



RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 8.00pm in Rodmell Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Gillies – *Chair* (JG), John Harvey – *Vice-Chair* (JH), Richard Sellick (RS), George Hickey (GH), Jill Goldman (JGm), Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk), Lewes District Councillor Vic Ient (VI), and East Sussex County Councillor Sarah Osborne (SO), and eight members of the public.

Item No		Action
1	Apologies had been received from David Smart (DS), and Anne Sword-Daniels (ASD). There were no declared interests and no requests to consider any dispensations .	
	<p>Public Question Time.</p> <p>A resident reported there had been a meeting the previous day between the Parochial Church Council and the Diocese’s Capital Asset Manager. The PCC had unanimously agreed to support the actions being taken by the Parish Council in respect of maintaining access to the village playground, and did not wish to allow access via the churchyard unless this proved absolutely necessary. For the time being the Diocese’s decision on the future use of the school is still awaited</p> <p>A resident enquired as to progress in respect of the C7 safety survey, and it was noted by VI there had not been much progress as reported by the two ESCC Highways attendees at the recent 2nd August POLO meeting. SO expressed disappointment with ESCC as their approach seemed to be statistic-based only, when the real underlying issue was in respect of the quality of life, but this had not yet shown up in the survey approach methodology under ongoing discussion. It was further noted that there may be a need to look at alternative funding sources as the Highways budget was very tight.</p> <p>In response to a query regarding verge and hedge cutting VI observed that any extra cuts may have to be funded from the Parish precept.</p> <p>A parishioner had noted issues with the footpath along the C7, considered to be dangerous. It was noted RPC may in future have to contribute to the cost of extra verge cutting to make the footpath useable; it was suggested to concentrate on the local stretch only in discussions with ESCC, and agreed to discuss with Northease Manor School the possible use of part of their property.</p>	JG

2	<p>District and County reports</p> <p>VI reported there was a current pre-planning enquiry in respect of Iford Estates' access to the C7 between Northease and Iford, which would generate S105 money from the contractor. It was recommended the Parish Council look at the application as there were some issues worth commenting on.</p> <p>SO introduced herself and requested that her personal email address and mobile number be circulated, as the ESCC contact details were experiencing some access difficulties.</p> <p>The details were noted as sarahosborne2000@yahoo.co.uk and 07986 776105.</p>	
3	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th July had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	
4	<p>Planning</p> <p>5.1 SDNP/17/03383/HOUS Rear extension, replacement windows and new rooflights to house, extending and recladding garage Hill Top, Mill Lane, Rodmell BN7 3HS No objection was made to this application.</p> <p>5.2 SDNP/17/03585/LDE Mixed use of the land for agriculture and for the shooting of game birds (including partridge and pheasant) for sport in the shooting season (1st September - 1st February) Iford Estates Council voted unanimously to object to this application.</p> <p>The Clerk to reply formally to both invitations outlining the council's reasons where appropriate. For full details please refer to the Planning website on http://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/ and enter the reference number shown above.</p>	<p>DB</p>
5	<p>Maintenance reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dicklands and Sports Field. • It was noted that a cleaner, Mia Barlow, had now been appointed for the Sports Pavilion, and that the cricket club would pay her direct. • It was noted that after discussions with Derek Carpenter on mowing the Sports field it looked likely that he would agree, and RS would brief DS to approach Chris Wettern regarding access issues. • Roads and Drains: • AS-D had reported potholes had mainly been filled in, and that ESCC had not cleared the drains but were about to do so. ESCC had request that they be notified if was not done. <p>Legal matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodmell School Asset of Community Value application: to be kept on hold until after further contact with the Diocese. • National Trust sewerage easement and Sports Field land registration: both of these were still awaiting Chris Wettern's solicitor's input 	<p>RS/DS</p> <p>ASD</p> <p>JH</p> <p>ASD</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School playground right of way: negotiations with the Diocese were in progress. • School playground lease termination: it was agreed there was a need to send a letter of intent as the school's final closure was not confirmed. • There were no other legal matters arising. 	<p>JG</p> <p>JGm</p> <p>ASD</p>
6	<p>Other updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for a yellow line on the corner of the C7 and the Street: no response had been received from ESCC. • Progress with identifying the actual number of allotments and who rents each one: it was noted there are 5 allotments, and that whilst there is an updated list it is still necessary to obtain email and home address details in order to obtain new agreements from users. • It was agreed the Clerk would review the parish procedures and circulate them for agreement and then present for approval at the next meeting 	<p>DS</p> <p>DB</p>
7	<p>Clerk's and/or Councillors' Reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations for bulb planting updates: still ongoing • Broadband update: the fibre optic is live. Residents wanting to be connected need to apply to their provider. • PAT Testing: no further action to be taken. • Bus shelter complaint: JG to contact Sarah Osborne 	<p>JG</p>
8	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>11.1 The bank statement reconciliations for July and August were circulated, approved and signed.</p> <p>11.2 The following payments were authorised: - 000310 £519.06 90 D I Blackhall June/July salary & expenses 000311 £102.60 HMRC Income tax Online banking transfers: £15.00 SDS subscription £29.37 S E Water £120.00 PKF Audit fee £34.67 Business Stream Waste water</p> <p>11.3 The Parish Council noted the Clerk's report that the Transparency funding application for £459.12 had been received and that this was the final year of the grant.</p>	
	<p>11.4 It was agreed the 2018/19 budget sub-committee be convened in mid/late November 2017.</p>	<p>DB</p>
9	<p>The meeting closed at 9.50 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 7th November 2017. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Monday 27th October 2017.</p>	