

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 1st November 2016 (October meeting) at 7 pm.

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

16152 Item 1 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs M Jones, A King and RDC Cllr Saint.

16153 Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests: there were none.

16154 Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 27th September 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.

16155 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. There were none.

16156 Item 5 Financial Matters – resolved as follows:
(a) Approval and payment of accounts - the Clerk was authorised to vire funds for the transfer of the Twitten from reserves and to ensure that ESCC Rights of Way bring the twitten up to a safe standard before declaring it as a right of way.
(b) Receipt of final part of the precept noted.
(c) Salary award noted.
(d) Financial report noted.

Cheque number	Payee	Gross	VAT reclaimable	Notes
1859	AB Fire and security	49.39	8.23	CCTV
1860	Mrs V King	XXXX		Salary
1861	Mrs A Evett	XXXX		Salary and expenses
1862	Miss T Robertson	30.00		Bus shelters invoice
1863	Activate Youth Club	200.00		Donation Sept 16 min ref 16138
1864	Wykeham Hurford Sheppard & Son Ltd	1,200.00	200.00	Twitten
1865	V Gibbs	20.40		Expenses
1866	Fairlight Village Hall	97.00		Hall hire September
	Totals	XXXXX	208.23	

Cheque(s) numbered 1859 to 1866 signed prior to the meeting, pending approval.

16157 Item 6 Channel Way Drainage. The Clerk reported that work had been undertaken to install drains on the Firehills. *The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to speak.* Mr Capps spoke about the background of the works and the problem it sought to resolve. He said that the ditches were deeper than agreed and in the wrong place. He said that it might be possible for the Fairlight Preservation Trust (FPT) to help with the removal of the spoil. *Standing orders were re-instated.* **It was resolved that the Clerk write to Hastings Borough Council (HBC) and thank them for undertaking the work but ask that they remove the spoil and consider erecting safety signs.**

16158 Item 7 Highways and Transport Matters.
(a) Cllr Reverend Gibbs’ report was noted.
(b) In Cllr Jones absence the Clerk reported on Speedwatch; further speed checks are planned – noted.

Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to ask Highways questions of Cllr C Maynard of ESCC as he needed to leave early.

A member of the public raised concerns that a stretch of road in Westfield had been re-surfaced and queried why this was not happening in Fairlight; Cllr Maynard explained that the new asset management system ensured that works were undertaken in priority order. Comments were made about potential conflicts of interest with the stewards employed by the new contractor. The issue of safety at the (1) junction of Martineau Lane and Fairlight Road and (2) Fairlight Road just up from the Post Office (opposite side,) overgrown hedges was again raised. Cllr Maynard will take this forward.

Cllr Mier expressed his disappointment that *fix my street* could not be used for ESCC Highways reporting.

As Cllr Maynard had to leave early the Chairman changed the running order of the agenda to take item 19, County and District Councillors reports next.

16159 Item 19 and District Councillors Reports.

Cllr Maynard explained that it was budget setting time at ESCC and £17m had already been saved but more needs to be done. There will be more joined up working to create efficiencies and devolution opportunities. There will be a future presentation on the new way of dealing with adult social care. Cllr Bird of RDC reported that the District was also going through the budget setting process and a £5 per year increase was planned. The Revenue Support Grant is reduced and will end. RDC is saving £5m per year through but there is still a shortfall. Cllr Leadbetter asked about Street Farm, Brede Lane, Sedlescombe, and the RDC decision in relation to Sedlescombe Parish Council's neighbourhood plan, specifically why the Planning Committee overrode the planning officers. Cllr Bird said that RDC is committed to neighbourhood planning and there were considerations about affordable housing. He said that the point of a committee was to take a broad view and that it was not unusual for them to override the officers' decisions. Finally Cllr Greenup said that the effort put into neighbour plans begins to look fragile if they are disregarded.

The Chairman returned to agenda item 8.

16160 Item 8 Fairlight Preservation Trust AGM – noted.

16161 Item 9 East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan Survey 2016 – it was resolved to make no comment.

16162 Item 10 (1) Review of Parliamentary Constituencies and (2) Electoral Review of ESCC and District Final Recommendations – it was resolved to make no comment on both items.

16163 Item 11 Proposal to extend the existing Dungeness, Romney Marsh and Rye Bay Special Protection Area. Comments should be passed to the Clerk and details of the consultation to be forwarded to the FPT.

16164 Item 12 RDC Review of Polling Districts and Places – it was resolved to make no comment.

16165 Item 13 SSALC meeting with the Sussex Chief Constable. It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to comment on concerns about the diminished role of the PCSO.

