

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors Revd V. Gibbs (Vice-Chair), Mrs J. Annetts, Mrs C. Gallagher, A. King, S. Leadbetter and D. Thatcher. Also present: County Cllr C. Maynard, Dist Cllr R. Bird, Parish Clerk J. Edmunds and 11 members of the public.

- 15140 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs D. Greenup, A. Mier and Dist. Cllr C. Saint.
- 15141 Agenda additions:** None.
- 15142 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:** None
- 15143 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 25th August 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 Vice Chair as a correct record.
- 15144 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda:** None
- 15145 Bus route 101**
The Clerk updated the meeting regarding the correspondence both with residents and Stagecoach and advised that representatives from Stagecoach would be present at the next Parish Council meeting in October. It was suggested that notices advertising the presence of Stagecoach representatives be placed in the bus shelters and the Clerk will arrange to do this. County Cllr Maynard advised that East Sussex had raised concerns over the 101 service with Officers from Stagecoach and reported that the Officers had expressed that they want the service to be seen as efficient. He welcomed the fact that the Officers would be present at the October PC meeting.
- 15146 Financial Matters**
(a) External Auditor report
The Clerk advised that the External Auditor had returned the signed Annual Report without comment.
(b) Update the cctv situation
The Clerk reported that the Insurers had been in touch requesting further information which has been supplied. Additional quotes from other sources are still awaited. It may prove easier to stay with the existing provider.
- 15147 Training**
The Clerk gave details of the Training available offering refresher Courses for existing Cllrs and those new to the role. Details of other courses were given together with a request to receive details of courses which Cllrs may be interested in attending in order to see if Salc have Cllrs elsewhere who may require a similar training course. The Clerk asked Cllrs to forward any request to him.
- 15148 Highways**
(a) Monthly report
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.
(b) Fingerposts
The fingerposts have been repaired or replaced and Cllrs gave a good response to their new look.
- 15149 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 primarily).
Cllr Leadbetter advised that the grant application has been submitted following formal application to Rother to set up a Neighbourhood Plan. This has been acknowledged and discussions about the next steps are taking place.
The grant represents the amount expected to be spent before the end of March 2016 and the amount applied for is just over £4000. Core groups are to be set up and public exhibitions will be arranged.

Cllr Revd Gibbs asked for a formal thanks to Cllr Leadbetter for all the hard work during difficult circumstances to be officially noted within the Minutes.

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Land Management:

(a) Monthly Report and (b) old dog bin removal

Cllr King reported the following:-

- (1) The old dog bins have been removed. However, bins at the end of Meadow Way and Wood field are overflowing. Dist Cllr Bird will report it to Rother.
- (2) The problem with a litter bin by the playground in Wood Field continues and looks like a lid is necessary to stop the spread of litter by foxes.
- (3) There was a complaint by a resident of Meadow Way about foliage growth encroaching on their land which has been cut back by Paul Reid.
- (4) Following the recent heavy rain, gullies are appearing again in Channel Way.
- (5) The Notice Board by Knowle Road bus stop is deemed beyond repair and will need replacing.

Cllr Mrs Annetts reported that she had received a complaint from a resident about the barbed wire running along the inside of the boundary behind Activate`s Hut as the residents dog had badly hurt itself. Cllr King will investigate further and the Clerk will advise the land owner (Warren Estate) of the problem.

(c) Southern Water

The Clerk has received some missing correspondence from SW that has previously been requested and has replied asking for the letter from Monsoon to be disregarded and a fresh assessment carried out when/if any future Planning requests are made as there has been significant development since the decision taken in 2007. The meeting with SW representatives regarding the Finches development is likely to be on either the 20th or 21st October.

(d) Footpath Update

Cllr Thatcher advised that there has been no application to move footpath 20(b) so far and that further clearance work has been carried out in Knowle wood.

(e) Approve Wicksteed as Playground Inspectors 2015

Cllr King proposed that Wicksteed be appointed the Playground Inspectors as it is due. Cllr Leadbetter seconded the proposal. **Resolved.** All voted in favour.

Cllr Leadbetter believes that with the new fingerposts, new bins and new bus stop signs together with the flowers etc provided by the gardening club, that the Village is looking much smarter.

15151

County and District Councillors Reports:

County Cllr Maynard reported that the link road is on track to open towards the end of the Autumn and that the recent link road run was very successful. He explained what processes the Contractors are currently doing and have left to do. He also believes that the Queensway Gateway planning application has been resubmitted to Hastings Planners. He further reported what the expected cuts would be over the next 5 years which amount to between £70m - £90m on the revenue budget and that a Boundary review has been commissioned which will look at the Wards for future Elections. There is a chance that Marsham may disappear and that Wealden may get an extra Ward. It is based on the amount of housing and it could be that Fairlight stands as a single Ward.

