

Draft Minutes: Monday 12th June 2017 at the Icklesham Memorial Hall, 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors: Ms J Austen, Mrs S Lyward, 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,) Mrs J Cannings (Deputy Clerk,) Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor Mrs S Hart and East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor K Glazier.

17/109 Item 1 The Chairman invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council. The Chairman announced that the clerk had passed her Certificate in Local Council Administration and explained that amended minutes had been circulated and were on the website. Mr Justice of Winchelsea Beach raised concerns about the lack of signs alerting pedestrians to cyclists on the pavements.

17/110 Item 2 To receive reports and ask questions of the County and District Councillors. Cllr Glazier confirmed that he has been re-elected as the leader of ESCC. He has recently attended the first meeting of the East Sussex Better Together Commissioning Board and that on the 26th June he will be attending the Southern National Transport Board working on strategic transport planning in the south of England for roads, rail and air. He answered questions on Greyfriars Flat (it's with the planners and there will be a public consultation soon.) Cllr Mrs Hart took questions on subsidence concerns at the Winchelsea toilets, the very poor state of the Winchelsea Beach toilets and the lack of promised repairs at the Rye Harbour car park. Mrs Hart will look into police liaison issues and get an update on flooding at Winchelsea Beach.

17/111 Item 3 Apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllrs J Horsman, Mrs J Stanford and RDC Cllr Osborne.

17/112 Item 4 Disclosures of Interests. There were none.

17/113 Item 5 It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the 8th May 2017.

Matters requiring a decision by the Council

17/114 Item 6 Insurance policy - it was resolved to accept the quote from Aegeas at a cost of £1,481.46 per year for a three year contract; the overspend against budget was noted.

17/115 Item 7 Street lighting energy contract - it was resolved to accept the quote from SSE at a cost of £774 per year for a 36 months contract.

17/116 Item 8 Repairs to vandalised tunnel mound in Icklesham play area - It was resolved to accept the quote from Playdale for a new tunnel at a cost of £3081.34 plus VAT to be funded from *2220 Playground Maintenance*; the overspend against budget was noted.

17/117 Item 9 Request to use council premises. It was resolved as follows:

- a) Amicus Horizon approved use of Oyster Creek on Tuesday 25th July 2017 subject to usual conditions; clerk to ask for a reply to our letter about Trojan's Plat
- b) Grounded Events Company's use of the Rye Harbour Car Park on 24th September 2017 not approved due to concerns over vehicle numbers and noise; clerk to ask that they contact us earlier next year so that residents can be consulted
- c) Northsix's use of the Rye Harbour Car Park on 7th and 8th June 2017; the clerk's action to allow the use (following comments from councillors at the last meeting) was endorsed. Clerk to write and thank them for their donation and for cleaning up the car park.

17/118 Item 10 Financial Matters. It was resolved to approve:

- a. Receipts and payments report for May 2017
- b. Items for payment in June 2017. A list of payments was tabled totalling £7,938.98 represented by bank transfers T/390 to T/405 sequentially totalling £6799.26 plus 4 direct debits totalling £909.72, and 1 standing order totalling £230. The Clerk mentioned the use of the defibrillator at Winchelsea Beach and asked for authority to proceed with ordering spare parts for all units – granted.

- c. Approval to purchase 2 dog bins to replace broken ones at Harbour Field at a cost of £126.69 plus VAT totalling £253.38 to be funded from 2206 Dog Bins; the overspend against budget was noted. The clerk was asked to check that these were the best models.

Matters for Information or Noting

17/119 Item 11 The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 8th and 22nd May 2017 were noted.

17/120 Item 12 Small works maintenance – noted and clerk was asked to arrange ward walks for councillors.

17/121 Item 13 Programme of works for May was noted. The clerk was asked to update the sheet to remove the item about allotment plot 1 in Rye Harbour and the fingerpost/noticeboard; update that the new donation signs at the car park have been installed, add in need to remove ivy at the German Street bus shelter and to discuss the information board (Winchelsea) with Cllr S Turner.

17/122 Item 14 Correspondence was noted plus a letter of thanks for the grant of £1725 to the Winchelsea New Hall.

17/123 Item 15 Reports of councillors and officers attending events – there were none.

17/124 Item 16 Future meetings or events – The Chairman expressed his condolences at the sad loss of Nick Ramus and confirmed that a memorial service will be held on the 8th July. The clerk confirmed that Cllr S Tollett will be attending the Rye Harbour Sailing Club event (launch of the new facilities.)

17/125 Item 17 Date and venue for next meeting confirmed as Monday 10th July 2017 at the Winchelsea New Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.29 pm.