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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: G. Hussey (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chair), R. Allen, C. Forrest, V. Saunders, N. Vance-Webb, A. Sheridan, G. Fleming and M. Cooke
L. Bannister (Clerk)
WSCC & HDC Cllr. L. Kitchen
6 members of the public

1 Co-option

It was RESOLVED to co-opt Alan Sheridan.

2 Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office & collection of Register of Interests

Cllrs. Vance-Webb and Sheridan completed their Declarations and gave their Registers of Interests to the Clerk.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Gatt and Fillmore.

HDC Cllr. Hogben also gave his apologies.

4 Declaration of Interests

None.

5 Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting

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

6 Open Forum

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

Mr Ray Butler complimented Council on their website, especially the information on The Men Who Marched Away.

Mr Butler explained about Ni4H (No Incinerator for Horsham) and how they can help battle the incinerator. Mr Butler believes that the Council can support a pressure group and should donate towards this.

The events manager for Rusper Car Boot Sale acknowledged that there was an issue with traffic moving through the village a few weeks ago. They have addressed this issue by stopping advertising across the wider area to decrease the amount of people attending, they have secured more land for parking and have marshals to manage traffic on the road.

It was agreed to bring this item forward on the Agenda.

The meeting was resumed.

7 Rusper Car Boot Sale

They are allowed to hold 14 sales a year, but don't exceed this.

Cllr. Saunders requested that they make sure that their signage doesn't cover any speed signs. They agreed to this.

Cllr. Saunders suggesting placing their road signs further away from the site to encourage people to slow down and beware of possible obstructions.

A member of the public spoke in support of the boot sale as they provide charitable donations and show responsibility by not running the sales on days which conflict with other local events.

Sellers have been dumping their rubbish in the recreation ground. The organisers were not aware of this. They do have signage asking people to take their rubbish home and advertise the local amenity tips.

They do have customers that try to walk to the site. They have information on their website discouraging this.

Cllr. Sallows has been trying to gauge local opinion on the boot sale. All people spoken to have been in favour of the sale in general but have concerns about the traffic. This appears to have been addressed now.

Cllr. Forrest asked what the organisers do if the ground is wet so that mud isn't tracked onto the road? If the ground is wet then the sale is cancelled.

Council were satisfied that the organisers had addressed all of the issues.

8 Planning

WSCC/041/19 Kilmarnock Farm

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

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

- This development would cause an unacceptable increase in the number of HGV vehicles on the Charlwood Road and surrounding rural lanes. Charlwood Road is a country lane and has no footpaths for pedestrian use; the increase in lorry movements would present danger to pedestrians and also to horse riders and cyclists. Site traffic would pass a very busy local school and the school crossing area.
- HGVs damage the local roads, which are not suitable for heavy vehicles.
- The noise, dust and emissions, from both the concrete crushers and the traffic would adversely impact on the rural area and surrounding properties. It should also be noted that this proposed development is directly under the flight path at the western end of the Gatwick runway and so the noise levels with aircraft noise on top would be unacceptable. There would also be a risk of the dust causing a hazard for air traffic.
- The proposal is not in keeping with the rural environment. Even without the concrete crushers it would be a highly intrusive operation.
- This site is not allocated in the West Sussex Waste Local Plan and a similar site 'Land at Burlands Farm' was found to be not suitable in the Sustainability Appraisal dated March 2013.
- Any additional lighting would impact the dark skies of Rusper and would be in contravention to the emerging Rusper Neighbourhood Plan.'

DC/19/1078 Swaminarayan Manor

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

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application but would ask that a condition is added restricting the times of use so that there is no noise for the neighbours beyond midnight.'

DC/18/1232 Furlong Farm

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

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

- This would create an increase of traffic on an unsuitable rural road.
- The entrance is on a sharp bend which could be dangerous.
- This is contradictory to the environmental stance of Gatwick for off-airport parking.
- This application contravenes policies 10, 24, 26 and 41 of the HDPF.'

DC/19/1240 Furlong Farm

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/19/1230 Little Benhams Cottage, Friday Street

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

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

Site proposal for Gardeners Green

A planner has sent details of a proposal for 4 units on a plot of land next to Gardeners Green. This was not suitable for the Neighbourhood Plan as they only considered sites of 5 or more. However, it was felt that the work done by the Steering Group was relevant here and so the Clerk will send the planner details of the site assessments and Housing Needs Assessment.

9 Planning updates

DC/18/2215 The Mount is going to committee on 2nd July. Cllr. Sallows will try to attend to speak in objection.

10 Reports from other authorities

Cllr. Kitchen expected to be late to the meeting so this item will be adjourned.

11 Location of dog bins

The possibility of moving the dog bin from the car park to the footpath that runs by the side of the BT exchange was discussed. The Clerk will check with HDC whether they would be prepared to collect it from there.

