

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 7.15pm.

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

16103 Item 1 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs M Jones and A Mier.

16104 Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests: None

16105 Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 28th June 2016.
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.

16106 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. None

16107 Item 5 Financial Matters – resolved as follows:

(a) Approval and payment of accounts

The Clerk tabled a list of payments to be made at this meeting, approved as below.

(b) Noted: £250 received from RDC for the Street Party

(c) Approved: The Clerk was authorised to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan for £65,000, fixed rate annuity repayable over 40 years for Phase 3 of the Cliffs project, interest rate to be agreed at the time of borrowing.

Chq no.	Payee Details	Gross £	VAT (reclaimable)
1832	AB Fire & Security	49.39	8.23
1833	Mrs V King	xxxxx	
1834	Mrs A Evett (Sal & expenses)	xxxxx	
1835	HMRC	2.43	
1836	Miss T Robertson	xxxx	
1837	Fairlight Village Hall	125.00	
1838	Guestling Parish Council (Speed radar)	50.00	8.33
1839	Kemp & Catt (grounds maintenance)	1093.20	182.20
Total		2137.07	198.76

Cheque(s) numbered 1832 to 1839 signed in advance of meeting due to urgency.

16108 Item 6 Councillors Commission meeting 12th August. Resolved the Chairman will attend.

16109 Item 7 Comments and observations about the public exhibition about the plans for the former Market Garden site. Standing orders were suspended to allow residents to speak and the Clerk reminded everyone that there was no decision to be made. Councillors and residents commented on the plans and it was confirmed that a planning application has not yet been made but comments can be submitted to the developers via their website.

16110 Item 8 Highways and Transport Matters.
Cllr Reverend Gibbs circulated her report and this is attached to these minutes. The Clerk reported that Cllr Jones has attended Speedwatch training sessions and that it is now up and running in Fairlight.

16111 Item 9 Planning
(a) The Planning report and Planning Committee meeting notes for the last month had been circulated prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting. The Planning report is attached as an appendix to these minutes. Cllr Leadbetter gave a précis of the report, highlighting the contentious applications and decisions.
(b) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Leadbetter explained that a review of every site considered suitable by RDC has been undertaken using a standard assessment criteria. Now looking at policy development and identifying where services and facilities within the village can be improved.

16112 Item 10 Land Management:
(a) Cllr King reported on the following:-the wood edging around the playground area, 45 sacks of bark have been installed by a team of volunteers, thanks noted to them especially John Barker; the dog bins have now been emptied; slat repaired at play area and brambles cut back; Clerk asked to request that mowing contractors cut closer to the edge of the field and to mow the roundabout in Fyrsway.
(b) Twitten update – plan submitted to the solicitor but no reply yet received.

- 16113 Item 11 County and District Councillors Reports:**
 ESCC Cllr Maynard reported on proposed changes to the Library opening hours and that the refurbishment programme was progressing. Standing orders were suspended for public questions about cars parking on verges in Commanders Walk and on the road causing an obstruction and two overgrown bushes on the corner of Gorsethorn Way, and overgrown hedges and bushes in this area – Cllr Maynard will refer the matters to Highways. There were comments/questions about overgrown hedges on the main road opposite the post office, and weed spraying in channels. Also that the Highways Steward had already been to the village and promised letters would be issued to residents about maintaining their gardens. He answered questions about the delegated powers of the steward and will refer all issues to Highways. Dist Cllr Bird reported that all RDC employees were now being paid at least the minimum wage, that RDC had put up assets for auction and that the public can now speak at Planning Committee meetings. Dist Cllr Saint reported on a recent meeting with the Police and Crime Panel and the role of the PCSO in relation to Parish Councils. There will be a review of the 101 service and the blue light policy.
- 16114 Item 12 Information and/or Future Agenda Items** Fairfest is on Sunday 31st July. The Clerk was asked if the PCSO could submit a log of the times and dates of visits by the PCSO to the village.
- 16115 Item 13 Correspondence – tabled** (and listed in the agenda.)
- 16116 Close and date of next meeting** – Tuesday 23rd August 2016, 7.15pm at Fairlight Village Hall. The formal part of the meeting closed.

