

Minutes: Monday 11th July 2016 the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall, 7:15 pm

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

In attendance: A Evett (Clerk) and J Cannings (Deputy Clerk) and East Sussex County Councillor (ESCC) Keith Glazier.

16/134 Item 1 Welcome to the meeting by the chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded.

16/135 Item 2 Comments or questions from members of the public. Mr Smedley of Winchelsea asked why Mrs Hollands had resigned her position as a councillor and why she hadn't attended previous meetings. Mrs Mears of Winchelsea said that she had emailed Winchelsea councillors but hadn't received a reply. Cllr S Turner queried this and the addresses she had used as no email had been received by him. Ms Bailey of Icklesham asked about the local needs housing meeting on the 22nd July and said that some residents were unaware of the meeting.

16/136 Item 3 Reports from County & District Councillors. ESCC Cllr Glazier explained that the grass cutting team were catching up with their cutting schedule. He said that the new reporting app would be available in the next few weeks. He attended a devolution meeting in Horsham with twenty three partners developing a case to take on devolved duties; he will be talking to MPs in London this week to take this forward.

16/137 Item 4 Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Davis and RDC Cllrs Mrs Hart and Cllr Osborne.

16/138 Item 5 Disclosures of Interests. Cllr S Turner and Cllr Warren both declared personal interests in item 11, Village Hall grants.

16/139 Item 6 The minutes of the 13th June 2016 were approved and signed with an amendment to insert the word 'Beach' in minute reference 16/125 to read *Winchelsea Beach Bus Shelter*.

Matters requiring a decision by the Council.

16/140 Item 7 Minutes of the Open Spaces Working Group (OSWG) meeting of 21st June 2016 and recommendations. It was resolved to approve all recommendations. Cllr Warren advised that the recently installed Freerider play equipment at Winchelsea Beach had broken and will be removed for repair and investigation. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Davis for all of the work that he has personally undertaken for the Council in our open spaces.

16/141 Item 8 Harbour Field, Winchelsea Goal Posts. It was resolved to approve the request from Rye Bay FC to extend the pitch (nearest to the Pavilion) in the direction of the play area on the basis that the other pitches are not moved and to be reviewed in one year.

16/142 Item 9 Pound Field, Rye Harbour Goal Posts. It was resolved **not** to move the posts on the basis that there had been only one complaint and that the claims of anti-social behaviour were being dealt with by the District.

16/143 Item 10 Tree Survey. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Corsican Associates of £450 to be funded from 2237 *Tree Survey* and that references should be taken and a standard contract.

16/144 Item 11 Village Hall Grants, Icklesham Memorial Hall and Winchelsea New Hall. Cllrs S Turner and N Warren repeated their personal interests. It was resolved to approve the payment of grants of £1725 respectively as agreed in the budget to be funded from 2601 *Grants to Village Halls*.

16/145 Item 12 Hedge Cutting at Pear Tree Marsh (PTM) Allotments. It was resolved to accept the quote from M Saunders of £200 for three cuts per year to be funded from 2209 *Grounds Maintenance*.

16/146 Item 13 The resignation of Cllr Mrs Hollands. The Chairman explained that the matter was being dealt with under Standing Order 10 subsection 18 as an urgent matter as the Chairman, had not, at the time of posting the agenda, received notice of the councillors resignation although it has now been received. The resignation was noted and the Clerk was instructed to inform the District of the casual vacancy.

16/147 Item 14 Financial Matters. Resolved:

- a. Receipts and payments report for June 2016
- b. Items of payment for July 2016. A list of payments was tabled totalling £35,940.59 represented by bank transfers T/213 to T/232 sequentially totalling £35,208.14 plus 4 direct debits totalling £402.45, a standing order of £230.00 and a cheque number 3190 for £100.

Matters for information or noting.

16/148 Item 15 Programme of works - noted. Cllr S Turner will let the Clerk know who manufactured the Winchelsea interpretation board and they will jointly investigate the costs for a new board. Cllr Tollett advised that the zip wire at Rye Harbour is a resounding success.

16/149 Item 16 Correspondence – noted.

South East Employers Newsletter – The Chairman will be the Council's representative; Romney Marsh Partnership, Clerk to invite them to a future meeting; PCSOs, Clerk to request a quarterly report.

16/150 Item 17 Reports from Councillors attending events. Cllr Mrs Stanford reported on a meeting of HORAC where the Council was thanked for their support of Rye Harbour Sailing Club amongst other matters.

16/151 Item 18 Future meetings or events – the Chairman will be attending a RALC meeting and the Clerk will be attending a meeting at RDC. There will be a public meeting on the 22nd July 2016, 7pm at the Memorial Hall, Icklesham, about local needs housing. Posters to be displayed to supplement the notice in *Fixtures*.

16/152 Item 19 Date and venue for next meeting. The date of the next full council meeting is confirmed as Monday 8th August 2016 7.15 pm at the Court Hall, Winchelsea. This is the summer meeting and will have a limited agenda.

Meeting closed.