

**Draft Minutes: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Icklesham Memorial Hall, 7:15 pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Ms J Austen, J Horsman, Mrs S Lyward, Mrs C Merricks, 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 Mrs S Hart, P Osborne and East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor K Glazier.

**17/018 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the chairman.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded.

**17/019 Item 2 The Chairman invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council.** Mr Mears of Winchelsea asked about improvement works at the Cricket Field allotments and membership of the Allotments Committee.

**17/020 Item 3 To receive reports and ask questions of the County and District Councillors.** Cllr Mrs Hart asked about the cleaning contract for the Rye Harbour Toilets and the Clerk advised that RDC has confirmed that the Parish can be included in the contract. A discussion about the inclusion of parishes in the RDC cleaning contract and non-domestic business rates took place. Cllr Hart updated on the lifeguard provision for Camber Sands. Cllr S Turner raised the issue of the poor state of repair of the Winchelsea toilets. Cllr Glazier will look into Cllr Turner query about Traffic Calming measures for Winchelsea. He will also look into the stolen ESCC fingerpost and has written to Highways England about the roundabout in Rye. He discussed the County Council Budget and the Community Match Scheme.

**17/021 Item 4 Apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllrs R Davis and A Moore.

**17/022 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests.** There were none.

**17/023 Item 6 It was resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 with two amendments to 17/001 line 4 to change *wen to when* and on line 6 to change *Mr D Clarke to Mr J Clarke*.

**Matters requiring a decision by the Council.**

**17/024 Item 7 Bexhill Community Governance Review.** It was resolved to forward the comment that Bexhill should become a parish or parishes.

**17/025 Item 8 Planting of bulbs and wildflowers by East Sussex Highways.** It was resolved that the Clerk should confirm our participation and that all councillors should let the Clerk know the locations and size of areas to be planted.

**17/026 Item 9 Request to use the pavilion at Harbour Field by *We Run They Run I Run*.** It was resolved to grant permission subject to the usual conditions.

**17/027 Item 10 RDC Draft Site Allocations Plan.** It was noted that the Planning Committee has agreed the response to Rother.

**17/028 Item 11 Annual Parish Risk Assessment.** It was resolved to contract Strata Safety Solutions to undertake the assessment at a cost of £685 plus VAT funded from *cost centre 2213*.

**17/029 Item 12 Icklesham Bus Shelter.** It was resolved to accept the quote of £500 plus VAT from B & C Shelter Solutions Ltd for the repair of the shelter.

**17/030 Item 13 Allotment Working Group.** The minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 were noted and all recommendations were agreed (noted as *a. to e.* in the agenda.)

**17/031 Item 14 Financial Matters. It was resolved to approve:**

- a. Receipts and payments report for January 2017
- b. Items for payment in February 2017. A list of payments was tabled totalling £20,476.35 represented by bank transfers T/321 to T/334 sequentially totalling £17,037.31 plus 6 direct debits totalling £2,444.45, and 1 standing order totalling £230 plus a cheque (3194) for £764.59. January receipts totalled £659.70.
- c. The completed Annual Return (full assurance) was noted
- d. The budget for 2017/18 was approved and the Clerk was authorised to apply to RDC for a precept of £106,005.20
- e. Public Works Loan Board – the Clerk was authorised to apply for a Public Work Loan Board loan of £14,000 over 20 years at the current rate towards the cost of new play equipment

- f. Rother Community Grant Scheme – the Clerk was authorised to apply for £13,882.16 from the Rother Community Grant Scheme

**Matters for Information or Noting**

**17/032 Item 15** The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 were noted.

**17/032 Item 16** Programme of Works for January was noted.

**17/033 Item 17 Correspondence** all noted. The Clerk advised that she has received dozens of emails from residents asking that the toilets at Winchelsea Beach are kept open.

**17/034 Item 18 Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events** – noted.

**17/035 Item 19 Future meetings or events** – The Chairman request that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at the Rye Harbour Village Hall was noted.

**17/036 Item 20 Date and venue for next meeting** confirmed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Winchelsea New Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed.