

## RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 8.00pm in Rodmell Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Gillies (JG: Chair), John Harvey (JH), David Smart (DS), Richard Sellick (RS), Anne Sword-Daniels (AS-D), George Hickey (GH), & Jill Goldman (JGm).  
Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk), & two members of the public.

| Item No |   | Action |
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| 1       | <p><b>Apologies</b> had been received from Lewes District Councillor Vic Ient, and East Sussex County Councillor Carla Butler.</p> <p>There had been one <b>declaration of interest</b> from JG in respect of one cheque to be signed; and another by JGm as a next door neighbour to the application. in agenda item 3 <b>but</b> no requests to consider any <b>dispensations</b>.</p>  |        |
|         | <p><b>Public Question Time</b></p> <p>A resident raised the issue of a car left on private land over two weeks ago. It was noted it had been recorded on the ESCC website, but was not a police matter; and that the District Council Environmental Health team are very helpful.</p> <p>The long grass and dirty road signs were also mentioned - the Clerk advised that the grass cutting was now scheduled for Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>There were no updates to report from either District or County Councils.</p>                  |        |
| 2       | The <b>minutes</b> of the meeting held on the March 2016 were <b>approved and signed</b> as a correct record.   |        |
| 3       | <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>SDNP/16/02597/HOUS South Downs House The Street Rodmell Lewes East Sussex BN7 3HE.</b> The addition of a home office within a new pitched roof above the double garage was discussed. It was noted - particularly regarding the blend of materials and design and access statements - that planners had three separate outstanding issues and that the applicant had disagreed with the planners' findings. The Parish Council unanimously agreed with the planners and voted to <b>object</b> to the application.</p> | DB     |

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| 4  | <p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <p><b>4.1 The bank statement reconciliations</b> for April and May 2016 were circulated, approved and signed.</p> <p><b>4.2 The following cheques were authorised for payment: -</b></p> <p>258 £531.18 Came &amp; Company insurance</p> <p>259 £78.00 Morgan Kelly Solicitors school playground Title registration.</p> <p>260 £80.00 Lewes District Council Artwave 2016 subscription</p> <p>261 £115.30 East Sussex ALC-ESALC &amp; NALC 2016/17 subscriptions</p> <p>262 £464.83 D I Blackhall salary</p> <p>263 £102.80 HMRC income tax</p> <p>264 £55.20 Houndean Fire &amp; Safety Ltd fire inspection</p> <p>265 £88.92 Lewes District Council dog bins July-Sept</p> <p>266 £33.60 Getmapping PLC mapping subscription</p> | DB            |
| 5  | <p><b>Land Registration - ASD reported</b> this has been done, although Land Registry were rather slow, and that the highway search was ongoing.</p> <p>After discussion, <b>it was agreed</b> to proceed with registering the school as <b>an asset of community value.</b></p>   | ASD<br>ASD/GH |
| 6  | <p><b>The SDNP plan - it was noted</b> was due for initial completion in November 2016 with submission to the Secretary of State expected to be in October 2017.</p>   |               |
| 7  | <p><b>Transparency Fund Claim</b></p> <p><b>It was noted that</b> funding was available on application again this year.</p>  | DB            |
| 8  | <p><b>Internal Auditor</b> – Sandra Webb had indicated that she did not wish to continue in this role. Council thanked her for her past work and <b>it was agreed that</b> ASD would approach Fiona Roberts to see if she would care to take this on.</p>  | ASD           |
| 9  | <p><b>Community Transport</b></p> <p>JGm fed back a verbal summary of the July CTLA meeting and in particular reported that there was potentially £90,000 lottery funding available. Parishes were encouraged to promote usage of the service, and it was recommended that <b>consideration be given</b> to inviting the supplier to the Parish Assembly and/or to write an article for our next newsletter.</p>   | ALL           |
| 10 | <p><b>It was noted</b> the C7 6<sup>th</sup> July meeting had been cancelled.</p>  |               |
| 11 | <p><b>Maintenance Reviews of The Dicklands, School Playground &amp; Sports Field including:</b></p> <p><b>11.1 The Dicklands</b> The Clerk would provide a £30 voucher for ASD to use in respect of a maintenance thank-you.</p> <p><b>11.2 Playground shelter - GH</b> to approach Martin Mullalley regarding the work needed. The Clerk reported the playground inspection had now been ordered.</p> <p><b>11.3 The Sports Pavilion</b> – a new smart meter had been offered by</p>  | DB            |

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|    | <p>the electricity supplier, which would be free. <b>This was authorised to be fitted.</b></p> <p><b>11.4 Notice Board replacement</b> - The Council <b>agreed</b> to renew the Notice Board at Northease, but noted the need to inform David Robinson at Northease Farm first; RS agreed to install the new board as no new posts appeared to be required.</p> | JH |
| 12 | <p><b>Clerks &amp;/or Councillors Report</b></p> <p><b>Allotments - it was noted that all plots were now taken, and that DS would administrate this activity in the future.</b></p>   |    |
|    | <p>The meeting closed at 9.18pm. The <b>next meeting</b> was scheduled for <b>Monday 5th September 2016</b> at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the Clerk <b>by Friday 26th August 2016.</b></p>  |    |
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