12 S106/Community Infrastructure Levy expenditure

Rusper PC has some S106 available to spend, plus £4255 Community Infrastructure Levy. Council discussed potential areas for expenditure including:

- Village Hall roof fund
- Enhancements to the Sports Field
- Paint for the phone boxes
- Improvements to the Village Hall

Cllr. Kitchen arrived

It was agreed to advertise this potential money to get ideas from residents.

13 Donation to Normandy Memorial Trust

Cllr. Forrest proposed making a donation following the anniversary of DDay. This was not agreed.

14 Bus stop at Bonnetts Lane

Highways has approached Rusper PC as two bus shelters are needed on Bonnetts Lane. Highways are looking into funding for this, and has asked Rusper PC if they would agree to

maintain them going forward. **It was RESOLVED** to approve this. If funding for the bus shelters is needed, Council will consider this.

15 Reports from other Authorities

Cllr. Kitchen reported that WSCC has received criticism recently surrounding its children's services and fire service. They have accepted criticism and will be making plans going forward.

Cllr. Kitchen is aware about the planning application for The Mount going to committee. Cllr. Kitchen is aware of Rusper PCs objection to this.

It was agreed to bring forward the item regarding the incinerator.

16 Incinerator

Cllr. Saunders attended a meeting with Colgate and North Horsham Parish Councils. They are looking into the points that they would defend at appeal, and the funding for this. They are working with Ni4H so that there isn't an overlap.

It was RESOLVED to allocate £2,000 to fund representation for the appeal, and to commit to working with Colgate and North Horsham Parish Councils. This may be increased to £2500 if necessary.

17 Gatwick Route 4 Airspace Change

Members were unsure how to respond to this consultation, so it was agreed that the Clerk will research the information and email Members to put together a response.

Members are aware that there have been some negative emails between Cllr. Fillmore and members of CAGNE. Members are keen that the positive relationship with CAGNE continues as they have been a good source of information in the past.

18 Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Forrest went out with PCSO Baxter a few weeks ago to discuss the lack of signage in the parish. Lots of speed repeaters are missing or not visible which means that speed limits cannot be enforced. Highways has agreed to 8 new signs at Lambs Green.

PCSO Baxter has recommended Community Speedwatch for Rusper. This needs 15 volunteers, and three people have already put their names forward. Cllrs. Vance-Webb, Sheridan, Sallows and Cooke are also willing to be volunteers. This will be advertised. PCSO Baxter will attend the next meeting to discuss this.

19 Speed Indicator Device update

Highways has suggested getting some more quotes for the work as they add a percentage charge on top of jobs that they raise. They have suggested 3 firms. This was agreed.

20 Annual leave for Clerk

The Clerk requested leave for 8th to 12th August and 19th to 23rd August (but will attend the Neighbourhood Plan meeting if it goes ahead). This was agreed.

21 Recreation ground

Rusper Parish Council closed the meeting to members of the public to discuss this item as it is sensitive and confidential

It was RESOLVED to speak to Surrey Hills Solicitor for legal advice. A budget of £2000 was agreed for this.

22 Approval of the Rusper Parish Neighbourhood Plan

This will be approved at the July meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk can apply for more grant funding.

23 Report from Representatives

Cllr. Allen reported that new trustees for the Village Hall have been appointed. These will be Neil Matthewson, Rob Ethrington and Graham Hill. It is likely that two more will be appointed (probably Nick Lear and Cllr. Allen). Once this has been finalised the committee will pursue their fundraising campaign for the roof.

Cllr. Sallows attended the County Local Committee meeting to put forward a plan to change the road layouts in the village. Funding for this needs to be applied for via the Community Highway Scheme. It was agreed that Cllr. Sallows can do this.

Cllr. Vance-Webb left the meeting

Cllr. Sheridan thanked the community for their help with the litter pick, which was successful.

Cllr. Sheridan reported that the dog walking site in Lambs Green is not in compliance with their planning conditions and HDC are dealing with this.

Cllr. Hussey is working with a handyman to make minor repairs to the playground.

24 Clerk's report

There is still no news re. Gardeners Green. **It was RESOLVED** to ask the solicitor to close the file and bill Rusper PC for the time spent so far.

New pads for the defibrillator have been ordered. This is at no cost as they are included in a warranty.

25 Parish News

It was agreed to include the following:

- Information about the Community Infrastructure Levy
- Details about the incinerator appeal
- A reminder on how Love West Sussex can be used

26 Finances

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

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

Invoices to pay

It was RESOLVED to pay the following:

Salary for Clerk (May) & overtime – £572.48 + overtime £132.11 = £704.59 total

Litter warden salary and expenses – £61.10 + £23.48 travel expenses = £84.58 total

PAYE - £15.40

Mulberry & Co, internal audit fee - £125.82

ONeill Home, NP consultancy - £2835

Sussex Land Services, grass cutting fee - £448.57

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

27 Other business

None.

28 Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on 30th July 2019 at 7.30 pm. The next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting will be held on 16th July 2019 at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

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