

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 27th September 2016 at 7 pm.

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

16135 Item 1 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs Annetts, Mrs Gallagher, RDC Cllrs Bird and Maynard.

16136 Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests: there were none.

16137 Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd August 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.

16138 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. The Clerk explained that a grant application had been received from Activate Youth Club (sent to wrong email address) and asked members to vote on whether the item could be included in this meeting. The grant application is to support a group of young Fairlight residents on a trip to Greece. Cllrs wanted it noted that it isn't best practice to include late items and that this would be an exception to the rule. A show of hands was taken with a majority in favour of including the item. It was **resolved** to award £200 to Activate from the grants budget.

Cllr Greenup raised the issue of Japanese Knotweed on the main road plus a large outbreak in the Warren Estate. Cllr Saint confirmed that the knotweed on the main road comes under Hastings Borough Council and has been reported.

16139 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. Re. Stage 3 Cliffs Payment to RDC, permission to vire £10k from reserves as previously agreed and minuted and £65k from the PWLB loan.
- (b) Approval of the end of year financial return from the external auditor without comment.
- (c) Retrospective approval for urgent repairs to the bus shelter at St. Andrews Church at a cost of £38.
- (d) Financial report noted.

Cheque	Payee	Gross	VAT reclaimable
1846	AB Fire and security	49.39	8.23
1847	Mrs V King salary	xxxxx	
1848	Mrs A Evett salary	xxxxx	
1849	HMRC	122.83	
1850	Rother District Council	75,000.00	
1851	Guestling Parish Council	80.91	13.49
1852	PKF Littlejohn LLP	360.00	60.00
1853	SSALC Ltd	66.00	11.00
1854	Purser Brothers	38.00	
1855	Viking	41.29	6.88
1856	Fairlight Village Hall	30.00	
1857	D Thatcher expenses	32.00	
1858	Miss T Robertson	30.00	
		76,558.80	99.60

Cheque(s) numbered 1846 to 1858 signed prior to the meeting, pending approval.

16140 Item 6 AiRS AGM and conference, Lewes 12th October 2016 and East Sussex ALC AGM on 4th October in Hellingly - resolved the Chairman to attend the event on the 4th October and Cllr Greenup to confirm his attendance for the event on the 12th October.

16141 Item 7 Highways and Transport Matters.

- (a) Cllr Reverend Gibbs updated on the potholes within the Parish, lots have been patched but re-surfacing is required. There has been an instance of fly tipping in Martineau Lane (Hastings BC.)
(b) Cllr Jones updated on Speedwatch; further speed checks are planned for October and he reminded everyone that it is the police that decide where the checks take place.

16142 Item 8 Press Release about the Stage 3 Coast Protection Scheme.

Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak. After some discussion it was resolved to time the press release for the completion of the works (there will be an on-site 'celebration') and to use the information contained in the forthcoming newsletter from the contractor. Key messages were discussed and thanks were given to the Kosmin's for their support and kind letter to the Council.

16143 Item 9 Planning

(a) The Planning report was noted. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes. Cllr Leadbetter highlighted that an application for a phone mast in Battery Hill had been rejected by RDC and that the Parish Council has written to the Gemselect architects, Marcus Beale, setting out its broad concerns.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Leadbetter stated that the group has met with RDC and AiRS to review the sites suggested in the 'call for sites' exercise. The RDC screening opinion has now been received and a meeting will be held with key groups in the village to update on progress made. The Chairman urged residents to get involved with the focus group. Thanks were given to Cllr Leadbetter and the Committee for their work.

16144 Item 10 Land Management:

(a) Cllr King reported that the dog bins were now emptied every Wednesday; an improvement in the service. A local cricket team, Parkhurst, is in talks to use the field and will require a shed on site. The positioning of the shed will be brought back to the next meeting for approval. It was noted that the cricket club will rope off the pitch, remove all rubbish following games and be considerate of users of the field.

(b) Twitten update – noted.

