

**Minutes: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the Icklesham Memorial Hall, 7:15 pm**

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

**16/057 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the Chairman.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**16/058 Item 2 Questions from the public.** There were no questions.

**16/059 Item 3 Reports from County & District Councillors.** Rother District Council (RDC) Cllr Osborne reminded residents to register to vote and that the date of the EU referendum has been set. He mentioned the self-build scheme launched at Rother and asked those interested to register. He has referred a query about glass collection in Winchelsea to RDC and will look into the problem with the dog bin on the main road at Icklesham.

**16/060 Item 4 Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Hart (RDC) and Cllr Glazier (ESCC.)

**16/061 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests.** Cllr Warren declared a personal interest in items 10 and 11 as he is **the Secretary** ~~Chairman~~ of the Icklesham Trust and Cllr Moore declared a late personal interest in item 8.

**16/062 Item 6** The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were agreed an amendment to 16/039 removing the **s** from the word **sand** to make it **and** (3<sup>rd</sup> from the last word.)

**Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council.**

**16/063 Item 7 Financial Matters.**

**Resolved:**

- a. Receipts and payments report for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- b. Items of payment for April 2016. A list of payments was tabled totalling £8,933.38 represented by bank transfers T163 to T180 sequentially totalling £7,942.15, plus 3 direct debits totalling £268.54, a standing order of £230.00 and cheques numbers 3179 and 3180 totalling £492.69. Thanks were given to Cllr Mrs Lyward for the refreshments at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.
- c. Unspent, earmarked funds from the 2015/16 budget brought forward to the 2016/17 budget.
- d. Membership of the South East Employers for an annual fee of £197 plus purchase of the Green Book CD at £10.

**16/064 Item 8** *Cllr Moore repeated his personal interest and left the room for the duration of the item. It was resolved* to approve the payment of a grant to **Rye & District Community Transport of £4,000** (as allocated in the budget.)

**16/065 Item 9 Tree Survey. It was resolved** to accept the quote from **Landscape Services for £1,600** plus VAT to be funded from *2237 Tree Survey*.

**16/066 Item 10 Icklesham Recreation Ground Path.** *Cllr Warren repeated his personal interest in the item. It was resolved* to refer the matter to the Open Spaces Working Group for consideration.

**16/067 Item 11 New Sports Pavilion, Icklesham.** *Cllr Warren repeated his personal interest and was granted permission to speak. It was resolved* to support in principle and subject to planning permission plan 3a in a revised position in line with the December 2015 decision that no works come within 3m of the zip wire.

**16/068 Item 12 Removal of old play equipment, Winchelsea. It was resolved** to accept the quote from HAGS-SMP for £21,322.40 excluding VAT to be funded from *2221 new play equipment*. The resulting overspend on budget of £1,088.16 to be met from general reserves was noted and the Clerk noted that lessons should be learned from this project. The Clerk was authorised to proceed.

**16/069 Item 13 PWLB Loan (new play equipment.) It was resolved** to authorise the Clerk to apply for a PWLB loan of £14,000 over 20 years as previously agreed. Thanks were given to the Deputy Clerk for her hard work.

**16/070 Item 14 Rye Harbour Car Park and Toilets Lease start date of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 subject to condition survey. It was resolved** that in accordance with Standing Order 22b that the Council's common seal shall alone be used for sealing the Rye Harbour Car Park and Toilets lease by law and that it shall be applied by the Proper Officer in the presence of two councillors who shall sign the deeds as witnesses.

**16/071 Item 15 Annual Parish Health and Safety Risk Assessment.** The report was noted and **it was resolved** to authorise the small works contractor to undertake all general maintenance work identified and await the results of the specialist play equipment survey before undertaking any specialist works.

**16/072 Item 16 Rother Rural Trust. It was resolved** to donate £250 and to publicise the initiative *to be funded from 1225 donations.*

**16/073 Item 17 Rye Bay Football Club. It was resolved** to allow the posts to be taken down at Harbour Field on May 19<sup>th</sup> and be put up on August 18<sup>th</sup> and for the Club's presentation event to be held there on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June with a revised day of 3<sup>rd</sup> July in the event of poor weather, to include a bouncy council and donkey rides, subject to satisfaction of the usual conditions.

**16/074 Item 18 Celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was resolved** to plant 90 daffodil bulbs at the side of main roads to be co-ordinated by Cllr Mrs Stanford as a community project with an indicative price of £80 funded from 2246 small works.

**16/075 Item 19 Rye Rotary Club Donation. It was resolved** to donate £10 from 1103 Chairs Allowance for the loan of the projector.

**16/076 Item 20 Casual Vacancy.** It was noted that a valid request for an election had not been received by RDC and that the Council would advertise the vacancy.

**16/077 Item 20a Addendum Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review Public Consultation. It was resolved** to authorise the Clerk to submit a strongly worded letter opposing the draft recommendations and that councillors should consider personal submissions.

Matters for information or noting.

**16/078 Item 21 Programme of works for March 2016** - noted. Cllr Stanford advised that there was a delay with the fingerposts due to investigation about the land at the turning circle, Cllr Warren advised that the Youth Council will submit a proposal for the painting of the Rye Harbour bus shelter and Cllr Tollett advised that the Inkerman's Arm will resume live music on 1<sup>st</sup> May from 4-7pm (the Clerk will advise RDC.)

**16/079 Item 22 Report back from Planning Committee.** Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were noted.

**16/080 Item 23 Correspondence noted.**

**16/081 Item 24 Reports from Councillors attending events.** Cllr Mrs Stanford reported on the HORAC meeting and the Chairman reported on the Rye Partnership Annual Meeting.

**16/082 Item 25 Future meetings or events** – Special Council Meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at the Court Hall, Winchelsea commencing at 7.15pm.

**16/083 Item 26 Date and venue for next meeting.** The date of the next full council meeting is confirmed as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (annual Meeting) at the Rye Harbour Village Hall commencing at 7:15pm. Please note the Special Council meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7.15pm, Court Hall, Winchelsea.

Meeting closed.