

## FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 at 7 pm.

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

**17114 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Bird and Gallagher

**17115 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:** Cllrs Annetts and Leadbetter advised they are on the Fairfest committee (Agenda Item 13b).

**17116 Item 3 Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 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.

**17117 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda.** There were none.

**17118 Item 5 Financial Matters -**  
(a) Council **resolved** to approve the attached schedule of payments and receipts as below:

#### Schedule of payments and receipts

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017

Payments	Gross	VAT	Notes
Mrs K Darbyshire	XXXX		July salary & expenses
Mrs V King	XXXX		July Salary
Miss T Robertson	30.00		Bus shelters invoice June 2017
RALC	35.00		Annual Subscription
Tate Fencing Ltd	279.41	46.57	2 x picnic benches playground
AB Fire & Security	148.17	24.69	Inv 322379, 322618, 323252 CCTV Maintenance
SSALC	13.20	2.20	2 x Guides to Neighbourhood Planning
<b>Receipts</b>			
HMRC		1945.65	VAT rebate Apr 16-Mar 17

**17119 Item 6 RALC -**  
Council **resolved** to appoint Councillors Mier and Jones as the Council's RALC representatives for the year, providing Cllr Jones is happy to do so.

**17120 Item 7 Highways and Transport Matters Report**  
The Clerk advised that she had written to the ESCC Lead Councillor for Transport to advise him of Council's concerns about the condition of the Parish roads. A reply has been received to advise that the cause of the fatal accident on Battery Hill is being investigated, and that a full reply will be sent in due course. The Clerk and Cllr Maynard are currently working towards setting a date for a Parish walkabout with the Highways Steward and Councillors.  
Cllr Revd. Gibbs advised that some of the potholes in Waites Lane have now been filled.

**17121 Item 8 Planning**  
(a) The Planning report was noted.

**17122** (b) The Neighbourhood Plan. Initial comments have been received from the consultant on the Environmental study. The public consultation is likely to take place at the end of October. It will be very well publicised, offering residents to the opportunity to 'drop in' to view plans.

**17123 Item 9 Land Management**  
a) Cllr King gave a report, which was noted as follows:  
The ropes around the cricket pitch have now been removed. The Cricket Club have advised they would like to put up ropes the night before a match takes place, to protect the wicket. The spikes used will be made safe with protective foam. Cllr King has given the club permission to do so.

Cllr King has ordered four 'Cricket Match in Progress' signs, to be placed at the entrances to Wood Field when matches/practice sessions are taking place. He has also ordered a replacement sign for the gate to the playground, as the existing one is damaged. The picnic benches in the playground have been removed and taken to Knowle Wood. Arrangements will be made to repaint some of the frames on the play equipment after the school holidays. Cllr King reported that recently there has been a lot of litter left in the playground, including soiled nappies.

Council asked the Clerk to report the overgrown hedge outside 'Bonito' on Commanders Walk to East Sussex Highways.

**17124** b) Council discussed Cllr Thatcher's request for Council to purchase a chainsaw. Cllr Revd Gibbs advised that the Council's insurance policy would not cover the use of a chainsaw by volunteers. Council therefore declined the request, but the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for a tree surgeon to shred logs and branches for ½ a day.

**17125** c) The Conservation Trust have offered to carry out work in Knowle Wood. However at a cost of £250 + VAT per day, Council concluded this was too expensive. The Clerk was asked to write to The Trust to advise them.

**17126** d) The Clerk has completed a Risk Assessment for Wood Field. It was agreed that Councillors would review the assessment, and make any comments to the Clerk, before the next Council meeting.

**17127** e) Council noted the Risk Assessment received from Parkhurst Cricket Club. Cllr Annetts suggested the Assessment should be displayed in the Activate Clubhouse, and it was agreed to do so.

**17128** f) Council considered two quotes for carrying out safety inspection for the playground on Wood Field, and **resolved** to appoint Wicksteed to carry out the inspection.

**17129** g) To date Council has only received one quote for an arboricultural survey, despite the Clerk requesting four companies to provide quotes. This will be an agenda item when sufficient quotes have been received. Cllr Thatcher gave an update on the request for RDC to issue Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on various trees in the village. RDC have stated that no TPOs will be issued, unless an immediate threat can be proven. They have stated there are limited resources available to issue TPOs at present.

**17130** **Item 10 Country Park and Firehills**

a) The report from Haydon Luke was noted.

