

Draft Minutes: Monday 10th April 2017 at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall, 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors: R Davis, A Moore, D Smedley, Mrs J Stanford, H Sutton, S Tollett, P Turner (Chairman,) S Turner and N Warren.

In attendance: Mrs A Evett (Clerk,) Mrs J Cannings (Deputy Clerk,) Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor P Osborne and East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor K Glazier.

17/056 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present that the meeting may be recorded.

17/057 Item 2 The Chairman invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council. Mr Clarke of Winchelsea updated the Council on Speedwatch and asked for two councillors to be nominated to work with him leading the local group. Mr Justice of Winchelsea Beach raised concerns about the cutting back of hedging and a lack of fencing on the boundary of Winchelsea Sands Caravan Park and that a 'screen' was a condition of their operating licence. He raised the poor state of the main road and drainage and asked that rates be frozen in Winchelsea Beach.

17/058 Item 3 To receive reports and ask questions of the County and District Councillors. Cllr Glazier talked about the financial savings and benefit to the community of the *Better Together* scheme and that due to additional monies from Central Government there won't be as many cuts to services. He took questions on a faulty manhole in St Thomas' Road Winchelsea and the closure of the Three Oaks road. Cllr Osborne updated on the Camber lifeguard and bus timetable changes (no change for the Parish) and took questions on rural rate relief, lack of progress with devolution of assets, and outstanding works at Rye Harbour car park and toilets.

17/059 Item 4 Apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllrs Ms J Austen, J Horsman, Mrs S Lyward, Mrs C Merricks and RDC Cllr Mrs Hart.

17/060 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests. There were none.

17/061 Item 6 It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the 13th March 2017 and to receive the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 6th March 2017.

Matters requiring a decision by the Council

17/062 Item 7 It was resolved to approve the Terms of Reference of the Flagpole Committee and the minutes of the meeting of 24th March 2017 were noted.

17/063 Item 8 It was resolved to grant permission for Hastings Runners to use the recreation ground at Icklesham (car park) on 23rd May and 8th August 2017, subject to the usual conditions.

17/064 Item 9 It was resolved to grant permission to Icklesham Stoolball Club to use Icklesham Recreation Ground on 2nd July and 6th August 2017, subject to the usual conditions.

17/065 Item 10 It was resolved to grant permission to Rye Bay FC to use Harbour Field on 18th June (reserve date of 25th June) and to leave the posts up from 28th May to the 18th June subject to the usual conditions.

17/066 Item 10 It was resolved to investigate the tax and other implications (RDC) of charging for the installation of a sales caravan in the car park at Rye Harbour before making a decision; to be brought back to a future meeting.

17/067 Item 12 It was resolved to approve the purchase of new signs as specified to a cost not exceeding £400. Cllr Mrs Stanford offered to install the daffodil signs.

17/068 Item 13 It was resolved to approve the payment installation of a container and power pack plus connection to the mains electricity supply for the defibrillator at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall at a cost of £190 plus Vat, to be funded from 2254 defibrillators.

17/069 Item 14 It was resolved to approve works on the high risk item (Icklesham Rec. fencing) to be funded from 2208 fencing works and to obtain costs for the less urgent items to be dealt with under *small works maintenance*. The completion of other urgent works was noted.

17/070 Item 15 Financial Matters. It was resolved to approve:
a. Receipts and payments report for March 2017

- b. Items for payment in April 2017. A list of payments was tabled totalling £8,429.11 represented by bank transfers T/3350 to T/366 sequentially totalling £5,515.60 plus 5 direct debits totalling £1,170.68, and 1 standing order totalling £230.
- c. Salary increase was noted.
- d. Authority to purchase new bins for Rye Harbour car park totalling £534.30 exc. VAT to be funded from 2250 new bins plus any additional costs for installation from small works maintenance.
- e. Authority to purchase new signs for Rye Harbour Car Park totalling £109.44 inc. VAT plus any additional costs for installation from small works maintenance.
- f. The corrected total for the March 2017 payments list of £8,740.73 was noted.
- g. Approval for earmarked funds to be carried forward from 2016/17 into the current year revising the 2017/18 budget; a list of items implemented but with payment outstanding and items not completed from the 2016/17 budget was tabled.

Matters for Information or Noting

17/071 Item 16 The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 13th and 27th March 2017 were noted.

17/072 Item 17 The Clerk's request for a list of all maintenance jobs was noted; councillors to contact the Clerk to arrange a ward walk if required.

17/073 Item 18 Programme of works for March was noted. Cllr Glazier was asked about Stagecoach Tracking and Cllr S Turner mentioned that there is a faulty window in the Winchelsea Town bus shelter.

17/074 Item 19 Correspondence all noted.

17/075 Item 20 Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events – Cllr Tollett had led the litter pick at Rye Harbour; Cllr Mrs Stanford had attended a HORAC meeting. Cllr Tollett reported the land at the turning circle (RDC and EA) was being used as a dumping ground.

17/076 Item 21 Future meetings or events – The Chairman will attend the next RALC meeting.

17/077 Item 22 Date and venue for next meeting confirmed as Monday 8th May 2017 at the Rye Harbour Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.