



## RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.00pm in Rodmell Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors: John Gillies – *Chair* (JG), John Harvey – *Vice-Chair* (JH), David Smart (DS), George Hickey (GH), Jill Goldman (JGm); Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk), Lewes District Councillor Vic Ient (VI), and one member of the public (Pauline Cherry).

Item No		Action
1	Apologies had been received from Richard Sellick (RS), and East Sussex County Councillor Carla Butler (CB). JG <b>declared an interest</b> in item 11.2. No requests to consider any dispensations had been received.	
	<b>Public Question Time.</b> It was <b>noted</b> that on-road parking near the public house was becoming an issue, and whilst it was not a Parish Council matter, JH volunteered to research it further with ESCC. It was suggested a ‘polite notice’ might be appropriate.	<b>JH</b>
2	VI reported  -the <b>rail replacement buses</b> were causing a number complaints, and there was a LDC meeting set up for later in the week at which a request would be made to route the buses along the other side of the valley with a stop at Itford rather than on the C7 side at Southease; it was also suggested consideration be given to extending the bus timetable between stops in order to slow buses down.  -Following the C7 Polo meeting all <b>transport</b> comments had now been consolidated into one plan, and VI is summarising the outputs from a further meeting with 2 ESCC officers in order for them to comment on which options are considered feasible.  -It was noted there had been no further developments in respect of the <b>pheasant shooting</b> planning application.	<b>VI</b>
3	DB <b>reported</b> that the sewerage easement renewal is work in progress at the National Trust.	
4	The <b>minutes</b> of the meeting held on the 1st November 2016 had been circulated and were <b>approved and signed</b> as a correct record.	
5	<b>Planning</b>  It was <b>noted</b> there were currently no new applications to consider.	

6	<p><b>Maintenance reviews</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Dicklands and Sports Field.</b> There was <b>nothing new</b> to report.</li> <li>• <b>School Playground:</b> It was <b>noted</b> the repair requested on the slippery floor was still outstanding and JG would write to the contractor to ensure completion by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.</li> <li>• <b>Progress with the Northease notice board:</b> GH <b>reported</b> this was now completed.</li> <li>• <b>Roads and Drains:</b> AS-D <b>reported</b> -the ESCC meeting was a good opportunity to meet the highways steward and maintain pressure on road repairs -potholes were an ongoing issue and the pothole regulations would be circulated to Councillors. -It was also noted that in general, if a repeat repair was needed within 12 months, the County Council should be informed as in that case the contractor would bear the cost. -There was still a drainage outstanding issue at Barleyfield.</li> </ul> <p><b>Website:</b> JG <b>reported</b> maintenance work was complete for 2016/17.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JG</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AS-D</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A S-D</b></p>
7	<p><b>Clerk's and/or Councillors' Reports.</b></p> <p><b>Rodmell School: Asset of Community Value and Title</b> The ACV issue was ongoing.</p> <p>The report from Lewes MP Maria Caulfield was acknowledged.</p> <p>It was <b>noted</b> from the A27 consultation that it consisted of four small projects, with a report due in the spring.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AS-D</b></p>
8	<p><b>Brief reports on external meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted the new Highways Steward is Geoffrey Mitchell</li> <li>• JG/ASD had attended the Newhaven SLR meeting.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Broadband:</b></p> <p>It was hoped that the Rodmell fibre broadband connection would be up and running by June. The cabinet had been installed, and there was improved 4G reception in some parts, which could be useful if an alternative solution were required. The Council would review the situation in March.</p>	

10	<p><b>The Parish Council approved</b> the NALC Dependant Carers Allowance survey.</p>	
11	<p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <p><b>11.1</b> The 2017/18 Precept was <b>fully discussed and approved</b> for submission to LDC. In the light of a necessary increase in Legal Fees, the Precept was increased by 7.2% compared to the current year, to £10,344.</p> <p><b>11.2</b> The <b>bank statement reconciliations</b> for October and November 2016 were <b>circulated, approved and signed</b>.</p> <p><b>11.3 The following cheques were authorised for payment: -</b>  000282 £88.92 LDC dog bins  000288 £299.00 J Gillies website maintenance  000289 £586.80 Notice Board Company Co Ltd Northease new board  000290 £84.00 Rodmell village hall booking fees 2016/17  000291 £150.00 C Wettern sports field rent 2016/17  000292 £469.88 D I Blackhall Dec 2016/Jan 2017 salary &amp; expenses  000293 £90.40 HMRC income tax  000294/295 Blank emergency cheques to JG</p> <p><b>11.4 The Parish Council resolved and signed the amended bank mandate</b> to reflect the Clerk as an administrative signatory for online banking.</p> <p><b>11.5</b> The Parish Council <b>approved</b> that the Parish Assembly should take place at 7.30pm on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.</p>	<b>DB</b>
12	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.</b> The next meeting was scheduled for <b>Tuesday, 7th March 2017</b>. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Friday 24th February 2017.</p>	