Dist Cllr Bird gave a report on the revenue budgets for Rother and essentially all are on track except Building Control fees but that is expected to be on track by the end of the year. Councillors review key performance indicators for various services and the main one which is causing concern is recycling. This has failed to hit target and the main reason appears to be due to households not putting as much into the green bins and therefore more is going to landfill. **Rother is requesting that residents help them by sorting what they can into recycling.**

15152

Approval and Payment of Accounts

The Clerk tabled a list of payments to be made at this meeting.

Approved as follows:-

Cheque No.	Payee	Gross £	VAT(Reclaimable)
1710	AB Fire & Security	49.39	8.23
1711	Mrs V King	xxxxxx	
1712	J Edmunds (Sal & Expenses)	xxxxxx	
1713	HMRC	xxxxxx	
1714	Mrs T Robertson	xxxxxx	
1715	Kemp & Catt Ltd	680.00	113.33
1716	PCC of St Andrews (Fairlight)	15.00	

1717	A Mier (expenses)	30.00	
1718	PKF Littlejohn (auditor)	240.00	40.00
1719	BW Patience & Sons	2526.00	421.00

15153 Information and/or Future Agenda Items

- **Correspondence**

- **Correspondence Received:-**

- AirS
- Baroness Fookes
- B Patience
- Fusion 4
- D Lucas
- National Trust
- Rother District Council x 2
- Southern Water
- Stagecoach Bus Services
- Various Neighbourhood Plan correspondence
- Weekly Rural News
- Weekly Police updates

- **Correspondence Sent:**

- AirS
- B Patience
- Glasdon
- National Trust
- Rother District Council x2
- Southern Water
- Stagecoach Bus Services
- Wykeham-Hurford Solicitors

- **Police Report**

The monthly Police report is added as an Appendix to these Minutes

- **Finches Meeting dates**

Expected to be either 20th or 21st October.

- **Finance for the Cliffs**

This will be discussed and amount decided at the meeting of the Parish Council on October 27th.

15154 **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 27th October 2015, 7.15pm at Fairlight. The formal part of the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Open Forum

- Paul Capps (Fairlight Preservation Trust) confirmed the meeting dates for the Finches. He explained what the current issues are with the drainage. He also advised that only 1 pledge for the Cliffs remains outstanding and he expects to receive that payment soon. He believes the cost of stone has increased which may mean the need to raise more funds but he remains hopeful of raising £100k. He thanked all who had donated thus far. Paul also mentioned that he had read in the newspaper that of all the Planning Authorities in East Sussex, only Rother did not allow anyone from the public to speak which he felt was unfair as there may be a technical expert who could help in the decision making process. County and District Cllrs explained reasons behind why Councils may or may not allow people to speak. Any correspondence is always circulated to Planning Council members. Paul went on to mention the Planning Consultation document which comes to a conclusion soon and Cllr Leadbetter was aware of it but did not realise the part about not being able to speak. As a result, Cllr Leadbetter has subsequently submitted the following comment to Rother:-

" Fairlight Parish Council believes that there should be an opportunity for brief personal representation to be made at Planning Committee, particularly for major developments. We recognise that this could not be a free for all and could perhaps be limited to one nominated person to speak in favour of an application, and one nominated person to speak against."

- Michael Hall (resident) mentioned the problematic pot holes and Cllr Revd Gibbs advised that they had all been reported to East Sussex Highways. County Cllr Maynard asked to be copied in on the emails and he would chase. He also explained how pot holes were repaired and that the contract for repair is due for renewal next year.
- Cllr Revd Gibbs advised that Rosemary Lane will be closed for repair between 9.30am to 3.30pm from 7th to 9th October.
- Val King (resident) thanked Cllr Thatcher and his team for the clean way in which the clearance work has been carried out.
- Paul Capps reminded everyone that the AGM for Fairlight Preservation Trust is 18th October starting at 2.30pm
- Cllr Mrs Annetts asked about the grit bin replacement. The Clerk advised it will begin as soon as the others can be emptied and the new litter bin has been placed in position. The new bases also need to be put in place. The Clerk offered the old bins to anyone and Paul Capps offered to take the 8 bins and store them whilst the swap over is carried out.
- Keith Pollard (resident) asked if there had been any update about Broadband as it is still poor in parts of the Village. He was referred to BT's website as no one had any information.
- Cllr Mrs Annetts is concerned that there is not going to be any blue flags for the coastline nearby and the seawater for swimming therefore is not deemed clean.
- Cllr Revd Gibbs congratulated Keith and Marion Pollard on their recent Golden Wedding anniversary

There being no further business, The Vice- Chair thanked everyone for their participation and closed this part of the Meeting at 8.32 pm.

(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Vice-Chair)

Dated -----

APPENDICES

1. Highways Report

I have reported a number of incidents where Southern Water have repaired some fresh water leaks and these have broken down again. There are still some outstanding repairs to be done. Pothole reporting is ongoing as usual.

It is good to see the restored, repaired and repainted finger posts. I think they are looking very good and enhance the appearance of the area.

