

## FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7 pm.

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

Before the commencement of the meeting Cllr Gibbs paid tribute to Norman Dengate, a Fairlight resident who recently passed away. His contribution to the community as a treasurer for many groups, and implementation of the CCTV system were noted. A minute silence was held.

**17035 Item 1 Apologies for Absence:** C Maynard

**17036 Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:** Cllr Leadbetter is a Garden Club committee members. Cllr King is on the MOPPS committee. They therefore made no comment on the relevant grant applications for these groups.

**17037 Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**  
The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting, were approved and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**17038 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda.** There were none.

**17039 Item 5 Parish Assembly.** Council **resolved** to set the date and time for the Parish Assembly as Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm. Cllr Gibbs invited ideas for the Assembly and nominations for the John Lutman award from Councillors and residents.

**17040 Item 6 Financial Matters**

a) Council **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments and noted the receipts as below.

Cheque number	Payee	Gross	VAT reclaimable	Notes
1890	Mrs V King	XXXX		March Salary
1891	Miss T Robertson	30.00		Bus shelters invoice March 2017
1892	Mrs K Darbyshire	XXXX		March Salary and office allowance
1893	AB Fire & Security	49.39	8.23	Inv 321859 CCTV Maintenance Feb 2017
		880.18	8.23	

b) Grants and donations.

Cllr Mier asked if Activate had requested a grant from Pett PC.

Council **resolved** to award grants to: Activate, MOPPS, Church Graveyard, Lifeboat, Village website, John Lutman Award.

Council **resolved** to make donations to Sussex Air Ambulance, East Sussex Association for the Blind, Victim Support, and the Gardening Club.

Council **resolved** to ask the Clerk to send the Council's Grants & Donations Policy along with an application form to other organisations who have made a grant request, who have not provided the relevant information to meet the policy requirements.

c) Council noted that Council employees will be on new pay scales under the 2016-18 National Salary Award as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

**17041 Item 7 Highways and Transport Matters Report**

Cllr Reverend Gibbs' reported that there had been no change since her previous report.

**17042 Item 8 Planning**

(a) The Planning report was noted. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Cllrs Leadbetter and Mier gave a background to the Market Garden Site to date, and outlined the current application. They went on to comment on several concerns raised by residents and the Planning Committee. Cllr Greenup advised that the Fairlight Preservation Trust had discussed the application and had raised concerns about the application. Cllr Leadbetter expressed the need to draft responses to the application week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and submit to RDC.

Cllr Mier advised that it is possible to download an 8 step guide on planning from the 'Campaign to protect rural Britain' website. He encouraged individuals to make their own comments on the application via the RDC website.

(b) The Neighbourhood Plan.

The following update was noted. The scoping report was sent to all statutory parties in January, and comments have now been received from all parties. The report is now with the consultant who will shortly proceed with drafting the plan.

**17043 Item 9 Land Management**

a) Cllr King gave a report, which was noted as follows:

There is a hole in one of the swing seat, possibly due to an adult using the swing. Cllr King will monitor two dips near the football net. The Cricket Club will be preparing the pitch and erecting the shed in the next few days.

b) Woodland Way Twitten

The Clerk advised that she had received the Transfer Deed, but was not satisfied that it was correct. Council **resolved** to instruct Wellers Hedley's Solicitors to act on its behalf to resolve the matter, at an agreed price of no more than £200 + VAT. Cllr Gibbs raised the question, would be possible to claim costs back from WHSS Solicitors.

**17044 Item 10 Country Park and Firehills**

(a) Council noted a report from Haydon Luke on the Visitors Centre.

(b) Cllr Greenup informed Council that the maintenance fund for the Fairlight Preservation Trust is now in 6 figures. He suggested a letter be written to RDC to thank them for the £20,000 towards maintaining the pumps. HBC have agreed to maintain the ditch, but will probably ask for a contribution towards costs. Cllr Gibbs would like assurances that the ditch is actually helping residents of Channel Way. It was suggested that this be an agenda item for a future date. It was confirmed that the matting has still not been put down between the gates.

**17045 Item 11 County and District Councillors Reports.**

Cllr Bird gave an overview of 'Operation Signature' which is a free service, offering home visits and support to victims of scams. Sussex police have been working with the Metropolitan Police and National Scams Hub to obtain details of potential victims. They identified 386 victims, the majority between 80 and 90 years of age. 92 had lost over £1,000, 33 had lost more than £10,000, with the highest amount being lost of £300,000. Altogether the loss was over £2 million. The police have now introduced a standardised reporting and recording process, and have introduced preventative measures to support and protect victims from being further targeted.

It was suggested that this might be a good topic for the Parish Assembly.

**17046 Item 12 Information and/or Future Agenda Items.**

a) Council noted that Autela Payroll Services will be issuing payslips for Council employees as of April 2017.

**17047 Item 13 Correspondence.**

a) Council **resolved** to approve the contract with RDC to empty the dog bins as per their letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

b) Several items (already circulated) were noted.

**17048 Item 14 Close and the date of next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7 pm at the Fairlight Village Hall.** The formal part of the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**Open Forum**

A representative from Activate confirmed they don't have any children that come from Pett, so have therefore not requested a grant from them. A resident raised a query about street cleansing. He has been advised by RDC that there is no schedule. Cllr Bird said he would request a clean. Cllr Leadbetter advised that he saw the street sweeper machine in the village the morning after the last PC meeting. There was further discussion about the Market Garden Site application. The Council was thanked for its support of the Lifeboat. The handsets in the two payphones have been repaired, but further repairs are required. A resident of Channel Way advised that the addition of the ditch does not stop water coming down Channel Way. He questioned if the matter has been made worse by the removal of gorse. Everyone was asked to bring their own cushions to the next meeting, as they will no longer be replaced.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

----- Dated -----

(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)

## APPENDICES

### Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

#### 1) Planning Applications

##### Planning reports week 9

Nothing for Fairlight

##### Planning report week 10

###### **RR/2017/457/P**

###### **Former Market Garden, Lower Waites Lane, Fairlight TN35 4DB**

Construction of 16 houses together with associated parking, access and wildlife area.

Parish Council comments: Comments not yet decided.

##### Planning report week 11

###### **RR/2017/634/P**

###### **Old School House, Coastguard Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AB**

Rear extension; paint front facade to modern existing side extension only.

Parish Council comments:

###### **RR/2017/638/L**

###### **Old School House, Coastguard Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AB**

Rear extension; paint front facade to modern existing side extension only.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) There is no objection to the application
- 2) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account

###### **RR/2017/650/P**

###### **57 Lower Waites Lane, Fairlight TN35 4DD**

Single storey side extension.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) There is no objection to the application
- 2) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account

##### Planning report week 12

###### **RR/2017/688/P**

###### **8 Waites Lane, Chez Nous, Fairlight TN35 4AR**

Erect rear flat roof dormer.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Planning Committee.

#### 2) Planning Decisions

###### **RR/2016/3121/P**

###### **Gorsecliffe, Channel Way, Fairlight TN35 4BP**

Loft extension with a viewing platform and addition of balcony to the first floor.

Decision: Approved

Stephen Leadbetter

Planning Committee Chairman

22nd March 2017