



## RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8.00pm in Rodmell Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Gillies – *Chair* (JG), John Harvey – *Vice-Chair* (JH), George Hickey (GH), Jill Goldman (JGm), David Smart (DS), Anne Sword-Daniels (ASD), and Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk). No members of the public attended.

Item No		Action
1	<p>Apologies had been received from Lewes District Councillor Vic Ient (VI), East Sussex County Councillor Sarah Osborne (SO), and Richard Sellick (RS). There were no <b>Declarations of Interest</b> or requests to consider any <b>dispensations</b>.</p> <p><b>Public questions.</b></p> <p>Nothing was raised on this occasion.</p>	
2	<p><b>District and County reports.</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
3	<p>The <b>minutes</b> of the meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November had been circulated and were <b>approved and signed</b> as a correct record.</p>	

4	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b> SDNP/17/04744/LIS: The Old Rectory, The Street, Rodmell, BN7 3HF. Alterations and refurbishment of Coach House to create ancillary residential accommodation, and erection of attached timber storage shed. It was agreed there was nothing to object to, that this was mostly inside work, and the application was supported</p> <p><b>4.2</b> SDNP/17/06092/LIS: Internal alterations to convert store area to bedroom at Deep Thatch Cottage, The Street, Rodmell BN7 3HF. Despite a very poor drawing which was largely indecipherable, there did not appear to be anything to object to, and the Council made no objection to this application.</p> <p><b>4.3</b> It was <b>noted</b> the below ground-level swimming pool at Lane House has been approved.</p>	
5	<p><b>Maintenance reviews</b></p> <p><b>The Dicklands and Sports Field:</b> It was <b>noted</b> that after discussions with Derek Carpenter on mowing the Sports field, and the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October regarding access, this matter was ongoing, pending completion of repairs to the access road.</p> <p>A number of residents had brought to the Council's attention a property in the Dicklands with a garage accessed from Mill Lane which was in a badly maintained state with building materials and rubbish at the side of the lane. DB to be told the full address, and investigate if there could be LDC planner pressure to clean up the site.</p> <p><b>Roads and Drains:</b> Progress with potholes and regulations. JG felt that the road surface was deteriorating, but possibly not enough for pothole work to be agreed by Highways.</p> <p>Progress with the Barleyfield drainage: not known. Both items to be <b>followed up</b> at meeting with Highways next week</p> <p><b>Legal matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rodmell School Asset of Community Value application: to be kept <b>on hold</b> until after further contact with the Diocese.</li> <li>• National Trust sewerage easement and Sports Field land registration. <b>ASD to request invoices</b> for work done to date.</li> <li>• School playground right of way: <b>JG informed Council</b> that the position was unchanged since the last meeting, and that he would be contacting the Diocese now that the holiday period was over, to request an update on their position.</li> <li>• School playground lease termination: <b>JG reported</b> that he had informed ESCC that Council agreed to the lease being terminated at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, or at an earlier date should the school close before then.</li> </ul> <p>There were no other legal matters arising.</p>	<p><b>RS</b></p> <p><b>JG DB</b></p> <p><b>ASD/JG</b></p> <p><b>ASD</b></p> <p><b>JG</b></p> <p><b>JG</b></p>

6	<p><b>Other updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress with identifying the <b>actual number of allotments</b> and who rents each one: it was noted it was still necessary to obtain email and home address details in order to obtain new agreements from users. <b>DS to finalise this by the next meeting.</b></li> <li>• <b>Parish Assembly: JG announced that</b> one speaker from the C7 working group had agreed to speak at the Assembly, and that he was following up a contact at the National Trust.</li> <li>• <b>Notice Board: it was agreed</b> to go ahead with ordering a new Mill Lane noticeboard. A local resident had pointed out that there was an ash tree beside the present board which might need to be considered; <b>JH to investigate.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>DS</b></p> <p><b>JH</b></p>
7	<p><b>Clerk's and/or Councillors' Reports.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Locations for bulb planting updates:</b> outcome to be known by the end of the year.</li> <li>• <b>JGm had agreed to be the Data Processing Officer,</b> and <b>JG would be attending the training course</b> as JGm will be overseas on the appointed day and unable to attend, <b>regarding the new regulations</b> apparently coming into force in August 2018.</li> <li>• <b>The gifts to selected Parishioners</b> who had performed particular services had been made, and well received.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <p><b>8.1 The bank statement reconciliations</b> for November and December were <b>circulated, approved and signed.</b></p> <p><b>8.2 The following payments were authorised: -</b></p> <p>000312 £328.59 <b>D I Blackhall</b> Oct/Nov salary &amp; expenses  000314 £14.25 <b>P B-Davies</b> repairs  000315 £70.00 <b>A S-Daniels</b> flowers  000316 £332.59 <b>D I Blackhall</b> Dec/Jan salary &amp; expenses  000317 £210.00 <b>HMRC</b> income tax  000318 £150.00 <b>C Wewtern</b> sports field rent 2017/18  000319 £112.50 <b>Rodmell Village Hall</b> hire 2017/18  Online banking transfers:  £60.00 <b>J Gillies</b> reimbursement for web work  £26.00 <b>J Gillies</b> reimbursement for web work</p>	
9	<p><b>Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>9.1 The 2018/19 precept was agreed</b> at £12,217 for submission to LDC. This was a 2% increase year on year, largely necessitated by increased and unexpected legal fees.</p>	<p><b>DB</b></p>
10	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.</b> The next meeting was scheduled for <b>Tuesday, 6th March 2018.</b> Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Friday 23rd February, 2018.</p>	