

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 at 7.15pm.

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

16117 Item 1 Apologies for Absence: there were none.

16118 Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests: there were none.

16119 Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 26th July 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.

16120 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Annetts and all those involved for a hugely successful Fairfest event. Cllr Mrs Annetts said that planning was underway for the next event in 2018 and welcomed any suggestions for it and encouraged people to get involved.

16121 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: Public Works Loan Board loan for £65,000 approved and monies available from 17th August. No invoice received yet from Rother District Council (RDC.)

Chq no.	Payee Details	Gross £	VAT (reclaimable)
1841	AB Fire & Security	49.39	8.23
1842	Mrs V King	xxxxx	
1843	Mrs A Evett (Sal & expenses)	xxxxx	
1844	Miss T Robertson	30.00	
1845	V Gibbs (travel expenses)	26.10	
Total		813.83	8.23

Cheque(s) numbered 1841 to 1845 signed prior to the meeting, pending approval. Please note, cheque number 1840 made invalid and sent to PWLB for loan purposes and confirmed as destroyed. No payment to HMRC due.

16122 Item 6 Councillor and Clerk Training Programme. Resolved to embrace all training opportunities and attend relevant courses.

16123 Item 7 Rother Association of Local Councils (RALC) meeting of 13th July 2016. Cllr Jones' update of the meeting was noted. A copy of the meeting minutes is held by the Clerk.

16124 Item 8 Action in Rural Sussex AGM and Conference Wednesday 12th October Lewes Town Hall 4.30pm. It was resolved to put this on the September agenda to seek a representative to attend.

16125 Item 9 Highways and Transport Matters.
(a) Cllr Reverend Gibbs updated on the potholes within the Parish, particularly those in Peter James Lane, Rosemary Lane and Gorsethorn Way, all of which have been reported.
(b) Cllr Jones updated on Speedwatch which is up and running with further speed checks planned for September and October.

16126 Item 10 Changes to the Post Office.
The consultation on changes to the Battery Hill branch was noted.

16127 Item 11 Planning
(a) The Planning report was noted. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes. Cllr Leadbetter reminded those present that the architects for Gemselect have a website with a section for comments to be made about the plans for the former Market Garden site. All can submit comments and the Council will submit comments outlining broad concerns ahead of any formal planning application.
(b) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Leadbetter stated that the group is now looking at policy development, sustainability assessments and that there is a meeting with RDC and AiRS in September.

16128 Item 12 Land Management:
(a) Cllr King reported on the following:-thanks to the Fairfest team for cleaning up so well after the event; a local cricket team is in talks with Activate about using the hall and looking to mark out the field for

cricket; the hedge on the corner of Commanders Walk and Meadow Way has been cut back; the bus shelter at the Church was vandalised (spray paint) but the re-painting has been done. Cllr Thatcher added that two trees that were dangerous have been removed from the Wood.

(b) Twitten update – the Clerk updated that as no reply had been received she has started the complaints process.

16129 Item 13 Water and Sewerage

It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to contact Southern Water to find out why the sewers in Lower Waites Lane were surveyed and what were the results of the survey. Please note that a Freedom of Information request is not applicable.

16130 Item 14 Country Park and Firehills

(a) The Country park update was noted. The Clerk will ask for a map with the next update so that it's clear what areas are being referred to.

(b) The appearance of the Firehills was noted; the Clerk was asked to contact Hastings Borough Council about having a difference surface of a more sympathetic appearance on the *access for all trail*. Re-planting of hedgerows is in hand and monitored by Cllr Mrs Gallagher.

16131 Item 15 County and District Councillors Reports:

District Cllr Bird reported that works on the cliff berm had started early and gave thanks to the Fairlight Preservation trust, the Parish Council and residents for raising funds. The Chairman noted this but expressed concern over a recent report from a RDC councillor; Clerk to bring the matter of a future press release to the September meeting. Cllr Bird corrected the minutes of the last meeting about a *living wage* and not *minimum wage* for some employees of the District Council. District Cllr Saint explained how public speaking a RDC Planning Committee meetings would operate. Cllr Mier asked whether the procedures would be made clear to all and received confirmation that they will be on the website and on the pink planning notices. Cllr Greenup raised the issue of Japanese knotweed along the main road and this will be referred to the RDC Environmental Health Team again.

16132 Item 16 Information and/or Future Agenda Items noted.

16133 Item 17 Correspondence noted as listed on the agenda.

16134 Item 18 Close and date of next meeting – Tuesday 27th September 2016, 7.00pm at Fairlight Village Hall.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Open Forum

Comments included a report of the large hole at the cliff end of Goresethorn Way, that the Shepherd's Way road sign had been repaired but the Goresethorn Way sign needs repair. Councillors agreed to pass details of all signs in need of repair to the Clerk who will also speak to the other Rother Clerks so that a minimum number of 50 signs can be submitted to RDC for repair (that is the minimum amount that they will deal with.) Thanks given to the Clerk for the additional paperwork available at the meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)

Dated -----

APPENDICES

**Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 23rd August 2016**

1) Planning Applications

Planning report week 28
Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 29
Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 30
RR/2016/1912/P

Church Farm, Fairlight Road, Fairlight TN35 4AA

Change the use of farm buildings & land at Cherry Garden Farm to mixed use: equestrian (livery up to 10 horses) & agricultural. (Part Retrospective).

Parish Council Comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council

RR/2016/2046/P

Church Farm, Fairlight Road, Fairlight TN35 4AA

Two storey side and rear extension including balcony.

Parish Council Comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council

Planning report week 31

Nothing for Fairlight

2) Planning Decisions

RR/2016/1759/P

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

Change of use from agricultural land to private domestic garden

Decision: Approved

Stephen Leadbetter
Planning Committee Chairman
16th August 2016