

Minutes: Monday 8th February 2016 the New Hall, Winchelsea, 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors: Ms J Austen, Mrs C Merricks, A Moore, C Pope, Mrs J Stanford, H Sutton, S Tollett, P Turner (Chairman) and S Turner.

In attendance: A Evett (Clerk.)

16/017 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman paid his respects to Mrs Daphne Davies who recently passed away. He said that Mrs Davies had been instrumental in setting up the Five Villages and that, and other initiatives, have left a lasting legacy in the community. He asked that the Clerk write to Mr Davies and pass on condolences from the Council and thank her for her vision and inspiration. This was unanimously agreed.

16/018 Item 2 Questions from the public. Mr Clarke from Winchelsea asked questions about the lease for the car park and toilets at Rye Harbour. Mr Morris of Winchelsea advised that Rye Town Council are considering a park and ride scheme. Mr Spencer of Winchelsea asked if no parking signs were being procured and asked about Lighting of the Beacon to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

16/019 Item 3 Reports from County & District Councillors. East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Cllr Glazier explained that ESCC are setting the budget for next year and that the Government has agreed that county councils can raise the precept by 2% to offset some of the costs of adult social care. This is on top of a 1.99% increase in the precept. The Secretary of State has announced some transitional funding for county councils amounting to approximately £500k for ESCC. Some of the initiatives funded by ESCC will have to cease and the county has the highest number of over 85 year olds in the country. 70% of the County's budget is spent on 30% of the population.

Rother District Council (RDC) Cllr Mrs Hart will email her report to the Clerk but spoke about the council tax consultation and improvements to the RDC telephony service. Cllr S Turner thanked her for her work to improve the telephone service and asked about the rubbish left near the public conveniences at Winchelsea (referred to RDC in October.)

16/020 Item 4 Apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr Horsman and Warren.

16/021 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests. There were none.

16/022 Item 6 The minutes of the 14th December 2015 were agreed with significant amendments (see attached re-drafted and agreed minutes) and the 11th January 2016 minutes were agreed with amendments to those present; Cllr Sutton had given apologies and Cllr Pope had been present – agreed.

Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council.

16/023 Item 7 Recommendations from the Open Spaces Working Group.

Pear Tree Marsh – it was resolved to accept all recommendations contained in the report.

Icklesham Sports Pavilion - Cllr P Turner recommended that no works come within 2m of the zip wire - **agreed. It was resolved** to accept Cllr Mrs Merricks proposal that the recommendation from the group was rejected and amended as follows: that the Council keeps to the decision it made at the last meeting (January 2016) i.e. build a new pavilion on the existing site, size to be agreed. In the meantime give due consideration to the drawing up of a lease. **Resolved.**

Harbour Field, Winchelsea Beach. The Clerk read out a letter from Rye Bay FC and standing orders were suspended to allow members of the club to speak. Following discussion it was **resolved** not to write separately to Rye Bay FC as they now clearly understood that mowing the grass without permission is a breach of the terms of use.

16/024 Item 8 It was resolved to a. publish the draft lease for the Rye Harbour car park and public conveniences on the website and b. the Clerk was authorised to contact the solicitor to find out what implications there would be of handing back the lease to RDC within its term before continuing with the signing of the lease.

6/025 Item 9 It was resolved to accept the quote from John O'Connor Grounds Maintenance for three years at a cost of £6,491 per year excluding VAT to be funded from *2209 grass cutting* to be awarded with a contract to include a performance review clause.

16/026 Item 10 It was resolved to give retrospective approval for the Chairman, Chairman of the Staffing Committee and the Clerk to attend SSALC HR Training on 22nd February 2016 in Hellingly at a cost of £165 excluding VAT to be funded from *1104 courses and training*.

16/027 Item 11 It was resolved that the Clerk will attend the free AiRS Neighbourhood Planning event on 9th March in East Grinstead.

16/028 Item 12 It was resolved to accept all recommendations for the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations and refer the matter to the Open Spaces Working Group as follows:

- a. Take part in the lighting of the beacons
- b. Work with community groups with any organised events
- c. Register for Clean for the Queen

16/029 Item 13 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a. Receipts and payments report for January 2016 to be presented at the March meeting - noted.
- b. Items of payment for February 2016. A list of payments was tabled totalling £5,588.44 represented by bank transfers T143 to T149 sequentially totalling £3,401.12, plus 2 direct debits totalling £1,597.32, a standing order of £230.00 and a cheque number 3177 for £360. January receipts totalled £1,030.22 VAT refund - noted.

Matters for information or noting.

16/030 Item 14 Programme of works for January 2016 - noted. The Clerk was asked to progress hearing loops and the fire service leaflets.

16/031 Item 15 Report back from Planning Committee. Minutes of 11th January 2016 were noted.

16/032 Item 16 Correspondence Letters from Ms Halpin about Rye Harbour and Mr Edwards about Winchelsea Beach were read out by the Clerk.

16/033 Item 17 Reports from Councillors attending events. None.

16/034 Item 18 Future meetings or events – Winchelsea Beach Flooding - the Clerk reported that the next closed multi-agency meeting organised by Amber Rudd MP will be on Friday 3rd March at her constituency office.

16/035 Item 19 Date and venue for next meeting. The date of the next full council meeting is confirmed as Monday 14th March 2016 at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall commencing at 7:15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.