

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

**Present:** Councillors: R Davis, J Horsman, A Moore, 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,) ESCC Cllr Glazier and RDC Cllr. Mrs Hart and Cllr. Osborne.

**17/207 Item 1 The Chairman invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council.** Mr Clarke of Winchelsea raised the issue of the poor state of the Cricket Field, Winchelsea allotments and that planned maintenance work has not taken place.

**17/208 Item 2 To receive reports and ask questions of the County and District Councillors.** Cllr Glazier reported that budget setting is underway and that making £22m of savings will be difficult; 60% of the budget is spent on adult social care particularly the elderly and that the county has the second highest population of over 60s in the country. Cllr Osborne said the future governance of Bexhill will be looked at this month as well as on street parking enforcement. Cllr Mrs Hart had circulated her update before the meeting (see website) and highlighted the issue of webcasting council meetings and the associated costs. Councillors took questions on the withdrawal of the Rye Harbour Bus Service and fuel poverty caused by the implementation of Universal Credit.

**17/209 Item 3 Apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllrs. Ms Austen, Mrs Lyward and Mrs Merricks.

**17/210 Item 4 Disclosures of Interests.** There were none.

**17/211 Item 5 It was resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**Matters requiring a decision by the Council**

**17/212 Item 6 Open Spaces Working Group meeting of 26th October 2017.** The draft minutes were noted and the following was resolved:

**1** Cllr Sutton is a member of the group

**4** that the posts for the portable fencing be installed permanently

**7b** that an additional £200 is approved for the Pitch Improvement Programme survey

**7d** that the Clerk asks ESCC to remove the dangerous fingerpost in Harbour Field

**17/213 Item 7 Allotment Committee meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.** The draft minutes were noted and the following was resolved:

**5a** A mini digger will be hired for an additional two days at a cost of approximately £175 per day

**5c** The Clerk to ask the tenant at Cricket Field (copy to the National Trust) for permission to use ferrets

**5d** That black sheeting will be purchased as part of the clearance costs and put on cleared plots to prevent weeds

**5e** The small works contractor is asked for a price to sink a well at Pear Tree Marsh Allotment site.

**17/214 Item 8 Grant requests from Rye Harbour Village Hall and Winchelsea Beach Community Association.** The accounts were noted and it was resolved to approve the grants agreed in the 2017/18 budget.

**17/215 Item 9 Rother District Council consultation of Public Spaces Protection Order. It was resolved to** respond that all measures would be useful in the parish and that the fly tipping one should be expanded to include all aspects of fly tipping and fly posting (not just beside a bin) and that the council looks forward to them being enforced.

**17/216 Item 10 Rother District Council 2018 Boundary Review revised proposal.** There was no change for the parish – noted.

**17/217 Item 11 Rother District Council stakeholder engagement – on street parking. It was resolved to** respond to the three posed questions as follows:

Q1 Yes

Q2 As early as possible

Q3 No comment.

**17/218 Item 12 Rural Rother Trust. It was resolved to** donate £100 to the trust.

**17/219 Item 13 Traffic Calming Winchelsea Speed Survey.** The report had not been received from ESCC so the matter will be brought back to the council.

**17/220 Item 14 The notice of an application for planning permission for Icklesham pavilion** was noted.

**17/221 Item 15 Financial Matters. It was resolved to approve:**

- a. **Receipts and payments** report for October 2017.
- b. **Items for payment** in November 2017. A list of payments was tabled totalling £13,096.27 represented by bank transfers T/469 to T/492 sequentially totalling £11,712.12 plus 4 direct debits totalling £1,154.15, 1 standing order totalling £230. October receipts totalled £2,927.16
- c. Cllr P Turner to have third party access to the online banking service.

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

**17/222 Item 16** the completion of the **external audit by PFK Littlejohn** with full assurance and no comment was noted. Thanks were given to the officers.

**17/223 Item 17**The Planning Committee minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 were noted.

**17/224 Item 18 Programme of Works** for October. The report was noted and verbal updates on progress given: *Icklesham football fencing item to be removed, ESCC report on the Winchelsea Beach bus shelter received but outstanding questions, vandalised bench at Icklesham near the noticeboard, allotments let.*

**17/225 Item 19 Correspondence** – noted plus a letter of thanks from Amber Rudd MP about the sewer flooding meeting at Winchelsea Beach.

**17/226 Item 20 Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events.** Cllr Mrs Stanford had attended a meeting of HORAC.

**17/227 Item 21 Future meetings or events.** Staffing Committee meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November was noted.

**17/228 Item 22 Date and venue for next meeting.** The next full council meeting was confirmed as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Winchelsea New Hall commencing at 7:15pm.

Meeting closed.