16166 Item 14 Planning

- (a) The Planning report was noted. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
- (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.
- (c) Speaking at RDC Planning Committee meetings was noted.

16167 Item 15 Land Management

- (a) There was no verbal report as Cllr King had given his apologies.
- (b) After some discussion **it was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to apply for planning permission (including the fees) but after Cllr King has investigated the maximum size of a shed for the tarmac area, to be shared by interested groups (to be agreed.)** Size of structure required for planning application.
- (c) Twitten update – noted.
- (d) Knowle Wood 15 year management programme. Cllr Thatcher's report was noted (electronic copy available from the Clerk.)

16168 Item 16 A Lighter Fairlight. It was resolved hold a Christmas Lights competition with a prize of £50 for the winner's local charity of choice.

16169 Item 17 Grit bins and getting ready for winter. Cllrs will check the levels of salt and Cllr Mrs Annetts is updating the Emergency Plan and will report to a future meeting.

16170 Item 18 Country Park and Firehills

- (a) The update from Haydon Luke was noted.

16171 Item 20 Information and/or Future Agenda Items noted:

- (a) RDC Parish Town Seminar – Cllr Thatcher would like to attend.
- (b) Change to ESCC Library Opening Hours noted.
- (c) EKEP Newsletter 2 noted.

16172 **Item 21 Correspondence** noted as listed on the agenda and the Clerk notified members of a Tree Protection Order notice for Cherry Garden Farmhouse.

16173 **Item 22 Close and the date of next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 22nd November 2016 at 7 pm at the Fairlight Village Hall.** The formal part of the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Open Forum

A resident expressed his concern about the earlier discussion over planning permission for the shed in Knowle field. There was further discussion about storage places for equipment. In answer to a question about neighbourhood planning Cllr Leadbetter confirmed that individual properties were not being discussed. A concern was raised about works undertaken on behalf of ESCC Highways in Knowle Road where the drains were raised and water meters filled with cement. There was a call for the Battery Hill potholes to be dealt with as a priority and a concern that the suspending and re-instatement of standing orders during the meeting had been done incorrectly. It was raised the Marsham Old People's Project was celebrating 8 years of running and had a waiting list; new volunteers are required.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.53pm.

(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)

Dated -----

APPENDICES

Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 1st November 2016

1) Planning Applications

Planning report week 38

Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 39

RR/2016/2549/P

49 Battery Hill, Speedwell, Fairlight TN35 4AP

Re-modelling existing bungalow by forming an extended chalet bungalow with timber deck to rear ground floor.

Parish Council comments:

1. It is difficult to comment without the scale of the new property in relation to the adjacent properties being shown.
2. Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to this proposal in principle subject to planners being satisfied that the height and bulk of the new property will not have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the residents of adjacent properties.
3. Comments made by Neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 40 and 41 Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 42

RR/2016/2658/P

Wilbram, Briar Close, Fairlight, TN35 4DP

Proposed conservatory to front elevation. Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Planning Committee.

2) Planning Decisions

RR/2016/1912/P

Cherry Garden Pig Farm, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AH

Change the use of farm buildings & land at Cherry Garden Farm to mixed use: equestrian (livery up to 10 horses) & agricultural. (Part Retrospective). Decision: Refused due to concerns over unsatisfactory access from the highway and the impact of increased activity on neighbouring properties.

RR/2016/2322/P

The Lyndons, Warren Road, Fairlight TN35 4AN

Proposed front rear & vertical extension. Decision: Approved

RR/2016/2245/R

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

Roof alterations. Decision: Approved

RR/2016/2315/P

The Sheiling, Warren Road, Fairlight TN35 4AN

Proposed extension. Decision: Approved

3) Planning Appeal

App/U1430/W/16/3150662

RR/2016/272/P

Skyscape - Land at rear, Channel Way, (fronting Shepherds Way), Fairlight TN35 4BP

New dwelling.

- 1) The proposed dwelling would be harmful to the living conditions of occupants of the adjoining properties, arising from unacceptable loss of outlook and visual intrusion.
- 2) The proposed dwelling would be harmful to the character and appearance of the area, contrary to Policies OSS4 and EN3 of the Core Strategy, which requires development to be high quality and to make a positive contribution to the character of the site and its surroundings.
- 3) The proposed dwelling would provide satisfactory living conditions for future occupants in relation to amenity space.
- 4) There is no objection in principle to a residential development on the appeal site, provided this can be achieved without harm to the local environment.

Stephen Leadbetter
Planning Committee Chairman
25th October 2016