

## Monday 13th July 2015 Winchelsea Beach Community Hall at 7:15 pm

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

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

### 15/154 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the Chairman.

**15/155 Item 2 Questions from the public.** A resident said that they had received no support from RDC Councillors about improving parking in Winchelsea Beach. They also questioned why copies of the meeting paper work were not available at the meetings. It was explained that limited copies of the agenda and minutes were always available at the meetings and the associated paperwork was available to download from the website.

**15/156 Item 3 Reports from County & District Councillors.** Councillor Glazier reported that the cycle path at Rye Harbour was now open. He said that work was continuing on repairing pot holes and cutting verges and hedges and that £3/4 million has been spent on road re-surfacing works north of Rye. The County Council are working on the budget for next year and there were still large savings to be made. Cllr Mrs Stanford thanked him for his work on Harbour Road but highlighted safety issues with parking on the road and asked whether anything could be done to improve parking and whether the layby could be better used. She also asked whether the broken sign on the highway could be replaced with a Rye Harbour sign.

Councillor Osborne spoke about the changes to the refuse and recycling collections and said that missed collections were unacceptably high and the District is working with the contractors to improve the situation.

**15/157 Item 4 formal opening of the meeting.** The chairman opened the meeting and explained that there had been a problem with the recording equipment at the last (June) meeting.

**15/158 Item 5 Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from Rother District Cllr Mrs Hart.

**15/159 Item 6 Disclosure of Interests.** No disclosures of interests were made.

**15/160 Item 7 Consider and approve the signing by the Chairman of the attached minutes of the Council meeting of 8th June 2015. Resolved:** the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were approved and signed.

### Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council

**15/161 Item 8 It was resolved** to amend Standing Order 3 concerning members of the public at full council meetings in line with the special motions however with an amendment to 3(s)(vii.) adding the words *with their consent* at the end of the sentence.

**15/162 Item 9 It was resolved** to amend Standing Order 3 concerning the recording of meetings.

**15/163 Item 10 It was resolved that** Microsoft Project Pro for Office 365 should be purchased for the Clerk by way of a monthly subscription costing £15.60 plus VAT.

**15/164 Item 11 It was resolved** to sub contract the Council's small works contractor for one day per week at a cost of £125 per day to maintenance works approved by the Clerk for a trial period of two months following the ward walks.

**15/165 Item 12 Ward Walks** were approved and the Clerk to produce a schedule.

### **15/166 Item 13 Financial Matters**

#### **Resolved:**

- a. Receipts and payments report for June 2015.
- b. Items of payment for July 2015. A list of payments was tabled totalling £15,781.49 represented by 16 bank transfers T041 to T056 sequentially totalling £15,309.91, plus 3 direct debits totalling £241.58 and a standing order of £230.00.
- c. Noted (sight of Winchelsea Beach Community Association Accounts and payment of agreed grant of £1725 to be funded from 1225 Donations)
- d. Noted (Clerk to proceed with the listed projects.)

**15/167 Item 14 Rye Harbour ward questionnaire.** It was resolved to issue with the questionnaire with an additional question about affordable housing.

**15/168 Item 15 Sussex Police Local Policing Model.** The Clerk was asked to find out what exactly the proposal about Parish funding was and how it would work and to raise the issue with the Rother Clerks network.

**15/169 Item 16 Schedule of meetings and request to join a group.** It was resolved that Cllr Tollett become a member of the Open Spaces Working Group and the Clerk will prepare a schedule of meetings of Committees and Working Groups.

**15/170 Item 17 Grant application from Sussex Wildlife Trust.** It was resolved to make a grant payment of £450 towards landscape improvements to be funded from *1225 Donations* (provision already made in this budget.)

**15/171 Item 18 Field Gate, Jubilee Playground, Winchelsea.** The Clerk was given approval to proceed with the installation of the gate (resolved in minute ref: 14/200) to a maximum sum of £875 funded from *2208 Fencing* and to send a letter of thanks to the Winchelsea Archaeological Society for their help.

**15/172 Item 19 RDC's consultation on the Licensing Authorities Review of its Statement of principles under the Gambling Act 2005.** No comment to be made in line with RDC's recommendation of no changes.

Matters for information or noting.

**15/173 Item 20 Programme of works for July.** The Clerk was asked to review the format of the list and to chase up the dates of the Streetgames sessions. ESCC Glazier was asked if the County could tidy up the Greyfriars Flat site and it was confirmed that quotes had been sought for the repairs to Icklesham Pavilion.

**15/174 Item 21 Report back from Planning Committee.** Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 were noted.

**15/175 Item 22 Allotment Update** - noted.

**15/176 Item 23 Correspondence** – noted.

**15/177 Item 24 Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events.**

Cllr Warren reported on the Youth Council and that a report would be brought to Council in the autumn. He highlighted that a Facebook page had been set up and five members would be attending training from SPARKS. Cllr Mrs Stanford attended a HORAC meeting where fishing quotas were discussed. Cllr Stanford highlighted the issues facing local fisherman and will be bringing the matter to a future council meeting. The Chairman attended a Rye Partnership meeting alongside Cllr Moore and gave a brief update.

**15/178 Item 25 Staffing Matters Update** – to be taken in the confidential session in accordance with Standing Order 11.

**15/179 Item 26 Future meetings or events.**

The training for new councillor event on the 14<sup>th</sup> July was discussed.

**15/180 Item 27 Date and venue for next meeting.** The next full council meeting was confirmed as Monday 10th August 2015 at the Court Hall, Winchelsea commencing at 7:15pm and to be followed by a ward walk of Winchelsea.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.