

Draft Minutes: Monday 9th November 2015 Winchelsea Beach Community Hall at 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors: Ms J Austen, R Davis, Mrs S 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) and J Cannings (Deputy Clerk.)

15/241 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the Chairman.

15/242 Item 2 Questions from the public. Mr James Justice of Winchelsea Beach asked about councillors' declaration of interests, explaining that some residents had queried why Cllr Mrs Lyward had not declared an interest at the public meeting held by Amber Rudd MP at Winchelsea Beach in October. The Chairman explained that as it was a public meeting organised by the MP there was no need for declarations of interest to be made. Mr Justice queried this further and the Chairman explained that it was a matter for each councillor and not the chairman, adding that councillors should take advice and make their declaration of interests as necessary.

Mr Dick Edwards of Winchelsea Beach talked about the broken dog bin at Harbour Field and the amount of litter on the field and in the play area. He asked whether the council could employ a litter picker. The Chairman thanked Mr Edwards for his help with litter picking.

15/243 Item 3 Reports from County & District Councillors. Cllr Glazier (ESCC) reported that potholes are being repaired but residents should continue to report new ones as they appear. He explained that the county council is consulting residents about budget cuts. He had recently attended a meeting with Baroness Williams in London about devolution and that similarities between bids were looked at. Cllr Mrs Stanford asked about potholes in Harbour Road and whether the road would be re-surfaced. Cllr Glazier asked that the holes in this road are reported. He went on to discuss the electoral boundary review. Cllr Mrs Hart (RDC) talked more about Rother's response to the electoral boundary review consultation and read through the written report that she had submitted. Cllr Osborne (RDC) mentioned a local housing development that was causing some residents concern and that this would go to committee ensuring that a site visit is made. He too talked about the electoral boundary review and the impact it could have from a district councillor perspective on the parish.

15/244 Item 4 Apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr J Horsman.

15/245 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests. No disclosures of interests were made. *Cllr Mrs Merricks queried a declaration in regard to item 8 but was advised by the Clerk that it wasn't necessary.*

15/246 Item 6 It was resolved to approve the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the Council meeting of 19th October 2015.

Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council

15/247 Item 7 It was resolved to reject Cllr Tollett's proposal to the **limited use of the land behind Pound Field Bund, Rye Harbour** as solicitor's advice clearly stated that the covenant on the land did not allow it to be used for any purpose other than public open space and amenity land. It was agreed to ask Mr Yates from the Sussex Wildlife Trust about planting for the area.

15/248 Item 8 It was resolved to take no further action, in line with solicitor's advice, on the **registration of parish land** (Memorial Hall, Icklesham) and that the matter be formally closed.

15/249 Item 9 It was resolved to grant Cllr P Turner approval **to destroy the hard drive of the old parish laptop** and arrange for it to be disposed of.

15/250 Item 10 It was resolved to make no comment on the **Electoral Boundary Review**.

15/251 Item 11 It was resolved to make no comment on the **draft East Sussex, South Downs, and Brighton and Hove waste and minerals site plan** as there appears to be no impact on the parish.

15/252 Item 12 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a. Receipts and payments report for October 2015.
- b. Items of payment for November 2015. A list of payments was tabled totalling £427.83 represented by bank transfers T107 to T116 sequentially totalling £3543.23, plus 2 direct debits totalling £101.60, 1 cheque totalling £400 CHQ3176 and a standing order of £230.00. October 2015 receipts totalled £3,436.99.
- c. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Merricks will be an authorised approver for online banking payments.
- d. A debit card for the clerk and deputy was agreed with a maximum transaction value of £500 or up to £2,000 with the permission of the chairman, or if absent, the vice chairman.

Matters for information or noting.

15/253 Item 13 Programme of works for October. Cllr Mrs Stanford reported that work on installing the fingerpost at Rye Harbour was progressing.

15/254 Item 14 Report back from Planning Committee. Minutes of 12th and 26th October 2015 were noted.

15/255 Item 15 Correspondence the Clerk read out a letter from Mr John Rodley dated 3rd November 2015 thanking the council for the donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

15/256 Item 16 Reports from Councillors attending events. Cllr Mrs Stanford attended the recent HORAC meeting where one of the subjects discussed was a meeting with the minister about fishing quotas.

15/257 Item 17 Future Meetings – none.

15/258 Item 18 Date and venue for next meeting. The date of the next full council meeting is confirmed as Monday 14th December 2015 at the Icklesham Memorial Hall commencing at 7:15pm.

Meeting closed.