

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 7 pm.

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

17049 Item 1 Apologies for Absence: C Maynard

17050 Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests: None

17051 Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 28th March 2017.
The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting, were approved (save for the addition of Cllr N Jones as present) and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17052 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. There were none.

17053 Item 5 Parish Assembly. Cllr Gallagher confirmed she was liaising with Sue Clarke from the Gardening Club about giving a presentation. Arrangements for providing refreshments, and setting up the room were discussed. Cllr Mier to put posters up in bus stops and the Clerk to promote assembly via the newsletter and website.

17054 Item 6 Health & Safety
Council **resolved** for the Clerk to attend SSALC Health & Safety Training Event & Risk Assessment Workshop on 4th May in Hailsham at a cost £80.00.

17055 Item 7 Financial Matters
a) Council **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments and noted the receipts as below.

Payments	Gross	VAT	Notes
Mrs K Darbyshire	XXXX		April salary & expenses
Mrs V King	XXXX		April Salary
Miss T Robertson	30.00		Bus shelters invoice March 2017
Mr G Smith	99.00		Inv 10.02.17 repair noticeboard by Church
Fairlight Village Hall	158.00		Hall hire Jan/Feb/Mar
East Sussex ALC Ltd	543.04		ESALC & NALC subscriptions 2017-18
Rother District Council	1123.20	187.20	Emptying Dog Waste Bins 2017-18
HMRC	73.31		PAYE & NIC Mar 2017 (minus overpayment of £122.83)
Sussex Air Ambulance	50.00		Donation 2017/18
Activate Fairlight	500.00		Grant 2017/18
MOPP	1,000.00		Grant 2017/18
PCC St Andrew's Church	1,800.00		Grant Churchyard 2017/18
Pett Level Rescue Boat Assoc	300.00		£250.00 grant 2017/18 £50.00 donation
J.C.W. O'Reilly	113.28		Web hosting & Firewall village website 2017/18
East Sussex Assoc of the Blind	50.00		Donation 2017/18
Victim Support	50.00		Donation 2017/18
Fairlight Gardening Club	140.00		Donation 2017/18
Receipts			
Activate Fairlight	50.00		Ground Rent 2017/18
Rother District Council	23,694.28		6 month precept & Parish CTS Grant 17/18

b) Grants and donations.
The Clerk advised that she has written to the Playgroup with a grant application form and grant policy. Cllr Greenup is in receipt of the latest accounts for the Village Hall. Council therefore **resolved** to award the Village Hall a grant of £1000.00.

17056 Item 8 Highways and Transport Matters Report

Cllr Reverend Gibbs reported that she had received an update from Highways to say that the potholes on Battery Hill/Pett Level junction, were repaired on 6th April. Cllr Reverend Gibbs has replied stating that there was no evidence of these repairs and the situation desperately needs attention. Cllr Mier opined that a letter should be written to County Councillors highlighting the issue. Cllr Jones reported that he'd seen two road sweepers the previous Friday. However, they didn't collect the rubbish, but just moved it to the middle of the road. Cllr Mier reported an advertising board had appeared on a tree. He offered to send a photo to the Highways Steward, Jon Copp. The Clerk advised that it was possible to report issues on the East Sussex Highways website as well. The increase in fly tipping was also noted. All cases of fly tipping should be reported to RDC.

17057 Item 9 Planning

- (a) The Planning report was noted. Cllr Leadbetter advised that several comments had been received by RDC about the Post Office application. Cllr Greenup expressed how pleased he was with the efforts of the new owners of the Post Office to accommodate the needs of the village. Southern Water have recently commented about the Market Garden site, stating that their initial study shows the new development cannot be supported by the existing infrastructure. Cllr Leadbetter has been in contact with the case officer at RDC who advised it is unlikely that a decision will be reached on the application by the original deadline of the 28th May.
- (b) The Neighbourhood Plan. Currently waiting to hear back from the consultants to set up a meeting to move forward with the Plan. The Design Team are almost ready to produce their report.

17058 Item 10 Land Management

- a) Cllr King gave a report, which was noted as follows:
The Cricket Club have put two rollers under the decking at the clubhouse. The new shed is an improvement on the original one. Council will need to ask them to remove their rubbish as there is not enough space in the Council's bin. Cllr Reverend Gibbs opined that the Council and Cricket Club need to establish some ground rules to help minimise any problems in the future. Council asked the Clerk to ask the Cricket Club for copies of Public Liability insurance. The lid of the green wheelie bin at the playing field is damaged. Cllr King has already asked RDC to repair this.
- b) Arboricultural survey. The Clerk explained why it is good practice for Parish Councils to have regular surveys on their trees conducted. Council **resolved** to instruct the Clerk to get quotes for a survey.

