

Draft Minutes: Monday 14th November 2016 the New Hall, Winchelsea, 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors: Ms J Austen, B Davis, J Horsman, Mrs C Merricks, A Moore, D Smedley, H Sutton, Mrs J Stanford, H Sutton, P Turner (Chairman,) S Turner and N Warren.

In attendance: J Cannings (Deputy Clerk) and Rother District Council Councillors Mrs S Hart and P Osborne.

16/208 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the chairman (meeting started at 7.15 pm.) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded.

16/209 Item 2 Comments or questions from members of the public. Mr Clarke of Winchelsea was delighted to hear of the council's project to fence one side of the Cricket Field allotment site but said fencing was needed on all sides in order to stop easy entry by rabbits. The Chairman thanked Mr Clarke and explained that once the west side was cleared the council will be assessing the fencing situation.

16/210 Item 3 To receive reports and ask questions of the County and District Councillors. Cllr Mrs Hart outlined the recommendations for Rother's intended Public Realm Strategic Framework. The Framework will have a wide remit and have a positive effect throughout the District. She also referred to the Development & Site Allocations Plan which will shortly be available for public consultation and invited members to let her know of any issues they wish to discuss. She reported on training by the Association of Carers and the need for volunteers that also that she had recently been on an RDC tour to raise awareness of affordable housing and was impressed by the range of schemes. Finally, she noted that yellow lines had been painted in the RH turning circle. Cllr Mrs Hart took questions. Cllr Osborne reported on the BT consultation on the removal of phone boxes and the RDC consultation (which is on the website) on the proposed 2% increase on Council Tax. He also talked about the Rother Rural Trust and its function in assisting with modest grants to those in need. The Trust is funded mainly by legacies and donations from rural parish councils and said any donation would be much appreciated. Cllr Osborne took questions. The Deputy Clerk reported on 2 Winchelsea matters that ESCC Councillor Glazier had asked her to pass on: The Greyfriars Flat site had been cleared, architects have been in and hope to submit a planning application by Christmas. Spring Steps – the Highway Steward thought they had been cleared but would be checking tomorrow and implementing the work if not.

16/211 Item 4 Apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Lyward and ESCC Cllr Glazier.

16/212 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests. There were none.

16/213 Item 6 It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the 10th October 2016.

Matters requiring a decision by the Council.

16/214 Item 7 Draft minutes of the Open Spaces Working Group meeting of 24th October 2016 and recommendations for council approval. The minutes were noted and it was resolved to approve all the recommendations.

16/215 Item 8 Tree Survey. The report was noted. It was noted that one tree appeared to have been missed from the survey. The Deputy Clerk would contact the company to rectify this. It was resolved to accept the recommendations as given (including for allotment sites) but to raise the category of works on one tree from green to amber and that, once the additional tree has been surveyed and the report complete, the Deputy Clerk to obtain a quote for the works.

16/216 Item 9 Review of polling districts and polling places. The report was noted and, as no changes were proposed for Icklesham Parish, no action required.

16/217 Item 10 Rother Voluntary Action AGM Thursday 30th November, Flimwell. Noted. There were no volunteers for attendance.

16/218 Item 11 Grant application from Rye Harbour Sailing Club. As per Minute 16/121, the Club had submitted a second (updated) grant application for further funding. The application was noted and it was resolved to approve the grant.

16/219 Item 12 Training and conferences. The East Sussex ALC spring conference on Tuesday 14th March 2017 in Hellingly at a cost of £40 per delegate plus VAT and the SLCC branch meeting on 9th December in Battle were noted., along with the Clerk's recommendation to postpone booking the SALC conference until an agenda is available.

16/220 Item 13 Financial Matters. It was resolved to approve:

- a. Receipts and payments report for October 2016.
- b. The new pay scale for officers effective from 1st April 2016.
- c. To approve items for payment for November 2016. A list of payments was tabled totalling £12,911.34 represented by bank transfers T/271 to T/289 sequentially totalling £11,280.32 plus 7 direct debits totalling £1,606.02, and Cheque No.3192 for £25.00. The level of the non-domestic rates for RH Car Park & Toilets was raised with a query as to whether any community relief could be applied, or the rates re-assessed. The Deputy Clerk would contact Rother to investigate.

Matters for Information or Noting

16/221 Item 14. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 10th and 24th October 2016. Noted.

16/222 Item 15. To note the minutes of the Flagpole Working Group of 3rd October. Noted.

16/223 Item 16. Programme of Works for October. Progress noted. Various matters were raised which would have to be on the next agenda as required a decision.

16/224 Item 17. To note that the Rother District Council Seminar will take place on 23rd November 2016, the Clerk or Deputy Clerk to attend. Noted.

16/225 Item 18. To note the Autumn Stakeholder Newsletter from Southern Water. Noted.

16/225 Item 19. To note that Southern Water will attend the next meeting to update Council about progress made with the flooding and sewage issues at Winchelsea Beach and allow residents to ask questions. Noted.

Correspondence.

16/226 Item 20. (i) Email from Mr Haden dated 28th October 2016 about Winchelsea Beach. To be on next agenda as decision on reply required; (ii) Letter from Amber Rudd re bus turning circle at RH. To be on next agenda as decision on reply required. Contacting the Crime Commissioner was also suggested.

16/227 Item 21. Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events. Cllr Mrs Stanford reported attendance at a HORAC meeting. She said the Harbour Master does a good job and the port is thriving. Amber Rudd was involved with the local fishermen and the implications of brexit. Cllr Warren, along with other councillors and the Deputy Clerk had attended the SALC Planning Seminar and reported that it had been a very good, informative presentation.

16/228 Item 22. Future meetings or events. Cllr Mrs Stanford reminded everyone that the Mary Stanford Memorial Service would take place on Sunday 20th November at 3.00pm.

16/229 Item 23. Date and venue for next meeting. The next full council meeting was confirmed as Monday 12th December 2016 at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall. Due to the Southern Water presentation being given before the formal meeting commences, the meeting will start earlier than usual. Time to be advised.

Meeting closed 8.20pm.