifield Court Farm

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

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/19/0309 Mullion Cottage, East Street

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

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/18/1742 3 Chalice Walk

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

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

- This will impact the view from the neighbouring Grade I listed church.
- This extends the current building line by 2m towards the church, which will imbalance the view of the houses and impact on the hedgerow.
- This is a sensitive conservation area and the view of it from the churchyard will be impacted.'

DC/19/0292 Bensons Farm, Wimland Road

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

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

Applications received since publication of the Agenda

DC/19/0325 Winterfold Farm, Wimland Road

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

'Rusper Parish Council objects to this application as it is overdevelopment in this location.'

One member of the public left the meeting

Report on Rusper Road developments

Cllr. Bender reported that there is concern from the new residents about the speed of the vehicles along Rusper Road. The Clerk will ask Sussex Police if they will put a speed trap along there.

6 Reports from other authorities

Cllr. Sheridan asked Cllr. Kitchen why the decision notice for planning application DC/17/2642 is inconsistent with the recommendations from officers. Cllr. Kitchen will look into this. It was agreed that council will write to HDC to complain about this. Cllr. Sheridan will draft a letter.

Cllr. Sheridan also queried the timeframe for appeals following prior notification applications.

Cllr. Sallows reported that there is a compliance complaint on Newdigate Road as there is an occupied mobile home and purpose built stable block. The Clerk and Cllr. Kitchen will follow this up.

Cllr. Kitchen left the meeting

7 Planning updates

The following planning applications were decided:-

- DC/17/2642 J G Fields, Faygate Lane – permitted
- DC/18/2561 Friday Farm, Friday Street – permitted

8 Vehicle Activated Signs

Approval has been given for all locations.

Highways have provided a quote for poles and ground sockets for £570. This was approved.

9 Litter collection

A clean up day will be arranged in summer.

10 Councillor Elections 2019 & Purdah

Nomination packs will be sent out on 14th March to those Members that have contacted HDC. Everyone who wants to stand for election should send an email to elections@horsham.gov.uk.

The Clerk advised Members about purdah and advised them not to issue any publicity that seeks to influence voters.

11 Annual Parish Meeting

This is planned for 30th April. Nick Lear will speak on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk will send out invitations in due course.

12 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr. Hussey explained about the information received at the recent seminar held by HDC, where HDC set out their offer to allocate sites in their Local Plan Review if the plan isn't completed by summer.

The Clerk advised that grant funding needs to be spent by the end of March. The consultants have been asked if they will bill in advance to meet this deadline.

13 Report from Representatives

Cllrs. Saunders and Gatt attended the North Horsham Liaison meeting. This covered the handover to Legal and General. They are retaining Brett as advisors for the transport. Legal and General plan to improve on the landscaping scheme, and have road infrastructure road space booked soon.

Cllr. Sheridan reported that the phone booth in Lambs Green has had the glass panes replaced. The sign on the car park needs replacing.

There is a site in Colgate that has had a lot of clearance done, but no planning application has been received. The Clerk will try to find some information on this.

Cllr. Hussey reported that the Lambs Green finger post will be done next, then the final one will be Ifield Wood.

Cllr. Lawton reported via email that it is the CAGNE AGM tomorrow in Ockley. No members were available to attend.

14 Clerk's report

The pedestrian scheme for the village centre will not be put forward for inclusion in the Strategic Transport Investment Program, but will be put to the County Local Committee.

There has been a complaint about the litter around Ifield Wood. The Clerk will ask HDC to deal with this.

A meeting is being held with the school on 28th February.

15 Annual leave for Clerk

Annual leave was approved for 15-18 April.

16 Parish News

It was agreed to include an invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting.

17 Finances

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

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

Online banking arrangements

Cllr. Sallows will try to add himself. Other members may be added after the elections.

Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was agreed to appoint Mark Mulberry.

Invoices to pay

It was RESOLVED to pay the following:

Salary for Clerk (February) – £572.48

NP overtime for December & January - £84.07

Litter warden salary and expenses – £76.60 + £23.48 expenses = £100.08 total

Scribe for accounts package - £308.40

Donation to Parish News - £200

Legal advice - £417.60

Neighbourhood Watch signs x 3 - £105.18

Qualification for Clerk (CILCA – 50% of costs) - £125

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

18 Other business

The Clerk was asked if the litter warden should be sent on a training course. The Clerk will look into this.

19 Confidential Item

The meeting was closed to members of the public to discuss confidential/sensitive items

A new hourly rate for the litter warden was agreed.

A report was received on legal advice received on the recreation ground. A letter was agreed to be sent regarding this.

The meeting was opened to the public again

20 Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on 26th March 2019 at 7.30 pm. The next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting will be held on 19th March 2019 at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm

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CLERK