

Draft Minutes: Monday 14th September 2015 Rye Harbour Village Hall at 7:15 pm

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

In attendance: A Evett (Clerk) J Cannings (Deputy Clerk) and ESCC Glazier.

15/194 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the Chairman. The Chairman asked that a minutes silence be observed for Ken Swift and Peter Stevens who had recently passed away.

15/195 Item 2 Questions from the public. Mr Smedley of Winchelsea thanked the council for the introduction of name plates for the councillors. Mr Mears of Winchelsea expressed his concern that no Winchelsea residents were on the Rye Harbour Toilets and Car Park Working Group despite names of volunteers being submitted and asked that these volunteers were considered. Mrs Jordan of Rye Harbour voiced her concerns about the noise from loud music at the Inkerman's Arms public house. This was supported by Mrs Robins of Rye Harbour who has complained to RDC and confirmed that they had advised that the agreement was that noise levels would be reduced. Other Rye Harbour residents echoed these concerns and Cllr Tollett advised the council that three lots of complaints had been received (now with the clerk) about the loud music at this public house.

15/196 Item 3 Reports from County & District Councillors. Councillor Glazier reported that the cycle path at Rye Harbour, **Graham's Way**, will be officially opened on the 15th September 2015. He asked for views about traffic restrictions and urged cyclists to use the new path. The County has started the budget process for next year and savings need to be made. There will be closer working with other councils to ensure value for money. **Cllr Mrs Stanford** thanked Cllr Glazier for his work on Graham's Way and brought to his attention the planning application for **Churchfields** at Rye Harbour (aggregate distribution.) She asked if the traffic levels could be looked at. Cllr Glazier responded that this was a Highways England matter but he was aware of a planned traffic survey by RDC. Cllr Mrs Stanford mentioned a recent **Rye News** article about speed calming in Winchelsea; she explained that this was factually incorrect in that she fully supported speed calming measures in Winchelsea. **Cllr Tollett** asked for parking restrictions in **Harbour Road** to near the Kingdom Hall and for the bus turning circle to be re-marked and it made clear that no parking was allowed. Cllr Glazier will look into these requests. Cllr Warren asked if the **family support work** in the area was being taken on by social services and what impact it will have on local families. Cllr Glazier confirmed that the support worked resource will reduce from three to one due to budget constraints.

15/197 Item 4 Apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr Ms Austen, Cllr Pope and District Cllrs Mrs Hart and Osborne.

15/198 Item 5 Disclosure of Interests. No disclosures of interests were made.

15/199 Item 6 It was resolved to approve the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the Council meeting of 10th August 2015.

Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council

15/200 Item 7 It was resolved that no further action was required following the testing and removal of the small amount of asbestos found in Harbour Field, Winchelsea Beach at the end of August (Health and Safety Executive has confirmed closure of the incident.)

15/201 Item 8 It was resolved to write letters of complaint about the loud music at the Inkerman's Arms Public House to: RDC Environmental Health Team, RDC Councillors Hart and Osborne for their support, the RDC Licensing Officer, to the PCSO, the publican and the PRS. Standing Orders were suspended to allow for further comments from the public. Mr Stevens of Rye Harbour explained that the previous tenant was not allowed to play live or loud music.

15/202 Item 9 It was resolved to purchase a replacement rope for the Rye Harbour Flag Pole at an approximate cost of £140 plus VAT from *2405 Flagpole Survey and Maintenance*. The small overspend was noted.

15/203 Item 10 It was resolved that the Council has no legal authority to apply for criminal compensation payments for the landowner affected by fly tipping in Rye Harbour. The Clerk will contact the landowner.

15/203 Item 11 It was resolved to approve the Allotment Application Form with one minor amendment to paying in one instalment and the Terms of Reference for the Open Spaces Working Group. It was agreed that the allotment form will go to all new and existing tenants. The minutes of previous meetings were noted as was the verbal update given by Cllr Warren on the allotment inspections. Cllr Mrs Merricks confirmed that the correct name of the Trust group dealing with the pavilion at Icklesham is the Icklesham Trust Pavilion Working Group and asked that this name is used.

15/204 Item 12 It was resolved to approve the response on Rother District Council's Draft Statement of Community Involvement. The Clerk was asked to write to all Rother Clerks to share our comments.

15/205 Item 13 Cllr Warren proposed approval of a charge card or credit card with a full balance clearance with a limit of £2000 rather than a debit card. **This amendment was agreed and resolved.**

15/206 Item 14 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a. Receipts and payments report for August 2015.
- b. Items of payment for September 2015. A list of payments was tabled totalling £6,758.31 represented by 17 bank transfers T075 to T091 sequentially totalling £6256.83, plus 3 direct debits totalling £96.27, 2 cheques totalling £175.21 CHQ3172 to CHQ3173 and a standing order of £230.00.
- c. Noted (sight of Rye Harbour Village Hall Association Accounts and payment of agreed grant of £1725 to be funded from *2601 Donations*)
- d. Cllr Tollet will conduct the bank reconciliation for the previous quarter.

Matters for information or noting.

15/207 Item 15 Programme of works for August. Cllr Mrs Stanford said that the fingerposts at Rye Harbour would take a bit longer due to EA liaison, review at the end of the year. Cllr Mrs Lyward asked for laminated signs to be installed in the Harbour Field play area, and the Clerk advised that her request for additional benches would need to be considered as a budget item.

15/208 Item 16 Report back from Planning Committee. Minutes of 10th and 24th August 2015 were noted as was the Notice Boards Document Display Policy of 2012.

15/209 Item 17 The next *meet the councillor* event on the 19th September at Rye Harbour was noted.

15/210 Item 18 The initial meeting of Rye Harbour Toilets and Working Group was noted.

15/211 Item 19 Ward walks and actions were noted.

15/212 Item 20 Future Meetings – the updated list was noted and the Clerk advised that the Amber Rudd MP Public Meeting about flooding in Winchelsea Beach has been postponed.

15/213 Item 21 Correspondence The letter from a Winchelsea Beach resident about speeding was noted. There will be a future agenda item to discuss speeding in Winchelsea Beach.

15/214 Item 22 Reports of Councillors and Officers on outside bodies and attending events. Cllr Moore attended a Rother Transport Group meeting and urged the county to schedule a later bus from Rye to Rye Harbour so that people could travel home from work after 5pm. Cllr Warren attended a Youth Council meeting and advised that the group are focusing on bus stops and shelters. The Chairman attended a RALC meeting as in now on the committee.

15/215 Item 23 Future meetings or events.
Discussed at item 20.

15/216 Item 24 Date and venue for next meeting. The date of the next full council meeting will be changed to Monday 19th October 2015 at the New Hall, Winchelsea commencing at 7:15pm.

Meeting closed.