Open Forum

Comments included an update on Speedwatch – it started last Tuesday and two people were caught speeding between 48 and 51 mph. There will be more watches in July and August determined by the police.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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 (Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)

APPENDICES

Highways Report

I am still reporting potholes as usual and some are being filled in but then others appear just as quickly! I remain concerned at the amount of speeding in and around the village. Please be especially careful now that the school holidays are upon us. Our roads are mostly narrow, some with dangerous bends limiting vision of the road ahead. It is not clever to go speeding anywhere, just plain selfish and stupid. Offenders need to be reported so if you can get their registration number either phone the police on 101 or go online to operation crackdown and fill in the details on anti -social driving. Let's all have a good and safe summer now that it is here!

Val Gibbs Chair & Highways Officer.

**Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting
 Tuesday 26th July 2016**

1) Planning Applications

Planning report week 24
 Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 25
RR/2016/1677/P

Treetops (Land adjacent), Battery Hill, Fairlight, TN35 4AP

Installation of 1 Elara streetpole, at height 12.5 metres and 2 cabinets and ancillary work on land adjacent to highway.

Parish Council comments:

- a) There is no objection to this application in principle
- b) The installation should be painted green to minimise its visual impact
- c) Comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

RR/2016/1759/P

19 Waites Lane – Land at rear – Fairlight TN35 4AR

Change of use from agricultural land to private domestic garden

Parish Council comments:

- a) There is no objection to this application in principle
- b) This comment is specific to this application and does not imply that the Parish Council supports the change of agricultural land to domestic use generally.
- c) Comments made by nearby residents should be taken into account.

Planning report week 26

RR/2016/1843/P

Draycott, Primrose Hill, Fairlight TN35 4DN

Proposed loft conversion including roof extension and dormer window.

Not yet considered by Planning committee.

Planning report week 27

Nothing for Fairlight

2) Planning Decisions

RR/2016/1081/P

The Anchorage, The Avenue, Fairlight TN35 4DE

The erection of 1 no. dwelling house.

Decision: Refused for the following reasons:

- a) It would constitute back land development which is out of character for Fairlight and would impact on the living conditions of residents of 26 lower Waites Lane and 13 and 23 Rockmead Road.
- b) It would be detrimental to the amenity of residents of 26 and 28 Lower Waites Lane as use of a new driveway would cause noise and general disturbance.

RR/2016/1514/TN

Fairlight Church O/S, Fairlight TN35 4AB

Erection of 8m wooden pole with 1.65 below ground and 6.35m above ground

Decision: Planning permission not required.

RR/2016/1116/3R

Fairlight Gap - Beach at Fairlight

Construction of a rock bund on the beach at Fairlight Gap between the two existing rock bunds.

Decision: Approved

RR/2016/1338/P

78 Lower Waites Lane, Badgers Drift, Fairlight TN35 4DD

Proposed new porch and replacement detached garage.

Decision: Approved

RR/2016/1409/P

Moon Cottage, Friars Hill, Guestling TN35 4HJ

Re-application for the repair and maintenance of "The Old Chapel" building to convert to a one bedroom bungalow.

Withdrawn

RR/2016/1454/P

Windover, Sea Road, Fairlight TN35 4DR

Demolition of existing garage and workshop and replacement with ancillary living accommodation.

Decision: Refused for the following reasons:

- a) The appearance would not integrate satisfactorily with the local residential development.
- b) The height and bulk would have an overbearing impact on the neighbouring property.
- c) It has not been demonstrated that the development can be accommodated without having an impact on the stability of the cliff.

Stephen Leadbetter
Planning Committee Chairman
19th July 2016