**17131** **Item 11 Clerk's report**

The report was noted, and the Clerk gave an update to say that RDC have advised a new litter bin and street name plates are on order. Cllrs expressed concern in the delay in the purchase of Woodland Way Twitten, as the vendor is not currently responding to their solicitor's correspondence.

**17132** **Item 12 County and District Councillors Reports.**

None

**17133** **Item 13 Correspondence.**

a) Community Governance Review for Bexhill- to respond to questions for review stage 2  
Council **resolved** to ask the Clerk to collate responses received from Councillors and submit their answers.

**17134** b) Cllrs Annetts and Leadbetter left the room whilst Council discussed the Fairfest Committees request to erect a shed on the Recreation Ground. The Chair suspended Standing Orders and invited a committee member to give more information on the requirements for the shed. Standing orders were then reinstated and Council **resolved** to grant permission subject to RDC planning permission should it be required. Cllrs Annetts and Leadbetter were then invited back to the meeting.

**17135** **Item 14 Information and/or Future Agenda Items**

a) It was noted that Speedwatch volunteers have been subjected to abuse from speeding drivers in the village. Cllr Revd Gibbs wished to thank the Speedwatch volunteers for all their efforts.

**17136** b) It was noted that a representative from Natural England has been invited to attend the next Council meeting to discuss the proposed England Coast Path route from Camber to Eastbourne.

**Open Forum**

A MOPPS committee member gave a brief background into the work of MOPPS and their current funding shortfall. The Clerk was asked to send them a grant application and copy of the Council's grants policy. Once a formal grant request has been received it will be added as an agenda item.

A resident thanked the Cricket Club for removing the ropes and spikes from around the pitch.

The Rescue boat open day is due to take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August,

The Royal British Legion are looking for volunteers to collect for the poppy appeal.

A resident asked about the broken bin by the bus stop on Waites Lane. The Clerk advised that one is on order with RDC and it should be in place in the next few weeks.

A complaint has been made by a resident in Meadow Way about the height of the trees in Knowle Wood, which are blocking out light. Cllr Mier opined that if a tree is deemed to be safe, then in the past residents who have wished to have trees cut back, have contributed to the cost.

The layby on Battery Hill has not been cleared properly. The Clerk was asked to report this East Sussex Highways.

**17137**      **Item 15** The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

**17138**      **Council Meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - 7.00 pm at Fairlight Village Hall**

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**Dated** -----

**(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)**

## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1 - Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 22nd August 2017

#### 1) Planning Applications

##### Planning report week 30

Nothing for Fairlight

##### Planning report week 31

###### RR/2017/1552/P

###### Grangewood House, Battery Hill, Fairlight TN35 4AL

Garden improvements including retaining walls, pergola and steps. Positional change of swimming pool from earlier planning approval RR/2011/347/P. Pool house and log store. (Retrospective).

Parish Council comments

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council welcomes the current owners' intention to restore the grounds in a way which reflects the importance of this grade 2 listed building which is significant in the history of Fairlight.
- 2) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

##### Planning report week 32

###### RR/2017/1746/P

###### Bolderwood, Smugglers Way, Fairlight TN35 4DG

Demolish garage, conservatory and utility room. Single storey rear and side extension. Raise roof to form rooms in roof space.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council.

###### RR/2017/1763/P

###### Birchen Knoll Farmhouse, Peter James Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AH

Repair and refurbishment of existing outbuildings to create ancillary annex to farmhouse for family's incidental use

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council.

##### Planning report week 33

###### RR/2017/1780/P

###### Spring Dene, Shepherds Way, Fairlight TN35 4BB

Proposed loft conversion, new en-suite and re-location of kitchen.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council.

###### RR/2017/1792/P

###### 11 Woodland Way, Cherry Berries, Fairlight TN35 4AU

Proposed extensions and alterations.

Parish Council comments : Not yet considered by Parish Council.

#### 2) Planning Decisions

###### RR/2017/1309/P

###### Green Dolphin Cottage, Fyrsway, Fairlight TN35 4BG

Proposed single storey side extension. Creation of new roof. Re-render whole property.

Decision: Approved

###### RR/2017/1107/TN

###### Wakehams Farm, Pett Level Road, Fairlight Cove, TN35 4ED

The installation of 1no. 20.0m PHOSCO monopole with 3no. antennas, 3no. dishes, 3no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto within a fixed enclosure.

Decision: No objection

Stephen Leadbetter  
Planning Committee Chairman  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017