

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 7 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Annetts, Mrs C Gallagher, Mr D Greenup, Revd. V. Gibbs (Chair), S. Leadbetter, A. Mier and D. Thatcher. Also present: Parish Clerk K Darbyshire, Cllrs Bird, Saint and Maynard.

17019 Item 1 Apologies for Absence: T. King

17020 Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests: there were none.

17021 Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 22nd November 2016.
The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting, were approved save for an amendment to include apologies from D Greenup, and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17022 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. There were none.

17023 Item 5 Welcome to the new Clerk: noted

17024 Item 6 Casual Vacancy. Mr Nicholas Jones gave a brief employment background, outlined his interests and explained he had been a resident in the Parish for 30 years. It was proposed to co-opt Mr Jones which was unanimously **resolved** by a show of hands. Cllr Jones signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

17025 Item 7 Financial Matters – resolved as follows:
Schedule of payments and receipts noted and approved as below.

Cheque number	Payee	Gross	VAT reclaimable	Notes
1885	Mrs V King	XXXX		February Salary
1886	AB Fire & Security	146.42	24.40	Inv 321629 Replace Fuse in lamp column for CCTV power
1887	Mrs A Evett	XXXX		February Salary and office allowance
1888	Miss T Robertson	30.00		Bus shelters invoice February 2017
1889	Mr S Leadbetter	99.70		Printing & Travel Expenses Jan/Feb 2017
		915.33	24.40	

17026 Item 8 Highways and Transport Matters.
(a) Cllr Reverend Gibbs' reported that there had been no change since her previous report.

17027 Item 9 Bexhill Community Governance Review. Cllr Reverend Gibbs encouraged Councillors and members of the public to make comment via the website, but Council refrained from making formal comment at this time.

17028 Item 10 Planning
(a) The Planning report was noted. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes. Cllr Leadbetter explained that the Planning Committee had agreed the comments to be submitted for the DASA Consultation at their meeting on the 7th February. Cllr Mier gave an update on the work being carried out by the Design Standards Group and advised their report should be ready by mid-April.
(b) The Neighbourhood Plan. There was no further update.

17029 Item 11 Land Management
(a) Cllr Reverend Gibbs gave a report on behalf of Cllr King, which was noted as follows:
The dog bins are now being emptied regularly. The base for the Parkhurst Cricket Club shed is now in hand, and they are waiting for better weather to erect it.
(b) **Woodland Way Twitten** – the Clerk advised that there was no further update, and was asked to

follow up with the solicitors. If an update is not forthcoming, then the Clerk to contact the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

17030 **Item 12 Country Park and Firehills**
(a) The planting of the ancient hedgerow was noted.

17031 **Item 13 County and District Councillors Reports.**
Cllr Bird gave an update of his recent meeting with the Preservation Trust. Along with Cllr Saint he is aiming to have a meeting with Southern Water, Rother District Council (RDC), East Sussex County Council (ESCC), The Environment Agency and the Inland Drainage Board to discuss the ongoing drainage issues in Fairlight.
Cllr Saint advised of a serious situation developing at Pett Level where the bank is starting to collapse. To date The Environment Agency have repaired the bank, but they are unlikely to continue to do so. The various agencies involved are not monitoring the impact of additional housing.
Cllr Maynard reported on the recent ESCC budget to include: 1.99% increase in this year's budget. The Adult Social Care levy has been front loaded, with a precept of 3% and a further 3% next year. Over the next 4 years £91m is going into Highways. Highways have already identified 70 sites which need additional drainage works. £1.2m p.a. is currently spent on pavement repairs to avoid trip and falls, and a further £300k has been put aside for this. Community Match Fund scheme budget has been increased from £100k to £250k p.a. for the next 2 years. Standing Orders were then suspended so that Cllr Maynard could answer questions from the public on how Highways prioritise repairs to potholes, kerbs and footpaths. Cllr Maynard was also asked about protecting AONB and gulley cleaning. Cllr Maynard then left the meeting.

17032 **Item 14 Information and/or Future Agenda Items.** The Clerk advised that the new Pett Level Rescue Boat will be named on Sunday 12th March at 2pm, all Cllrs welcome.

17033 **Item 15 Correspondence.** None

17034 **Item 16 Close and the date of next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 7 pm at the Fairlight Village Hall.** The formal part of the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Open Forum

An update on the Activate YC hut was received. An update to say that Speedwatch would be starting again in March. The Clerk was asked to contact The National Trust about the dangerous steps to the side of St John's seat. Cllr Bird answered a question about the frequency of RDC sweeping vehicles, and advised that he would follow this up. A member of the public wished to thank the Councillors for all the voluntary work they do on behalf of the Council, with special mention given to Cllr Leadbetter. There was a discussion about the kissing gate on Channel Way. The Clerk was asked to follow this up and advise when the matting has been put in place. There was a further discussion about parking and planting on grass verges. Cllr Bird urged members of the public to report any issues concerning fences etc to the Enforcement Officer via the RDC website.

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

(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair) Dated -----

APPENDICES

**Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 28th February 2017**

1) Planning Applications

Planning reports weeks 4, 5 and 6

Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 7

RR/2016/3000/MA

83 Battery Hill, April Cottage, Fairlight TN35 4AL

Minor amendment to RR/2016/380/P to flip and rotate building; extend south elevation; amendments to fenestration; external spiral staircase added.

Parish Council comments: As this is a minor amendment only, this is a matter for Rother Planners.

RR/2017/307/P

31 Waites Lane, Burnaby, Fairlight TN35 4AX

Two storey side extension to form two bedrooms and family room.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council have no objections to this application in principle.
- 2) A plan for the satisfactory drainage of surface water should be agreed before commencement of work.
- 3) There should be a condition that building materials, and contractors vehicles used during construction, should be contained within the site during construction as sight lines on the highway are poor in this location.
- 4) Rother Planners should ensure that first floor windows on the north of the site do not overlook adjacent properties.
- 5) Any comments made by residents of neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

Planning report week 8

RR/2017/279/P

Skyscape - Land at rear, Channel Way, Fairlight TN35 4BP

Proposed new dwelling.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Planning Committee

2) Planning Decisions

RR/2016/2958/P

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

Retain 4 stables in barn for the use by 4 livery tenants who will keep their horses there and graze in the adjoining field. (Retrospective).

Decision: Approved subject to conditions relating to:

- number of horses kept on the land
- only the horses kept at the livery to be exercised on the land
- no floodlighting other than security lighting
- no equestrian jumps or other structures to be placed on the land
- restrictions on hours of operation other than in the case of a veterinary emergency

RR/2016/2879/P

Winterstow Farm Oast, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AJ

Convert existing redundant stable building and store to provide additional overspill accomodation to house.

Decision: Approved subject to conditions.

3) Appeals

Appeal Ref: APP/U1430/W/16/3160578

RR/2016/410/P

Moon Cottage, Friars Hill, Fairlight, TN35 4HJ

Repair Old Chapel out-building to create a single storey dwelling.

4) Appeal Decisions

APP/U1430/W/16/3160027

RR/2016/1081/P

The Avenue, Fairlight, TN35 4DE

The erection of one dwelling house

Decision: Appeal allowed

Stephen Leadbetter

Planning Committee Chairman

22nd February 2017