

Minutes: Monday 11th January 2016 Rye Harbour Village Hall at approx. 8:15 pm

Present: Councillors: Ms J Austen, Mrs S Lyward, Mrs C Merricks, A Moore, C Pope, Mrs J Stanford, S Tollett, P Turner (Chairman,) S Turner and N Warren.

In attendance: A Evett (Clerk)

16/000 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

16/001 Item 2 Questions from the public. There were no members of the public present.

16/002 Item 3 Reports from County & District Councillors. Not present.

16/003 Item 4 Apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Merricks, Cllrs Davis and Pope and RDC councillors Mrs Hart and Cllr Osborne.

16/004 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests. There were none.

16/005 Item 6 Signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the Council meeting of 14th December 2015 was deferred to the next meeting due to significant amendments.

Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council

16/006 Item 7 Grounds Maintenance Contract – deferred. Members asked for a draft contract containing annual performance reviews with financial penalties to be drafted.

16/007 Item 8 It was resolved as follows: Icklesham Parish Council resolves that all paid officers, currently the Clerk (A Evett) and Deputy Clerk (J Cannings) be enrolled into the East Sussex Pension Fund from 1st February 2016.

16/008 Item 9 It was resolved to approve the **Financial Risk Assessment**.

16/009 Item 10 Rye Harbour Car Park and Public Conveniences Transfer of Lease from RDC. It was agreed that this item would be taken after all other business was concluded.

16/010 Item 11 Financial Matters

Resolved:

a. Receipts and payments report for December 2015.

b. Items of payment for January 2016. A list of payments was tabled totalling £3,869.13 represented by bank transfers T131 to T142 sequentially totalling £3,331.26, plus 3 direct debits totalling £307.87 and a standing order of £230.00. December 2015 receipts totalled £49.90.

Matters for information or noting.

16/011 Item 12 Programme of works for December 2015 - noted. The Clerk will re-issue the affordable housing site survey to the Winchelsea Beach ward councillors for urgent action. The Clerk will chase up repair work on the Icklesham and Winchelsea bus shelters. Councillors invited to look at the outline of the proposed pavilion building at Icklesham.

16/012 Item 13 Report back from Planning Committee. Minutes of 14th December 2015 were noted.

16/013 Item 14 Correspondence Letter from Herringtons Solicitor confirming that the registration of parish land was complete.

16/014 Item 15 Reports from Councillors attending events. Cllr Mrs Stanford reported on a recent HORAC meeting.

16/015 Item 16 Future meetings or events – none.

16/016 Item 17 Date and venue for next meeting. The date of the next full council meeting is confirmed as Monday 8th February 2016 at the Winchelsea New Hall commencing at 7:15pm.

16/009 Item 10 Rye Harbour car park and public conveniences transfer by lease from Rother District Council. Members considered the feedback from all residents present at the earlier Parish Meeting and noted that a clear majority were in favour of the Council's resolution to proceed with the transfer by lease. The Clerk was asked to contact Rother District Council (RDC) and state that some residents were concerned about the long term financial commitment. The clerk will ask RDC to confirm that all maintenance costs plus £20k will be taken into account before profits are shared and confirm that there will be no financial penalties for *handing back* the lease within the 99 years term.

It was resolved to accept the financial risk assessment and proceed with the signing of the lease on the basis of the work undertaken and that the signing of the lease is in the parish interest, as indicated by the Parish Meeting – resolve to proceed.

Meeting closed.