

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25th October 2016 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs. G. Hill (Chairman), G. Sallows (vice Chair), G. Hussey, V. Bender, C. Forrest, V. Sole, A. Sheridan and V. Saunders
L. Bannister (Clerk)
WSCC & HDC Cllr. L. Kitchen

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Gatt, Allen and Lawton.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Bender declared an interest in planning application DC/16/2172 as she is a neighbour to this. However, she does not have a pecuniary interest in this application.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Hill.

Cllr. Bender did not attend the planning committee meeting for the S106 amendment at the Rusper Road development.

4 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present, and so no questions were raised.

Cllr. Kitchen arrived

5 PLANNING

DC/16/2123 Horse Ghylls Wood Farm, Capel Road

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

‘Rusper Parish Council asks for a business assessment for the current and future use of the site and transport survey.’

The Clerk will try to arrange a site visit with the HDC case officer and Cllrs. Sallows and Hill.

Cllr. Kitchen asked that RPC asks for an overall plan for this site before making any comment.

DC/16/2133 Hyders Farm, Bonnetts Lane

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

‘Rusper Parish Council does not have any objections to this application’.

DC/16/2172 Land east of Emmanuel Cottage, Rusper Road

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

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

Meeting with Bovis Homes re. DC/16/1533

Cllrs. Bender, Sallows and Hussey met with a representative of Bovis Homes at the proposed site. After looking at the site, they agreed that the proposed entrance was the most sensible option.

The main issues raised were:-

- Drainage proposals – these don't reflect the needs of the site.
- The way density is spread over the site.
- Street lighting – Rusper PC is opposed to this. Bovis Homes agreed that as a developer they would be happy to remove this from the plans, but they think HDC would object to this. It would be better to get a view from HDC and WSCC about this.

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.’

6 REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES

Cllr. Kitchen reported as follows:-

WSCC are upset by the possibility of the Police Commissioner taking control of the Fire Service. WSCC are mounting a campaign for control of this to stay with WSCC and not be taken over by the Police. Cllr. Kitchen has some leaflets that she will pass to Cllr. Hill.

HDC had a trip around the proposed North Horsham development.

Cllr. Kitchen is in favour of incineration because of improvement in technology. Cllr. Saunders informed Cllr. Kitchen that in addition to the Britanniacrest application, there is another one on the A264. Cllr. Kitchen was not aware of this.

7 PLANNING (CONTINUED)

DC/16/1745 Marylands, Ifield Wood

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:

‘Rusper Parish Council does not have any objections to this application.’

EN/16/0213 Brooklyn Farm, Bonnetts Lane

This is an appeal against the stop notice for off airport parking. It was agreed to comment on this as follows:

‘Rusper Parish Council stands by its previous comments, and given the decision for the second runway not to go ahead there is no longer the demand for this’.

Britanniacrest planning application at Wealden Brickworks for recycling and incineration unit

WSCC have been in touch to make Rusper PC aware of this application, although they have not yet ‘officially’ received an application. They wanted to know how Rusper PC might respond to this application and how WSCC and Rusper PC can work together.

Cllr. Saunders attended the exhibition given by Britanniacrest. The technology used has already been used in Portsmouth and Newhaven. All items will be processed under cover. This would be a commercial waste processing plant.

Cllr. Hill’s concern is with WSCC and the lack of proper planning for waste to be disposed of as close as possible to where it is produced.

Cllr. Sole expressed concern about the increase of traffic movements bringing waste to the site, especially in addition to development already planned around Rusper.

Cllr. Sallows was concerned about the burning of waste and the quality of the air for local residents.

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

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

8 SPEED LIMITS IN RUSPER VILLAGE – MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Chris Stark, Highways Manager, can come to meet with Members on Tuesday 15th November before the Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

9 GATWICK DIAMOND WEST SUSSEX & SURREY LOW CARBON PROJECT

GH suggesting that all have a look at this document for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr. Kitchen left the meeting

10 PLANTING OF WREATH

It is traditional for the Chairman to plant this on 11th November, but Cllr. Hill will be away on this date and it was agreed to ask Ray Butler to do this.

11 DECEMBER MEETING

Cllr. Hill proposed that the meeting at the end of December is cancelled and put on the 20th December to discuss planning and finances. This was agreed.

12 PLAYING FIELD

The lease expires in 2019 and the freeholder has so far been unwilling to extend the lease.

The possibility of buying the field was discussed. However, it was agreed to first discuss extending the lease with the freeholder before this is explored. Cllr. Hill will try and set up a meeting in February/March next year. Cllr. Hill will ask Cllr. Kitchen to attend.

13 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HORSHAM – WARD BOUNDARIES

Cllr. Sallows feels bringing urban communities in with rural means that the rural communities won't be represented fairly. Cllr. Sallows will put together a comment and send to the Clerk.

14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This has stalled due to lack of members. The last meeting was poorly attended. There are no volunteers for the Focus Group to prepare the questionnaire. There is an appeal for people to come forward for the Focus Group in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr. Hill said that the Neighbourhood Plan could be put together by Rusper PC, but this wouldn't reflect the needs of the community.

Rusper PC will continue to try and drum up support. It was suggested to call other parishes to find out how they have garnered support. Cllr. Sallows will give this some thought.

15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Forrest raised concerns about the parking at The Plough. There are a couple of cars parked that have no tax and no mot. Cllr. Sheridan suggested putting a notice on the cars saying that they have contravened the rule of parking overnight, and if they do not remove their car then it will be removed and they will have to pay a fee.

The Clerk will find out the licensing terms of The Plough to find out if the car park is a part of their license and what effect this will have if the car park is removed.

There is still an issue with people parking on the pavement on East Street. It was discussed whether bollards would be suitable to prevent this.

Cllr. Sallows reported that the Woodland Trust is doing packs for parish councils to encourage tree/hedgerow planting. Cllr. Sallows thought it would be good to get some for hedgerows.

Cllr. Hussey reported that one fingerpost has been done, the one at The Mount should be done soon, and the one at Friday Street is due to be done this year.

Cllr. Hussey met with Bell & Son about the Operation Watershed jobs. They will now submit their quotes.

Cllr. Sole left the meeting

16 PARISH MAGAZINE

Cllr. Sallows will put together an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, and include the Woodland Trust information.

Cllr. Hussey left the meeting

17 CLERK'S REPORT

An officer from the Highways Department called regarding the overgrowth between the village and Gardeners Green. He said that the overgrowth needs to overhang by 30% and this is not the case, he's driven down the road and not had a problem. But, he will do a Land Registry search and ask the landowner to cut back.

HDC are offering Code of Conduct training for Councillors over the next 12 months.

Regarding the site at Langhurst Lane, it was suggested that material is being brought into the site and being burnt. The Compliance Officer has been informed and he will look into this on his next visit to the site.

BT want to remove the phone box opposite Puttocks Cottage on Lambs Green. Rusper PC does not want this removed, and will ask if this can be adopted.

North Horsham Parish Council has invited Rusper PC to attend their meeting on Thursday 27th October at 8pm to discuss the North Horsham development.

18 FINANCES

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Sheridan.

Budget

This shows that expenditure so far is within budget.

The Clerk will put together a draft budget for 2017-18, and asked that if there are any suggestions for them to be sent to the Clerk by email.

It was agreed to include an amount for traffic.

S106

It may be possible to make a retrospective application for the swing.

Invoices to pay

It was agreed to pay the following:

Salary for Clerk (October) – £469.30

Litter Warden salary & expenses – £77 & £23.48 (total £100.48)

HMRC – Litter warden's tax for the month is £9.40

Sussex Land Services - £436.56
Forest View Tree Surgery - £280
Village Hall additional meetings 2016 - £120
Streetlights maintenance works - £1,026
Streetlights contract - £230.26
Cllr. Hussey expenses – 44 miles @ 55p per mile - £24.20
JK Engineering - £1440

Cheques were written for all of these payments and duly signed.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Council meeting will be held on 29th November 2016. There will be a Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Tuesday 15th November 2016.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER
CLERK