

## **FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.15pm.**

Present: Councillors A. Mier (Chairman), Mrs J. Annetts, Mrs C. Gallagher, Rev. V. Gibbs, A. King, S. Leadbetter and D. Thatcher. Also present: Dist Cllr R. Bird, Parish Clerk J. Edmunds and 21 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced Murray Davidson and Fiona Wellings who had been invited to come and talk about the Hastings Country Park Visitor Centre.

**15123      Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Greenup and Dist. Cllr C. Saint.

**15124      Agenda additions:** None.

**15125      Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:** None

**15126      To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting, were approved and signed by The Chairman as a correct record.

**15127      Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda:** The Chairman thanked the 6 Councillors and an unknown young lady (who was passing and believed to be a local Carer) for the help in spreading the new Playbark over the Play Area in Wood Field.

**15128      Visitor Centre**

The Chairman firstly thanked Murray Davidson (Hastings Borough Council) and Fiona Wellings (Groundworks South) for giving up their time and coming to address the Parish Council regarding the present position with the Visitor Centre on Hastings Country Park. Haydon Luke as Fairlight's representative on the Project Board was also present and welcomed.

The Chairman then suspended Standing Orders to give the guests chance to address the Council.

Murray Davidson gave a brief overview of the vision which HBC has for the Visitor Centre and the reasons why a new centre is needed. He explained the set up between the partners (HBC, Friends of Hastings Country Park and Groundworks Trust) and that the Project Board (including Haydon Luke as Fairlight's representative) would oversee the build. However, at present all the Tenders for the build are higher than the budget agreed. There are now three choices:-

- 1) Go back to the Tenderers with different options
- 2) Use a `flat pack` option – build off site and deliver to site
- 3) Have a more traditional build using bricks and not straw bales.

All of these options will be put to the Project Board in October.

The build is therefore on hold at present with the aim of delivering in 2016.

Murray confirmed that any refreshments on sale were only aimed at the tea and cake brigade, it will be low key and not be a restaurant.

Fiona Wellings explained that Groundworks South Trust is an environmentally based Charity which has been established over 10 years and currently runs a similar project in the Colne Valley. They want to work with and not against the Community and will actively encourage people to use local amenities such as the Coastguard Cafe. They are prepared to allow the Coastguard Cafe to place their menu on site. She also explained that they had canvassed visitors to the area and the requirements for refreshments, was, for tea and cake.

Cllr Leadbetter asked if it would be necessary to go back to the Hastings Planners if a more traditional build was necessary and Murray Davidson thought that was a possibility.

Several other questions were then asked which both MD and FW answered including confirmation that the opening hours would be set at 9-5 as per the planning conditions and there was no present intention to change that. However, no official of HBC could bind the Council as to the future. The old centre may be retained as a storage facility or removed from site.

MD also confirmed that he is prepared to enter into dialogue over Parking Charge allowances to help the area.

MD thanked the Chair for allowing him and FW the opportunity to talk to the PC and welcomed Haydon Luke to the Project Board.

HL asked anyone to contact him should they have concerns about the Visitor Centre or want to know more and explained that he lives close to the site.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 7.42 pm. The Chairman thanked both Murray Davidson and Fiona Wellings for coming and they left the meeting.

15129

**Financial Matters**

**(a) Financial Update**

The Clerk read out the financial report year to date. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

There were no questions.

**(b) Discuss the cctv situation and approve replacement equipment/cost**

The Clerk explained the current issues and explained that it was necessary to replace some of the cctv equipment. It was agreed that the clerk would get some quotes and also approach the Sussex Police for a grant from the Police Property Act fund.

In the meantime, Cllr Mrs Gallagher proposed that the Parish Council authorise a payment of up to £2836.85 to purchase new cctv equipment. This was seconded by Cllr Leadbetter and **Resolved:** all voted in favour.