16145 Item 11 Tree Protection Orders (TPOs)

Cllr Thatcher has liaised with the RDC Tree Officer about trees felled in the Parish and those that need a TPO. It was resolved to authorise Cllr Thatcher to meet with the Tree Officer to identify trees needing protection in the Parish.

16146 Item 12 Training Opportunities and Meetings.

All noted and councillors to contact the clerk to arrange attendance at any of the events.

16147 Item 13 Country Park and Firehills

- (a) There is no update as no meetings have been held.
(b) The re-surfacing of the *access for all trail* was noted.

16148 Item 14 County and District Councillors Reports:

District Cllr Saint said that he was now a councillor for Pett Parish and was looking to attract new councillors. He had attended a meeting about the electoral boundary review and spoke about the work that RDC officers were doing in Camber to improve beach and see safety awareness. He mentioned a legal challenge concerning business rates for hospitals and said that it may impact local authorities, he suggested that Cllr Bird could help with expediting the work on the tree orders.

16149 Item 15 Information and/or Future Agenda Items noted:

- (a) Budget items to the Clerk by mid October
(b) Sgt. Dan Russell (PCSO) to be invited to a future meeting
(c) Cllr Mrs Annetts is reviewing the Emergency Plans and all bags should be checked.
(d) A future agenda item of a *Lighter Fairlight* will be considered.

16150 Item 16 Correspondence noted as listed on the agenda.

16151 Item 17 Close and date of next meeting – The Village Hall be closed at the scheduled date of the next meeting. The Clerk will confirm a date and venue within the next few weeks. The formal part of the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Open Forum

A resident highlighted that the Parkhurst Cricket Club had full public liability insurance. Parking in Waites Lane was discussed and it was noted that PCSOs had recently attended the village and asked residents to move their cars off the pavement. Parking generally in the village was discussed and councillors urged resident to be considerate. Cllr Saint reported that RDC would like to introduce a Civil Parking Authority and that the problems were widespread. A resident reported that ESCC have not cut the trees and hedges opposite the Post Office and near Martineau Lane and they were safety risks. The open backed lorry parking on the corner of Gorsethorn Way and Fyrsway is a police matter.

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 27th September 2016

1) Planning Applications

Planning report week 33

Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 34

RR/2016/2245/R

Cork House, Peter James Lane, Fairlight, TN35 4AJ.

Roof alterations

Parish Council comments:

1. It is difficult to understand the proposed alterations from the plans submitted and Rother should seek clarification from the applicant.
2. Nevertheless, on the documents as submitted, the Parish Council does not object.
3. The PC seeks a condition that clay tiles be used in order to harmonise with the existing building and its rural location within the AONB.

Planning report week 35

RR/2016/2315/P

The Sheiling, Warren Road, Fairlight TN35 4AN

Proposed extension.

Parish Council comments.

1. Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.
2. Comments made by Neighbours should be taken into account.

RR/2016/2322/P

The Lyndons, Warren Road, Fairlight TN35 4AN

Proposed front rear & vertical extension.

Parish Council comments.

1. From documents on the Rother website it is not possible to identify whether the proposed extension increases the overall height of the roof.
2. Rother Planners need to consider whether the height and bulk of the proposed extension is dominant and overbearing in relation to neighbouring properties.
3. Rother Planners also need to consider whether the proposed extension has an adverse impact on the view from the public realm.
4. Comments made by Neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 36

Nothing for Fairlight

2) Planning Decisions

Draycott, Primrose Hill, Fairlight TN35 4DN

Proposed loft conversion including roof extension and dormer window

Decision: Refused as it would be dominant and overbearing and overlook an adjacent property.

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.

Decision: Refused for the following reasons:

- 1) It has not been demonstrated that this is the only, or best, option.
- 2) The amount of equipment in this location close to an existing mast would be an incongruous, prominent and urbanising feature out of character with the street scene.
- 3) It would be harmful to the quality and character of the AONB.

RR/2016/2046/P

Church Farm, Fairlight Road, Fairlight TN35 4AA

Two storey side and rear extension including balcony.

Decision: Approved

Stephen Leadbetter Planning Committee Chairman 20th September 2016