

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at pm.

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

17140 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bird and Gallagher

17141 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests: Cllr Mier declared an interest in 11 Meadow Way (Agenda Item 9d).

17142 Item 3 Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 25th 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.

17143 Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. Cllr Jones confirmed he was happy to be a RALC representative.

17144 Item 5 England Coast Path route from Camber to Eastbourne
Beth Haines-Doran and Anne Goddard from Natural England, gave a presentation about the England Coast Path and the proposed route from Camber to Eastbourne. The entire path is due to be completed by 2020, and Natural England are currently looking at routes in Fairlight, which following a consultation period will be sent to the Secretary of State for approval. Once completed the path will become a National Trail, managed by ESCC, who will receive ongoing funding from Central Government for the infrastructure and ongoing maintenance. At present one of the routes being considered follows the existing Saxon Shore Way.
There was a short Q&A session, which included discussions about:
using Rockmead Road as an alternative to Lower Waites Lane; uneven surface at John's Seat; littering; cycling, replacing stiles with kissing gates, public toilets at Pett Level, mitigation to restrict public access in a SSSI..
More information about the path, including the consultation process, can be found on their website
<http://www.gov.uk/natural-england>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-eastbourne-to-camber>

17145 Item 6 Financial Matters -
(a) Council **resolved** to approve the attached schedule of payments and receipts as below:

Schedule of payments and receipts		26 th September 2017	
Payments	Gross	VAT	Notes
Mrs K Darbyshire	XXXX		September salary
Mrs K Darbyshire	22.50		July & August travel & expenses
Mrs V King	XXXX		September Salary
Miss T Robertson	30.00		Bus shelters invoice September 2017
Mrs S Leadbetter	24.30		Travel expenses September
Mrs S Clarke	16.30		Stump killer for Knowle Wood
Autela Payroll Services	25.60		Payroll Aug/Sep
AB Fire & Security	49.39	8.23	Inv 323545 CCTV Maintenance
ABC Signs	72.00		Signs for Cricket pitch
Public Works Loan	1,236.51		Loan repayment
Receipts			
NatWest	0.46		Interest to 31/7/17

17146 (b) The PKF Littlejohn external review, and certification of the Annual Return were noted.

- 17147 Item 7 Highways and Transport Matters Report**
Cllr Jones advised that a very positive meeting had taken place the day before with himself, the Highways Steward Jon Copp, Cllr Carl Maynard and the Clerk. Several roads are now scheduled for jet-patching and/or resurfacing. The Clerk advised she would circulate the notes from the meeting (Appendix 1) via the residents e-mail. Cllr Annetts asked about Bramble Way and Smugglers Way, and Cllr Jones advised he would look at them and report to the Highways Steward. The Clerk was asked to report the granite sets outside the Post Office to Highways. Cllr Saint advised he had spoken to ESCC about the layby at the top of Battery Hill, and the owner of the overgrown hedge will be written too.
- 17148 Item 8 Planning**
(a) The Planning report was noted.
Cllr Thatcher asked about the erection of a fence at the back of a property on Meadow Way, which he believes contravenes a planning condition. Cllr Leadbetter advised that the matter has been reported to ESCC Enforcement team.
- 17149** (b) The Neighbourhood Plan. The Planning Committee met with the Consultants last week. The sites need to be looked at in more detail, Fairlight in general having a lack of viable sites. The Public consultation is likely to take place in December, and the stage in the hall may be used to display information during the Christmas Fayre. Cllr Mier has been working on the design standards.
- 17150 Item 9 Land Management**
a) Cllr King gave a report, which was noted as follows:
Cllrs Annetts and Thatcher were thanked for replacing the picnic benches in the playground. Signs have been printed and given to the Cricket Club for use during matches. The sign on the gate to the playground has been replaced.
Grass cutters could be more conscientious. The route into the tennis court is now very narrow, and other areas have not been cut back sufficiently. The contract is up for renewal, and this will be something that Council will review in the next few months.
- 17151** b) Council **resolved** to approve the Risk Assessment for Wood Field. The assessment will be reviewed annually and made available on the village website and in the Clubhouse.
- 17152** c) Council discussed the proposal to have a new dog waste bin placed on Battery Hill, at the start of Footpath 25. The bin will need to be placed on ESCC land. The Clerk will apply to ESCC for a license and report back to Council about the additional cost of the bin, and to have the bin emptied by RDC.
- 17153** d) Cllr Mier left the meeting.
Council **resolved** to purchase a new grit bin to be placed on Meadow Way (opposite Banjo). The Clerk will look to purchase one of the same quality as the green ones previously purchased. A license from ESCC will need to be obtained. A concrete base will need to be placed underneath the bin, and arrangements made to have it filled, along with the other grit bins in the village.
Cllr Mier then returned to the meeting.
- 17154** e) Council discussed the long-term management of Knowle Wood. Two years ago an agreement was made that Dan Gould would coppice the woods for 15 years in exchange for wood. No formal contract was exchanged, and to date little coppicing has been carried out. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Gould to ask of his intentions regarding the woods.
- 17155** f) The successful application of a tree pack from The Woodland Trust was noted. 105 saplings should arrive in December. There may be some surplus that could be planted elsewhere in the village.
- 17156 Item 10 Clerk's report**
The report was noted, and the Clerk gave an update to say that the conveyancing for the purchase of Woodland Way Twitten was now proceeding again.
- 17157 Item 11 County and District Councillors Reports.**
Cllr Maynard gave an overview of the East Sussex Library consultation, which includes proposals to modernise the library system, close the Ore library and cease the mobile library service. To continue the mobile service considerable capital investment would be required, as the vehicle is towards the end of its life. Jon Copp our current Highways Steward has just been promoted, which will mean a new Steward for Fairlight.
Cllr Saint advised that he had attended the MOPPS AGM, and was very impressed with the turn out and enthusiasm of members. A provisional hearing date of the 12th October has been given for the Market Garden Site planning application. An updated on the high speed train link was given, which included a reduction in cost due to the use of hybrid technology, the line will be extended to Eastbourne, and provisions are being made of an additional platform at Ashford.

