



RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 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), 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), and East Sussex County Councillor Sarah Osborne (SO). JG declared an interest in one payment and there were no requests to consider any dispensations.</p> <p>Public questions.</p> <p>Nothing was raised on this occasion.</p>	
2	<p>District and County reports.</p> <p>Councillor Ient had sent comments on the SDNP Plan, noting that it included no mention of objections to commercial shooting or the unsuitability of increasing traffic on the C7, and ignored some major new building projects on the peripheries of the Park, not least at Newhaven, along with attendant traffic implications.</p> <p>Councillor Sarah Osborne had reported significant ESCC funding issues.</p>	
3	<p>The minutes of the meetings held on the 5th September and 13th October had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	

4	<p>Planning</p> <p>4.1 SDNP/17/05440/HOUS</p> <p>New below-ground swimming pool set at lower ground floor level at Lane House Mill Lane Rodmell East Sussex BN7 3HS.</p> <p>This was a sunken pool on the side of the site facing the road, but not visible from the road; there were no issues and the application was supported subject to archaeological inspection and agreement.</p> <p>4.2 SDNP Local Plan.</p> <p>It was noted that the plan, which is now in the final consultation phase, contained no new housing proposals for Rodmell, and there was very little change to the comments submitted last year. However there had been a request from POLO to support Kingston's submission to the National Park regarding issues with traffic and road safety on the C7 and C324, and it was agreed to do so.</p>	DB
5	<p>Maintenance reviews</p> <p>The Dicklands and Sports Field:</p> <p>It was noted that after discussions with Derek Carpenter on mowing the Sports field, and the meeting on 13th October regarding access, this matter was ongoing, pending completion of repairs to the access road.</p> <p>Roads and Drains:</p> <p>Progress with potholes and regulations. No issues currently.</p> <p>Progress with the Barleyfield drainage. To be followed up.</p> <p>Playground inspection and repairs:</p> <p>In view of the minimal current use by the school, and uncertainty about the future of the site, the council noted the findings of the inspection and agreed not to commit further funds at present.</p> <p>Defibrillator</p> <p>It was noted that the Good Neighbour Scheme had managed to get the defibrillator put back to running order by SECAMS, who technically own it, but that we need to be prepared to organise and pay for servicing in future. Medisol basic service would cost £65 pa. They will give ample warning of need to replace parts, and will lend equipment for a month in emergencies.</p> <p>Salt supplies</p> <p>The Good Neighbour Scheme had also agreed to oversee salt distribution on the grounds that its volunteers were well placed to know who needed it and be more proactive than the council. A list of salt holders had been published and distributed to GNS volunteers.</p> <p>Highways updates:</p> <p>Road Lining refresh: should take place 15-17 Oct 2018</p> <p>Road Sign cleaning: should take place July 2018</p> <p>Grass Cutting schedule: would most likely be similar to this year, i.e. two cuts, one in April/May, and one in September/October. If they received reports at other times that the length of the grass was causing a safety issue for road users then additional cutting could be carried out. However, this did not include the verge becoming unusable by walkers.</p>	RS ASD

	<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: were back on track. • School playground right of way: the diocese had agreed to involve RPC in future decisions on the disposal and/or development of the school site, including the provision of an agreed access to the playground. Following this agreement, the Parish Council has withdrawn its application to register a right of way thereby avoiding legal fees which would have been incurred if the matter had proceeded to a Tribunal hearing. If a negotiated position on villagers' access to the playground cannot be reached, it is open to the Council to reinstate the application at any time. • School playground lease termination: The Council had advised ESCC that they would serve notice of the termination of the school's right to use the playground in the event of the closure of the school. This notice would be served when the final closure was confirmed. <p>There were no other legal matters arising.</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: It was noted ESCC would not be taking this forward this year. • Progress with identifying the actual number of allotments and who rents each one: it was noted there were five allotments, and that whilst there was an updated list it was still necessary to obtain email and home address details in order to obtain new agreements from users. • It was agreed to present vouchers to Marcus Brown and Pauline and Martin Burnaby Davies in thanks for their volunteer help. • It was further agreed to present flowers to Chris Wettern and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and the Clerk was authorised to give a cheque to ASD who would obtain and present the flowers. • The parish procedures were approved and could now be updated on the website after the Clerk had provided a set of the final versions. 	<p>DS</p> <p>JG</p> <p>DB ASD</p> <p>DB/JG</p>
7	<p>Clerk's and/or Councillors' Reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations for bulb planting updates: outcome to be known by the end of the year. • Broadband update: the fibre connection was live and appeared to be working well. • October conferences: JG had attended both the SDNP Conference, which was largely concerned with the Plan, and was of little direct relevance to Rodmell; and the Local Councils Conference, which gave an interesting picture of various ventures being undertaken by LDC and ESCC. • Monks House: JG proposed a vote of thanks to Alli Pritchard for organising the open evening and the apple pressing, which were well attended and a great success. 	

8	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>8.1 The bank statement reconciliations for August, September and October were circulated, approved and signed.</p> <p>8.2 The following payments were authorised: - 000312 £328.59 D I Blackhall Oct/Nov salary & expenses 000313 £210.00 HMRC Income tax Online banking transfers: £93.60 LDC dog bins £888.96 Public Works Loans £39.00 J Gillies web work £78.00 Play Inspection Co £28.80 SSALC training</p> <p>8.3 The Parish Council noted that HM Land Registry had refunded a £40 fee with a cheque payable to ASD, who had banked the cheque and given the Clerk her own personal cheque for £40 to deposit in the Council bank account.</p>	DB
9	<p>Other Business:</p> <p>9.1 It was agreed the 2018/19 budget sub-committee be convened on either November 21 or 28.</p> <p>9.2 The dates of next year's Council meetings were agreed: Jan 9th, Mar 6th, May 1st, Jul 3rd, Sep 4th, Nov 6th, Jan 8th 2019.</p> <p>9.3 The Parish Assembly date was set for April 20th.</p> <p>9.4 The above dates to be booked for the village hall.</p> <p>9.5 Suggestions were made for speakers for the Parish Assembly, including the National Trust and the National Park. It was also agreed to reconsider the format of the Assembly, including arrangements for choosing the Resident of the Year and displaying the past recipients on an Honours Board.</p>	DB JG JG
10	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 9th January 2018. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Friday 22th December 2017.</p>	