17059 Item 10 Country Park and Firehills

Haydon Luke has written to the Council requesting that they write to Murray Davidson of Hastings Borough Council to seek assurances that Fairlight residents will be consulted during the construction of the Visitor Centre. Council **resolved** to ask the Clerk to do so. Cllr Gallagher reported that some gorse on the Firehills were on fire over the weekend, but they had been put out fairly quickly. Cllr Thatcher arrived at the meeting at this time.

17060 Item 11 Clerk's report

The report was noted and Cllr Mier opined that the report was informative and a useful report to have.

17061 Item 12 County and District Councillors Reports.

Cllr Bird advised that a meeting has been arranged for the 12th June between: ESCC, Southern Water, Inland Drainage Board, RDC and the Environment Agency. The meeting will be held at RDC and it is hoped that the meeting will establish who is responsible for the drainage problems in Fairlight and Pett.

17062 Item 14 Correspondence.

- a) Proposed base station installation at Wakehams Farm, Pett Level Road. Council discussed this pre-application at length. Council **resolved** to ask the Clerk to reply to the Harlequin Group and ask them to provide the following: Clarification of which areas will receive improved reception as a result of the mast. Artists impressions of what the mast will look like from within Fairlight village and the Firehills. Long-term strategy for additional masts in the area.
- b) Designated Wildlife Verge. Council **resolved** to accept East Sussex Highways' request for a wildlife verge on Broadway.
- c) Council note several items

17063 Item 15 Close and the date of next meetings were confirmed as:

Parish Assembly - Friday 12th May 2017 - 7.30pm at Fairlight Village Hall
Annual General Meeting Tuesday 23rd May 2017 - 7.00 pm at Fairlight Village Hall
The formal part of the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Open Forum

A member of the public asked to view the Council's current Risk Assessments. The Clerk advised that she would liaise with the gentleman to arrange this.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

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(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)

APPENDICES

Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 25th April 2017

1) Planning Applications

Planning report week 13

RR/2017/655/P

5 Battery Hill, Fairlight TN35 4AP

Extension to existing car park to provide 5 car parking spaces.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council supports this application and considers that in order to be sustainable village shops need support to make them more attractive to customers.
- 2) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account

RR/2017/794/P

Alborada, Farley Way, Fairlight TN35 4AS

First floor extension to form attic bedrooms.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 2) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 14

RR/2017/834/P

Seaways, Fyrsway, Fairlight TN35 4BG

Single storey extension to dwelling house.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 2) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 15

RR/2017/871/P

Seaglint, Channel Way, Fairlight TN35 4BP

Ground floor extension. (Retrospective)

Parish Council comments:

- 1) While the size and position of the new extension may fall within permitted development regulations we have concerns about the nature of the structure.
- 2) It appears to be a structure sitting on a dwarf wall and is internally lined with timber. Planners should liaise with Building Control to establish that it complies with Building and other relevant regulations in the interest of the safety of occupiers
- 3) The property is advertised as a holiday let on www.seaglint.co.uk and the nature of the structure can be clearly seen in photographs on this site.
- 4) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

RR/2017/889/P

11 Woodland Way, Cherry Berries, Fairlight TN35 4AU

Proposed extension, alterations and new external materials.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) The proposed side extension is situated on an open corner area. Planners should satisfy themselves that it is not overly intrusive.
- 2) The proposed verandah at the rear does not appear to overlook adjacent properties but Planners should check that there is not an overlooking problem
- 3) Subject to these aspects being satisfactory Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 4) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 16

RR/2017/376/P

Stella Maris, Fyrsway, Fairlight TN35 4BG

Variation of condition 3 imposed on planning permission RR/2016/496/P to allow change in roof tiles.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council.

2) Planning Decisions

RR/2017/307/P

31 Waites Lane, Burnaby, Fairlight TN35 4AX

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

Decision: Refused due to proximity of adjacent properties and potential overlooking.

RR/2017/279/P

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

Proposed new dwelling.

Decision: Refused.

Out of character with the area and detrimental to the amenity of Firecliffe.

3) Appeal Decision

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.

Decision: Appeal allowed

Stephen Leadbetter

Planning Committee Chairman

18th April 2017