17158 Item 12 Correspondence.
a) Council noted the East Sussex Libraries Consultation on their proposed draft Libraries Strategic Commissioning Strategy. The Clerk will collate Councillors responses and submit a response on behalf of the Council. Residents are encouraged to make their own comments before the 14th December. Further details can be found on the website <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/librarystrategy>

17159 Item 13 Information and/or Future Agenda Items
a) Channel Way. To discuss an application to Natural England to grant permission to cut back undergrowth/shrubs on southside of carriage way, and determine budget.
b) MOPPS Grant application not yet received

The Chair asked for Brighter Fairlight, and Christmas lights on the circle to be added to the next agenda.

Open Forum

A resident asked about the RDC Site Allocation Plans which were adopted as part of the Local Plan. Cllr Leadbetter advised that the allocations still need to be met, regardless of other housing developments outside the parish. RDC needs to demonstrate a 5 year supply of housing in the pipeline to prohibit further development outside the boundary lines.

The drain outside 33 Waites Lane continues to flood, despite several complaints to Southern Water and East Sussex Highways. Cllr Saint asked for details to be forwarded to him, and he would look into the matter. He also advised he had recently spoken to Amber Rudd MP about the surface water issues in Fairlight, and has assured Cllr Saint of her full support.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Steward about the overgrown hedge just up from the Post Office which is believed to be owned by ESCC.

A resident asked if there was any news on the sale of The Cove pub. It is currently under offer.

17160 Item 15 The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 9pm.

17161 Council Meeting Tuesday 24th October 2017 - 7.00 pm at Fairlight Village Hall

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(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)

Appendix 1 - Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th September 2017

1) Planning Applications

Planning report weeks 34 - 38

There have been no planning applications for Fairlight in the last month.

2) Planning Decisions

RR/2017/1177/P

15 Covehurst, Rockmead Road, Fairlight TN35 4DJ

Erection of garage, mower store and car port (retrospective).

Decision: Approved

Planning report week 28

RR/2017/1588/T

Junipers, Farley Way, Fairlight

Oak tree - Fell.

Decision: Approved

RR/2017/1631/P

81 Battery Hill, The Mountain, Fairlight TN35 4AL

New car port, new home office and new extensions to existing property.

Decision: Approved

RR/2017/1632/P

55 Lower Waites Lane, Springers Too, Fairlight TN35 4DB

Erection of a conservatory to front elevation.

Decision: Approved

RR/2017/1651/P
30 Blackthorn Way, Fairlight TN35 4BJ
Single storey rear extension and raised decking
Decision: Approved

Stephen Leadbetter
Planning Committee Chairman
19th September 2017

Appendix 2 - Notes from Parish walkabout

Monday 25th September

Attendees: Jon Copp (Highways Steward), Cllr Carl Maynard, Cllr Nick Jones, Kate Darbyshire

Jon Copp explained the intervention criteria for filling in pot holes, the process for getting work scheduled, and demonstrated how jobs are assigned. He gave the following updates:

Battery Hill

Jet patched, hopefully within the next 2 weeks.

When we carry out 'jet patching' all potholes within a road are filled regardless of how large or small they are. The machine is also capable of repairing some larger sections of the carriageway when needed. Jet patching is a four stage process as follows:

- high pressure air is used to remove all debris from the pothole
- the pothole is sealed with an asphalt emulsion to prevent water from entering from the carriageway or pavement subsurface
- The aggregate is mixed with an asphalt emulsion and sprayed into the pothole at high velocity

Finally a finer, dry aggregate is sprayed over the filled pothole to prevent the wet asphalt emulsion from sticking to tyres until the patch has dried.

In addition a resurfacing request has been put forward by Jon Copp, and this will be added to the resurfacing programme (hopefully in 2018)

Waites Lane

Full resurfacing to a depth of 100mm. Exact date not given yet, but should be approximately 2 months.

Pett Road

Has already been jet patched. On the work schedule this year for resurfacing all the way down to Chick Hill.

Peter James Lane

On the work schedule this year for resurfacing.

Rosemary Lane

On the work schedule for resurfacing (not sure when yet). However Jon has already requested that the road be jet patched in the meantime.

Granite Sets – Outside Village Hall on Broadway

Jon was asked to look at these by Carl, and he agreed to arrange for the granite stones that are currently uneven, to be replaced within the next 2 weeks.

Jon will continue to highlight roads that he feels would be added to the work schedule when he visits the village as part of his regular inspections, as well as the annual Highway's inspection which takes place in December for Fairlight.

Kate Darbyshire 25.09.17