**(c) Consider and authorise the expenditure for the possible purchase of the Twitten in Woodland Way**

The Clerk explained that an offer to purchase the twitten between 22 and 23 Woodland Way had been made to the owner in April and the reply from the owner's solicitor had been received stating agreement subject to the PC covering their costs of £1000 plus vat. Councillors agreed to the importance of purchasing the Twitten but after seeking independent legal advice as to costs, it was felt the cost was too high. The Clerk was therefore asked to approach the land owner's Solicitors to get a reduced fee. The PC's solicitor had indicated a maximum fee for purchase of £750 plus search fees.

Cllr Leadbetter proposed: 'Authorise the Parish Clerk to negotiate the best price up to a total of £1800 for costs on both sides in order to acquire the Twitten in Woodland Way'

Cllr Mrs Gallagher seconded the proposal. **Resolved.** All voted in favour.

**(d) Hill Road Parking Issue**

Cllr Revd Gibbs explained that she had met Brian Foord from Hill Road Residents on site and they had discussed the issues. East Sussex County Council had advised that Coastguard Lane is in Rother but the land is owned by Hastings BC. ESCC have written to Hastings for permission to allow signs to be put up. No expense is required as yet.

**(e) Notice Board replacement**

It was agreed that a new notice board was needed in Waites Lane and the Clerk will obtain some quotes. Cllr King is having some of the notice boards refurbished at the Village Hall and will ask his contractor if the board at Waites Lane is repairable and likely cost.

**(f) Donation to St Peter's Church**

The Chairman advised that although it had not been necessary to make use of the facilities at St Peter's, they had been considerate enough to make them available. Cllr Thatcher proposed a donation of £15 be made to PCC of St Andrew's (Fairlight) as a gesture of thanks. Cllr Leadbetter seconded the proposal.

**Resolved:** All voted in favour.

**(g) District Valuer fee update**

The Clerk advised there was nothing new to report as no reply had yet been received.

15130

**Future Parish Council Meetings**

The Chairman asked each Cllr in turn where they felt Meetings should be held. All Cllrs apart from Cllr Mrs Annetts (who as a Table Tennis Member could not voice an opinion) wanted to continue with the present arrangements.

15131

**Post Office**

The Chairman explained that as the necessary funding could not be found, the community purchase was no longer going ahead and he has been advised that all funds would be returned to subscribers in due course. The project had not been initiated or run by the PC, but the PC had been willing to support the project by a grant of £30,000. The Chairman expressed his regret that the project had failed, but acknowledged that councillors had not been universally in favour.

15132

**Highways**

The Highways Report had been circulated by Cllr. Revd. Gibbs prior to the Meeting and made available to the Public at the Meeting. The Report is attached as an appendix to these Minutes.

15133

**Planning**

The Planning Committee's report and notes from their meetings for the last month had been circulated prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting.

The Report was noted and is attached as an appendix to these Minutes. Cllr Leadbetter highlighted some of the main points of the report (Windover, Pixie Wood and The Anchorage). Cllr Leadbetter advised Rother have confirmed receipt of the Neighbourhood Plan notice and that Rother now undertake a 4 week consultation on it plus a further 4 weeks to decide on the results. In the meantime, he is working on the Parish Profile with the consultants and also the grant application. Next comes the Initial Project Plan, setting up the Steering group and then start to develop the plan for residents. By the end of September, early October, the position for a display to the public should have been reached.

**15134 Land Management:**

**(a) Monthly Report and (b) dog bin update**

Cllr King reported the following:-

- (1) The new dog bins have arrived and have been fitted. There is someone who will take away the old ones.
  - (2) There is a problem with a bin by the playground in Wood Field as foxes appear to be spreading around half eaten food which has been thrown away. It may therefore need replacing with a more secure bin and an estimate will be obtained by the Clerk.
  - (3) The litter bin at the top of Smuggler`s Way can now be ordered which the Clerk will do.
  - (4) The grass has been cut in Wood Field and looks better for it.
  - (5) Not un-expectedly, some of the new play bark has been thrown around at the Play area.
- The Chairman said he had received positive feedback about the new dog bins.  
Cllr King asked for a vote of thanks for Val King who had carried out the unpleasant task of cleaning out all the old dog bins. All Cllrs agreed.

**(c) Southern Water**

The Chairman recapped the situation and advised that a meeting with SW was due in October.

**(d) Footpath Update**

Cllr Thatcher advised that the stile at the junction with Friars Hill had been replaced and that there is some heavy undergrowth on some of the National Trust land but they only cut back every 7 years. Cllr Thatcher, Paul Reid and other helpers have been cutting back the undergrowth in Knowle Wood which has resulted in forming a nice play area for children. There are pictures on the Fairlight Website. Cllr Mrs Gallagher wanted to know if there was any news on the footpath 20(b) redirection. Cllr Thatcher was not aware of any update.  
Cllr Thatcher advised that the Clerk had spoken to the National Trust about Knowle Wood and a further progress report is hoped for by next meeting.

**15135 Fairlight Preservation Trust**

Paul Capps (Chairman) had given a written report which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and made available to the public at the meeting. It is attached as an appendix to these Minutes. The Chairman gave a précis of the report.

**15136 County and District Councillors Reports:**

County Cllr Maynard was not present and therefore a report was not presented. Dist Cllr Bird gave a short report as there had been no meetings for Rother since the July Fairlight PC meeting. He has however received many telephone calls concerning the development at The Anchorage and the builders have had a stop notice issued upon them by Rother Planners. He did however report that there is no need for vendors to advise prospective purchasers of the presence of Japanese knotweed only the responsibility to stop it spreading. The Environment Agency are responsible for the control of this and not local Planners.  
He also advised that with regard to the open bin in Coastguard Lane near to the Cafe that he understands Rother District Council will be writing to suggest its removal.

**15137 Approval and Payment of Accounts**

The Clerk tabled a list of payments to be made at this meeting.  
Approved as follows:-

| <b>Cheque No.</b> | <b>Payee</b>                         | <b>Gross £</b> | <b>VAT(Reclaimable)</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1700              | AB Fire & Security                   | 49.39          | 8.23                    |
| 1701              | Mrs V King                           | xxxxxx         |                         |
| 1702              | J Edmunds (Sal & Expenses)           | xxxxxx         |                         |
| 1703              | HMRC                                 | xxxxxx         |                         |
| 1704              | Miss T Robertson                     | 30.00          |                         |
| 1705              | D Richards                           | 385.00         |                         |
| 1706              | AB Fire & Security                   | 417.60         | 69.60                   |
| 1707              | J Edmunds (Parker Building supplies) | 338.35         | 56.39                   |

**15138 Information and/or Future Agenda Items**

- **Correspondence**

**Correspondence Received:-**

**AirS**  
**B Patience**  
**Fusion 4**  
**Ian Davison**  
**L Freedman**  
**D Lucas**  
**National Trust**  
**Rother District Council x 2**  
**Southern Water re sewer run x 2**  
**Weekly Rural News**  
**Weekly Police updates**

**Correspondence Sent:**

**AirS**  
**B Patience**  
**D Lucas (Chairman)**  
**Fusion 4**  
**Glasdon**  
**HBC re Visitor Centre**  
**Ian Davison**  
**L Freedman (Chairman)**  
**Mrs Tanner**  
**Murray Davidson**  
**National Trust**  
**Planning Applicant x3**  
**Rother re Contact Centre**  
**Rother x2 re The Anchorage**  
**Southern Water**  
**Stagecoach Bus Services**

- **Bus Service 101 delays**

**15139 Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, 7.15pm at Fairlight.  
The formal part of the meeting closed at 8.51 pm

**Open Forum**

- Keith Jellicoe (resident) had witnessed poor driving in Waites Lane and wanted to make sure that the cctv would be good enough to register car number plates on the system. Cllr Mier assured him it was and certainly any new system would also be good enough. He suggested Keith report the incident directly to the Police.
- There were several comments about the Speed Watch initiative and the response received from some motorists. The consensus was that is a good and useful initiative but if more volunteers came forward, it could be done more often. There is evidence to show that it does slow motorists down.
- Paul Capps (Fairlight Preservation Trust) told how he had had difficulty in reporting incidents to the Rother Contact Centre and also the Environment Agency. Problems occurred with both telephone calls and emails.

There being no further business, The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed this part of the Meeting at 9.00 pm.

-----  
(Cllr A Mier – Chairman)

**Dated** -----

## APPENDICES

### 1. Highways Report

Not very much to report this month, pothole reporting ongoing as usual. The excessively heavy rain storms earlier this month served to prove if we needed it, that our surface and foul water sewer systems are up to capacity and beyond and cannot cope with so much water. Manhole covers were lifted by the force of the water but apart from one, they went back on their own thankfully. There was a lot of flooding on the roads but not too much damage as far as I know.

In spite of all the rain the flowers especially around our 'bus stops are looking lovely thanks to the dedicated members of the Gardening Club. Thanks to all involved in that project.

Val Gibbs (Revd), Highways Officer. Fairlight Parish Council

### 2. Planning Report

#### **Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

##### **1) Planning Applications**

##### **Planning report week 29**

##### **RR/2015/1824/P**

##### **Thyme Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Fairlight TN35 4EB**

Erection of triple garage with accommodation over, and storage shed.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish council have no objection to this application
- 2) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

##### **Planning report week 30**

##### **RR/2015/1873/P**

##### **Birchen Knoll, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AH**

Change of use of existing outbuildings from general storage to a Leisure Suite with adjoining badminton court.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council has no specific comment to make and is happy to leave it for Rother Planners to determine whether the proposed development is appropriate in this location.
- 2) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

##### **RR/2015/1825/P**

##### **Windover, Sea Road, Fairlight TN35 4DR**

Demolition of existing garage / annexe. Construction of new house on footprint of existing garage/annexe  
Swapping of annexe use from former garage/annexe to original house

Parish Council comments:

- 1) In considering this application Rother should arrange for the engineering report submitted with the application to be independently evaluated. Stability of the cliff is paramount and consent should only be given if it can be demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact.
- 2) Although Windover stands on relatively stable ground the first (eastern) berm does not extend to the base of the cliff at this point and the site is close to the eroding and unprotected area of cliff at Cliff Way. It was noted during a check of the area on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015 that there has been some recent erosion to the foot of the cliff at this location. The third stage works to protect it are not yet finally approved, and it cannot be assumed at this stage that the proposed works will go ahead.
- 3) Reference is made to a recent approval to develop Pangkor opposite the site of Windover. Rather than being a recent approval this is the renewal of an approval originally granted in 2000.
- 4) Should consent be granted a s.106 contribution towards the cost of works to join the existing berms should be required as a condition.
- 5) If consent is given it should be a condition that surface water should be discharged into the main drainage system to protect the cliff.
- 6) In view of the limited access and proximity to the cliff any consent should include a requirement to submit, and get approved, a construction traffic management plan to limit the impact on the area.

- 7) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

**RR/2015/1837/P**

**Birchen Knoll, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AH**

Demolition of conservatory and provision of new two storey extension

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council has no specific comment to make and is happy to leave it for Rother Planners to determine whether the proposed development is appropriate in this location.
- 2) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

**Planning report week 31**

**RR/2015/1962/P**

**Sycamore, Clinton Way, Fairlight TN35 4DL**

Proposed garden room & driveway alterations

Not yet considered by Parish Council

**Planning report week 32**

Nothing for Fairlight

**2) Planning Decisions**

**RR/2015/1289/P**

**72 Lower Waites Lane, Hedgerows, Fairlight TN35 4DD**

Existing bungalow ground floor extension and loft conversion together with the erection of a detached garage with home office over

Decision: Approved

**RR/2015/1579/P**

**Old Granary, Warren Road, Fairlight TN35 4AG**

Erection of single storey extension (renewal of permission RR/2012/1459/P)

Decision: Approved

**RR/2015/1648/P**

**Pixie Wood, Farley Way, Fairlight TN35 4AS**

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of three detached dwellings

Decision: Application withdrawn

**1) Appeals Against Refusal to Grant Planning Permission.**

**APP/U1430/W/15/3006513**

**The Anchorage, The Avenue, Fairlight, Hastings, East Sussex TN35 4DE**

Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of two new dwellings

Decision: Appeal allowed subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The development hereby permitted shall begin no later than three years from the date of this decision.
- 2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 4262.5C, 4262.4B and 4262.3C dated 17.07.14 and 4262.2C dated 11.07.14.
- 3) Prior to the occupation of either of the dwellings hereby permitted, the surface water arising from the site which is in need of disposal shall be disposed of via the foul water drainage system serving the site or via another system approved in writing by the local planning authority.
- 4) Prior to commencement of any works on the site including demolition a method for eradicating or controlling the Japanese Knotweed on the appeal site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. That approved method shall be implemented and carried out on site prior to occupation of either of the dwellings on the site hereby permitted.
- 5) Before construction work is commenced in relation to the development hereby permitted, an area within the site shall be identified for the delivery and storage of construction materials and parking of vehicles the details of which shall be approved in writing by the local planning authority. Such approved area shall be created and retained for the duration of the construction of the two dwellings.

6) The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied until soft and hard landscaping details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority which shall include the following details: a) indications of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land including details of those to be retained, together with measures for their protection in the course of development; b) planting plans; c) written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment); d) hard surface materials; e) implementation programme. All hard and soft landscaping works shall be carried out in accordance with the details approved by the local planning authority.

7) The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the dwellings hereby approved shall be as described in the planning application form.

8) Prior to the first occupation of the dwellings hereby approved, the cloakroom, the stairway and bathroom windows at ground and first floor level within the south-east elevations of both proposed dwellings as indicated on approved drawing 4264.3C shall be glazed with obscured glass of obscurity level equivalent to scale 5 on the Pilkington Glass Scale and shall thereafter be permanently retained in that condition.

9) The dwellings shall not be occupied until parking and turning areas have been provided in accordance with approved plan 4262.2C and these areas shall thereafter be retained for these uses and shall not be used for any other purpose.

10) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any order revoking or re-enacting that order with or without modification) no windows, rooflights or other openings shall be inserted into the dwellings other than those expressly authorised by this permission.

11) Prior to occupation of the dwellings hereby approved the boundary treatment as shown on approved plan 4262.2C shall be erected.

Stephen Leadbetter  
Planning Committee Chairman  
18<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015**  
**Notes of Meeting**

**Present:** Councillors S. Leadbetter (Chairman), A. Mier, Mrs C. Gallagher, Mrs J. Annetts, Revd V. Gibbs  
Mr A Whitley (Thyme Cottage)

**Apologies for Absence -**

**1) Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:**  
None

**2) Planning Applications**

**RR/2015/1579/P**

**Old Granary, Warren Road, Fairlight TN35 4AG**

Erection of Single storey extension (renewal of permission RR/2012/1459/P)

**RR/2015/1664/P**

**Thyme Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Fairlight TN35 4EB**

Discharge section 106 obligation dated 26th October 2005 relating to planning permission RR/2005/1299/P.

**RR/2015/1687/P**

**Holly Lodge Cliff Way Fairlight TN35 4DT**

Disabled ramp for wheelchair use down to garden with garden made level with decking for wheelchair use

Councillors discussed each application and decided that for all of them comments to Rother should be

- 1) Fairlight Parish council have no comment to make on this application
- 2) Any comments made by neighbouring residents should be taken into account.

**3) Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman briefly updated progress on the Neighbourhood Plan but it was agreed that the main update should be given at the Parish council meeting which was to follow.

**4) Any Other Business**

Following the successful appeal against refusal of planning approval for The Anchorage it

was agreed that we would need to monitor that conditions are complied with. This is to ensure that problems that have occurred on other sites within the village are not repeated.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm

### **5) Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 2.30pm in Fairlight Village Hall, subject to confirmation

Stephen Leadbetter  
Fairlight PC Planning Committee Chairman  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## **Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 Notes of Meeting**

**Present:** Councillors S. Leadbetter (Chairman), A. Mier, Revd V. Gibbs, Mr A Whiteley ( Thyme Cottage )

**Apologies for Absence** - Councillors Mrs C. Gallagher and Mrs J. Annetts,

### **3) Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:**

None

### **4) Planning Applications**

#### **RR/2015/1824/P**

#### **Thyme Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Fairlight TN35 4EB**

Erection of triple garage with accommodation over, and storage shed.

Mr Whitely explained that following rejection of his previous application, and discussion with Planning Officers, he had submitted a revised application which he believed would be acceptable.

Councillors discussed the application and had no objections. Comments to Rother to be:

- 3) Fairlight Parish council have no objection to this application
- 4) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

#### **RR/2015/1825/P**

#### **Windover, Sea Road, Fairlight TN35 4DR**

Demolition of existing garage / annexe. Construction of new house on footprint of existing garage/annexe. Swapping of annexe use from former garage/annexe to original house.

Councillors discussed the application which was on a smaller scale than the proposal turned down previously by Rother. Comments to Rother to be:

- 8) In considering this application Rother should arrange for the engineering report submitted with the application to be independently evaluated. Stability of the cliff is paramount and consent should only be given if it can be demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact.
- 9) Although Windover stands on relatively stable ground the first (eastern) berm does not extend to the base of the cliff at this point and the site is close to the eroding and unprotected area of cliff at Cliff Way. It was noted during a check of the area on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015 that there has been some recent erosion to the foot of the cliff at this location. The third stage works to protect it are not yet finally approved, and it cannot be assumed at this stage that the proposed works will go ahead.
- 10) Reference is made to a recent approval to develop Pangkor opposite the site of Windover. Rather than being a recent approval this is the renewal of an approval originally granted in 2000.
- 11) Should consent be granted a s.106 contribution towards the cost of works to join the existing berms should be required as a condition.
- 12) If consent is given it should be a condition that surface water should be discharged into the main drainage system to protect the cliff.
- 13) In view of the limited access and proximity to the cliff any consent should include a requirement to submit, and get approved, a construction traffic management plan to limit the impact on the area.
- 14) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

In view of the sensitivity of the location it was decided that the Ward Councillor , Councillor Bird, be requested to call in this application if officers are minded to grant approval.

#### **RR/2015/1837/P**

#### **Birchen Knoll Farmhouse, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AH**



Demolition of conservatory and provision of new two storey extension

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council has no specific comment to make and is happy to leave it for Rother Planners to determine whether the proposed development is appropriate in this location.
- 2) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

**RR/2015/1873/P**

**Birchen Knoll Farmhouse, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AH**

Change of use of existing outbuildings from general storage to a Leisure Suite with adjoining astro turf badminton court.

- 3) Fairlight Parish Council has no specific comment to make and is happy to leave it for Rother Planners to determine whether the proposed development is appropriate in this location.
- 4) Any comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

**3) Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman briefly updated progress on the Neighbourhood Plan on which initial planning and work has started.

**4) Any Other Business**

Following the successful appeal against refusal of planning approval for The Anchorage it was noted that Rother had stopped work on site due to an apparent failure to comply with planning conditions.

Meeting closed at 3.05pm

**5) Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 6.15pm in Fairlight Village Hall, subject to confirmation.

Stephen Leadbetter  
Fairlight PC Planning Committee Chairman  
11<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**3. Financial Report**

**Financial Report August 2015 (figures to 31/07/15)**

Currently, year to date, the budget is overspent by £393 but this includes several Annual payments which have been made, notably grants. A large initial payment has been made to AirS for the Neighbourhood Plan but this was not unexpected and a grant application will be made to Rother which should recoup the payment made.

I expect most of the lines to return to budget over the coming months and at this point I am not concerned about the finances although there could be one or two unexpected calls on the precept such as CCTV (if not covered by Insurance) and the replacement of at least 1 notice board.

Large payments to bear in mind which still need to be made include the fingerposts, grit/litter bins, surveyor's fee and valuation fee. Total about £5k excluding vat.

Vat is currently double what was claimed back in April for 2014 which will be a good boost to income for 2016.

1 or 2 lines are already in excess of the budget set and I will suggest adjusting their respective amounts at September's meeting when I should also know if the Insurance claim is to be allowed and the grant application made.

John Edmunds  
Responsible Financial Officer

4. **Fairlight Preservation Trust**

# **FAIRLIGHT PRESERVATION TRUST**

(Registered Charity Number 1107169)

## **Fairlight Cliff Protection – Stage 3**

We are pleased to say that most of the pledges have now been honoured with just 4 outstanding, (of these 2 have acknowledged receipt and are making arrangements to meet their pledge) The Partnership Funding now stands at a positive total of £59,197.85. There will be Gift Aid to add to this. This is a very good result, but as you will understand this still leaves us a little short of our target figure of £100,000. With this in mind we will shortly be sending out another general letter appealing to the residents who have not so far contributed.

East Kent Engineering Partnership (EKEP) are now well underway with the scoping study of the area between the berms. This study will include **all** the options available for the area. One of the options will be joining up the existing berms and we believe that this is the most likely option. The study will also assess the cost/ benefit analysis and the likely erosion rates if we are not able to protect the area.

## **Channel Way Ownership**

At our previous meeting Paul Draper reported that we have obtained all the information we can regarding the current, recorded ownership. We have obtained the death certificates for the last three recorded registered owners plus details of their wills and the current status with the Land Registry.

With the information complete, PC & PD visited a retired solicitor to discuss our options, following our meeting earlier in the year. He stated that we had done all he had previously suggested and we should now consider our options. He felt we could consider Channel Way as Bona Vacantia. We should now prepare to approach the Land Registry to demonstrate why it can be declared Bona Vacantia and put forwards a suggestion of a suitable replacement registered owner.

This is an item that needs to be discussed with the Residents living within the road and with the Parish Council.

## **Southern Water**

It was explained that discussions are still ongoing with SW and Rother District Council, with regard to drainage problems within Fairlight. It is hoped that a meeting will now take place in early October when the holiday period is finished.

## **Manhole Covers in Rockmead Road**

The Trust is aware of the problems concerning the exposed manhole well covers in Rockmead Road. The residents in the area are carrying out improvements to the road, in conjunction with the LWL Maintenance Association to help deal with this issue. To assist this the Trust have contributed £100.00 to the fund.

## **Planning**

There have been various planning applications that have raised concerns one of which is in Sea Road. The other one is The Anchorage in the Avenue which has been granted on appeal. There are two issues of concern one being the drainage proposals for the site and the other Japanese Knotweed. Both of these could have a serious effect on the area if not dealt with correctly. Interestingly, while the Inspector who dealt with this appeal agreed to give planning permission, she has passed the buck back to Rother Planning to deal with these items. The drainage issue was one of the reasons that Rother had refused planning on previous occasions. She also did not seem to have a knowledge of the problems and geology in the area. Unfortunately whilst Planning have been told to deal with the Knotweed issue, there does not seem to be anybody within Planning that has the expertise to deal with this subject. The Trust have suggested that Practical Land Remediation be consulted on the matter, as JK has been known to destroy a building when not dealt with correctly. PLR conducted a seminar for Rother Planning and Building Control on this subject.

## **Beach Clean-up and Picnic**

Thanks to the Fairfest team for organising this event. While it did not raise a lot of money, it did give residents the chance to access and enjoy the beach. Our thanks also go to Laurie and Barb Beetham for allowing the use of their land.

Paul Capps (Chairman)