The 101 Stagecoach bus service is appalling and there have been many complaints, I have logged many of them and passed them onto Cllr Carl Maynard. I would encourage you to write to Stagecoach if you have had any difficulties with the 101 service, the more folk that complain, the better.

With this in mind there will be representatives from Stagecoach at the next Parish Council Meeting in October. (27th Oct. 7:15) Do come along and hear what they have to say for themselves and hear the questions your parish council will put to them. There will be an opportunity for residents to have their say.

Cllr. Revd Val Gibbs. Highways & Transport Officer Fairlight Parish Council.

2. Planning Report

Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 22nd September 2015

1) Planning Applications

Planning report weeks 33-36

Nothing for Fairlight

2) Planning Decisions

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

Decision: Approved

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.

Decision: Refused as keeping the S.106 in place minimises the likelihood of future rebuilding

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.

Decision: Refused for the following reasons (my summary).

- 1) This location is vulnerable to coastal erosion as this area of cliff is currently unprotected.
- 2) It has not been demonstrated that additional loadind would not affect the stability of the cliff

RR/2015/1837/P

Birchen Knoll, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AH

Demolition of conservatory and provision of new two storey extension.

Decision: Approved.

Stephen Leadbetter
Planning Committee Chairman
15th September 2015

Present: Councillors S. Leadbetter (Chairman), A. Mier, Revd V. Gibbs, Mrs J. Annetts,

Apologies for Absence - Councillor Mrs C. Gallagher

1) Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:

None

2) Planning Applications

RR/2015/1962/P

Sycamore, Clinton Way, Fairlight TN35 4DL

Proposed garden room & driveway alterations.

Councillors discussed the application and had no concerns about the proposed works.

Comments to Rother to be:

- a) The Parish Council has no objection to this proposal
- b) Any comments by residents of neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

3) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman briefly updated progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Rother have acknowledged receipt of our application and will now publicise it as required under the regulations. We will be given a decision within 8 weeks of the publicity notice appearing.

4) Any Other Business

The application for Pixie Wood has been withdrawn. No reasons have been given but it is known that Planners were concerned about the impact on the protected area of trees.

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

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

5) Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 2.30pm in Fairlight Village Hall, subject to confirmation.

Stephen Leadbetter
Fairlight PC Planning Committee Chairman
11th August 2015

3. Country Park Visitor Centre

Report to Parish Council Meeting, 22 September 2015

There is little to convey since the last PC meeting in August when Murray Davidson told us all that the project was, in effect, stalled at least temporarily because HBC had not had any tenders returned which were within the budgeted figure and that alternative designs were being considered.

The next meeting of the CPVC Board will be on October 16th and I will attend. This will be the first since my appointment. No papers have yet been distributed for that meeting. There should be more for me to report at the next PC meeting in October.

Councillors and members of the public might be interested to know that the archaeological investigations carried out on the site of the proposed visitor centre by Hastings Area Archaeological Research Group did not find anything dramatic. However, some interesting material was uncovered and HAARG will continue to explore the general area. Fairlight resident and leading light of the group, Lynn Cornwell, will be talking about this work and what they found as well as about many of HAARGs other projects on 27th January at Speakers Corner (formerly Literary Society) in the Village Hall.

Haydon Luke
19/09/15

4. Police Report

August – September 2015

- **13/08 – Peter James Lane**, Burglary to a commercial premises. Power tools taken.
- **21/08 – Rosemary Lane**, Burglary to stables, Tack taken. Later returned.
- **21/08 – Rosemary Lane**, Burglary to garage, Lawn mower and tools taken.
- **21/08 – Rosemary Lane**, Burglary to garage, trunk & musket stolen.
- **No line enquiry for the above.**
- **25/08 – Warren Road**, Quad bike caused damage to fence. This is an ongoing issue for Warren Estates, they have been the victim of several counts of Criminal Damage. They are taking steps to secure the estate.
- **Mid Aug – Warren Road**, resident had 3 shots fly past her. No one reported shooting in the area and local land owners spoken with regarding people on their land.
- **Property Found London** – Returned to Fairlight resident after receiving an email from an officer in Notting Hill.
- **Hastings Country Park - 5** people stopped in 2 vehicles by myself at this location. Resulted in all 5 males being dealt with for drug related crime.
- Residents spoken to regarding blocking the footpath.
- **We have had several Shed/Garage breaks in the Marsham area. Please urge everyone to secure any outbuilding with a suitable padlock and/or alarm, check security lighting is in working order. If your property has a drive with a gate, close the gate as this will create a barrier for any potential thieves. Please visit the www.sussex.police.uk website for further information.**
- **If any person or vehicle is seen to be acting suspiciously, Please report immediately to Sussex Police by ringing the 101 number**

Please continue to use the Op Crackdown website -<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/> to report vehicles regarding anti social driving or intelligence relating to any drink drivers in the area.