

Minutes: Monday 12th March 2018 at the Icklesham Memorial Hall, 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors: R Davis, J Horsman, A Moore, D Smedley, H Sutton, S Tollett, P Turner (Chairman) and N Warren.

In attendance: Mrs J Cannings (Deputy Clerk,) ESCC Cllr Glazier and RDC Cllrs. Mrs Hart and Osborne.

18/040 Item 1 the Chairman invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council. There were none.

18/041 Item 2 to receive reports and ask questions of the County and District Councillors. Cllr Glazier reported that he had been out with the Highways Steward to Dogs Hill Road in relation to an issue raised by a resident at the APM. Cllr Glazier was not sure what could be achieved and whether just reinstating the verge would be sufficient but advised that the W.B. works schedule was being revamped and it would be included.

Cllr Mrs Hart had sent a report prior to the meeting. She said that although Eastern Rother parish councils give donations to the Rural Rother Trust, none make recommendations to the Trust on behalf of individuals who need help and urged members to do so. She reminded members of the upcoming meeting at Rye Harbour the next day for residents and the Sussex Wildlife Trust and hoped as many people as possible would attend as it was a chance to put questions to the Trust about the Discovery Centre development. Cllr Mrs Hart referred to the ESCC mowing cuts and advised that Rother was going to step into the breach and, for one year only, carry out the verge cuts that ESCC will no longer be doing in the parish. She went on to say that Rother was developing a Public Realm Strategy and, within that, a Strategic Maintenance Framework for things such as repairing roads to ensure that they are done properly. She hopes ES Highways and Highways England will work in partnership.

Cllr Osborne reported on many recommendations put forward by the RDC Civil Parking Enforcement Task Group for decriminalised parking which will be considered at the March meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

18/042 Item 3 Apologies for absence. a) Apologies received from Cllrs. Ms Austen, Mrs Lyward, Mrs Merricks, Mrs Stanford and Cllr S Turner. b) There were no requests for reasons for absence.

18/043 Item 4 Disclosures of Interests. Cllr Warren declared a personal interest in item 7 as Secretary of Icklesham Trusts.

18/044 Item 5 To consider and approve the signing by the Chairman of the attached minutes of the Council meeting of 12th February 2018 and to note the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 5th March 2018. Cllr Warren requested that his personal interest, declared at the start of 18/021, was added to item 18/019. **With this addition, it was resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the 12th February 2018. The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 5th March 2018 were noted.

Matters requiring a decision by the Council

18/045 Item 6 Data Protection Officer Service. It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation of the Clerk to use the service of the Local Council Public Service at a cost of £150 per year for the enhanced package.

Cllr Warren reminded those present of his personal interest.

18/046 Item 7 Icklesham Summer Fete and Flower Show. It was **resolved** to grant permission for the Trust to hold their annual event at the Icklesham Recreation Ground on Saturday 4th August 2018, subject to the usual conditions.

18/047 Item 8 Consultations. The Clerk seeks members' views on:

- a) Review of Local Government Ethical Standards - no comments.
- b) Traffic Sensitive Streets, East Sussex County Council. **Resolved** to query why the A259 in the parish was not included.

18/048 Item 9 ESCC Grass Cutting Savings. The County Council will be reducing urban grass cuts from six to two from April 2018 and proposed two options:

- a) To make a financial contribution of around £1,144 per annum to the parish council to make their own cutting arrangements or:
- b) To charge in the region of £2,289 per annum for additional cuts.

In view of the news from Cllr Mrs Hart that Rother would be undertaking the cuts axed by ESCC in 2018, **it was resolved** that option b) would be accepted for the following year 2019/20; the Clerk to inform ESCC.

18/049 Item 10 Temporary road closure of Dogs Hill Road, permission to divert traffic to Smeatons Lane. Further information was needed. **Resolved** defer to the next meeting.

18/050 Item 11 Football at Icklesham Recreation Ground. The Clerk's recommendation was amended and **it was resolved** that weekly inspections take place, undertaken by the Football Club and Clerk.

18/051 Item 12 Financial Matters. It was resolved to approve:

- (a) Receipts and Payments report for February.2018
- (b) Items of payment for March 2018. A list of payments were authorised totalling £6,540.27 represented by bank transfers T/543 to T/562 sequentially totalling £6,019.91, plus two direct debits totalling £223.36, one standing order for £230.00 and cheque no 3204 for £67.00.

Matters for Information or Noting

18/052 Item 13 Email from Mr Rupert Clubb of ESCC about the way forward with the Libraries Strategic Commissioning Strategy – noted.

18/053 Item 14 The **Planning Committee** minutes of 12th and 26th February 2018 were noted.

18/054 Item 15 Programme of Works for February - progress was noted.

18/055 Item 16 Correspondence, email from Mr John Collins advising the new Monitoring Officer for Rother after he leaves on April 8th - noted.

18/056 Item 17 Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events.

The Deputy Clerk reported attending the SALC Spring Conference which included presentations from Rupert Clubb, ESCC, on Partnership Working and Giles York, Chief Constable of Sussex on policing. Huw Merriman, MP for Battle and Bexhill was keynote speaker and took questions. The Deputy Clerk had also taken part in an RBS Webinar on GDPR which looked at the implications in relation to operating their various software programmes and what changes they (RBS) would be making to the software to aid compliance for users.

18/057 Item 18 Future meetings or events. The Staffing Working Group meeting on 26th March after the Planning Committee meeting at the Court Hall and an Allotments Committee meeting on 23rd April were noted. A meeting of the OSWG would be arranged for April.

18/058 Item 19 Date and venue for next meeting. The next full council meeting was confirmed as Monday 9TH April 2018 at the Winchelsea New Hall commencing at 7:15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.