

**Minutes: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Winchelsea New Hall, 7:15 pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Ms J Austen, R Davis, J Horsman, Mrs C Merricks, A Moore, D Smedley, H Sutton, S Tollett, P Turner (Chairman) S Turner and N Warren.

**In attendance:** Mrs A Evett (Clerk,) ESCC Cllr Glazier and RDC Cllr. Mrs Hart and Cllr. Osborne.

The Chairman announced the passing of Brian Thompson, former councillor of Icklesham Parish Council. Members offered condolences to the family and that a donation from Chairman's Allowance would be made to one of the named charities.

**17/229 Item 1 the Chairman invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council.** Mr Hopkins of Winchelsea thanked the Council for its support on *Speedwatch* and highlighted that the traffic survey evidenced speeding at twice the legal limit at times. Mr Clarke of Winchelsea said that the narrative from ESCC about the survey had not addressed the fundamental issue of what measures to reduce speeding would be approved but agreed that the comment that the A259 is not fit for purpose is correct. Cllr Glazier asked to be copied into correspondence about this.

**17/230 Item 2 to receive reports and ask questions of the County and District Councillors.** Cllr Glazier reported that budget setting is underway and that the Local Government Settlement would not be known until the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017. He encouraged people to take part in the libraries consultation that closes on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Cllr Smedley asked for an update on Greyfriars Flat (still with the RDC planners) and that Winchelsea was looking to set up a library and would welcome any spare resources; contact should be made with Nick Skelton of ESCC. Cllr Warren raised the correspondence received about the poor state of the road at Oast House Field which the Clerk will forward on. Cllr Mrs Hart had circulated her update before the meeting (see website) and talked about the planning approval for the Discovery Centre at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. She asked if the Trust could come to a council meeting and hold a Q and A session. It was felt that this would not be appropriate and that more local consultation should have taken place before the application. Councillors took questions on the future governance of Bexhill and Cllr Osborne said that Icklesham was one of only three parishes that responded to the consultation.

**17/231 Item 3 Apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllrs. Mrs Lyward and Mrs Stanford. Cllr Mrs Lyward is absent due to a series of operations and asked that her reasons for absence were accepted; this was approved.

**17/232 Item 4 Disclosures of Interests.** There were none.

**17/233 Item 5 It was resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with one amendment to include the word 'not' into item 17/215 to read *it was resolved respond that not all measures would be useful*. Cllr Mrs Merricks pointed out that she had asked for her reasons for previous absence to be accepted; the Chairman pointed out that as she was now present that this was not necessary.

**Matters requiring a decision by the Council**

**17/234 Item 6 Traffic Calming Winchelsea Speed Survey.** The report was noted and **it was resolved** to proceed with a feasibility study in order to consider the options, effectiveness and costs for calming measures in the town.

**17/235 Item 7 Request to locate a mobile catering business in Rye Harbour Car Park.** Concerns were raised about space and the impact on local businesses especially in light of the new discovery centre; **it was resolved** not to approve the request.

**17/236 Item 8 Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation about paying more for policing.** It was agreed that councillors should complete the survey individually.

**17/237 Item 9 Complaint about the goal posts at Pound Field.** The correspondence including the Clerk's reply and risk assessment was noted and it was resolved to refer to matter to the Open Spaces Working Group.

**17/238 Item 10 Financial Matters. It was resolved to approve:**

- a. **Receipts and payments** report for November 2017.
- b. **Items for payment** in December 2017. A list of payments was tabled totalling £12,865.20 represented by bank transfers T/493 to T/511 sequentially totalling £11,533.93 plus 4 direct debits totalling £1,000.27, 1 standing order totalling £230 and a cheque for £100. November receipts totalled £2,444.84.

There were queries over the Rialtos Business Solutions payments and the Clerk was asked to look into these and only pay them if she was assured that they were correct. It was pointed out that the invoices from M Saunters had not been received and that the monies should only be paid on receipt of them.

**17/239 Item 11 Staffing Committee meeting of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017. It was resolved** to exclude the press and public under Standing Orders 3d and 11 and that the matter would be taken in a confidential session at the end of the meeting.

**17/240 Item 12 Budget 2018/19.** The draft budget was discussed and approved in principle (increasing the amount of donations) and pending any further minor amendments will be presented for approval at the January meeting. Cllr Mrs Merricks pointed out the need to carry out pitch inspection on the recreation grounds prior to organised sports being played.

#### **Matters for Information or Noting**

**17/241 Item 13** the classification of the Dungeness, Romney Marsh and Rye Bay Special Protection Area was noted.

**17/242 Item 14** Hearing Resource Unit visit to Icklesham on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 was noted.

**17/243 Item 15** The Planning Committee minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were noted.

**17/244 Item 16 Programme of Works** for November. The report was noted and the Clerk was asked to remove the Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach devolvement of assets item.

**17/245 Item 17 Correspondence** – all noted as listed in the agenda.

**17/246 Item 18 Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events.**

The Chairman reported on the Rye Partnership meeting.

**17/247 Item 19 Future meetings or events.** None. The Clerk was asked to contact Inspector Russell about attending the APM.

**17/248 Item 20 Date and venue for next meeting.** The next full council meeting was confirmed as Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall commencing at 7:15pm.

Meeting closed and the public were excluded for the confidential session.

Signed:

Dated: