

RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4^h July 2017 at 8.00pm in Rodmell Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Gillies – *Chair* (JG), John Harvey – *Vice-Chair* (JH), David Smart (DS), Richard Sellick (RS), George Hickey (GH), Jill Goldman (JGm), Anne Sword-Daniels (ASD); Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk), and 1 member of the public.

Item No		Action
1	Apologies had been received from Lewes District Councillor Vic Ient (VI), and East Sussex County Councillor Sarah Osborne (SO). DS declared an interest in item 8.4. No requests to consider any dispensations had been received.	
	Public Question Time. There were no issues raised.	
2	It was noted there were no District or County reports received on this occasion.	
3	JG congratulated the Parish Clerk on additionally being appointed Deputy Parish Clerk at Ditchling Parish council.	
4	The minutes of the meetings held on the 7th March, 28 th April, and 9 th May had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.	
5	Planning	
	It was noted there were currently no new applications to consider.	

6	Maintenance reviews	
	• The Dicklands and Sports Field. It was noted that all trees had been inspected without any issues arising; and that the sports pavilion cleaner was leaving. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on Facebook and approach the village hall cleaner. It was agreed to approach Derek Carpenter regarding a quote for mowing, should he be interested. It was agreed to contact ESCC regarding their footpath mowing schedule.	JG/JGm RS JG
	• School: It was noted there may be so few children attending from September 2017 that it was quite possible that the school might close before September 2018.	
	Website It was noted this had been restructured to provide better readability, more appeal to both residents and non-village readers, and more homogeneity of style.	
	• Roads and Drains: AS-D reported that there were no outstanding potholes, but that there was an outstanding ESCC CCTV investigation which needed follow up; and that ESCC were to replace the lighting bollard on the C7.	AS-D
7	Clerk's and/or Councillors' Reports	
	 Rodmell School: The two legal issues were noted as ongoing, but it was agreed that there was no point in discussing these due to the uncertain future of the site, on which we hoped for more clarity as a result of the forthcoming meeting with the Capital Asset Programme Manager of the Diocese. 	
	Other Legal Issues: • It was noted that our solicitor was close to finalising the National Trust sewerage easement; and also dealing with Chris Wettern's solicitor regarding the cricket pitch land registration.	
8	 Brief reports on external meetings It was noted that no-one had attended the POLO meeting; it would meet again on 2nd August with ESCC for a private meeting not open to the public; RS would attend the consultation meeting on 4th July in Iford. It was noted that ESCC need two months to review the yellow 	RS
	line request; and there was still no progress on the ESCC bulbs response which needed follow up.	JH

9	Broadband	
	• It was noted that the promised provision of fibre broadband had not taken place by the end of June, but it was hoped that it would be up and running by the end of September. However, it was	
	noted that residents would need to act when it became available.	
10	Allotments	DS
	• It was noted DS would review the number of allotments and who actually rented each one.	DB
	DB would reissue the agreements accordingly.	
11	Finance Report	
	11.1 It was noted the online banking was working very well and was to be removed from future agendas.	DB
	11.2 The bank statement reconciliations for May and June were circulated, approved and signed.	
	11.3 The following payments were authorised: - 000304 £516.14 Came & Company insurance Online banking transfer £117.00 J Gillies website maintenance 000305 £55.20 Houndean Fire & Safety extinguisher maintenance 000306 £425.90 D I Blackhall June/July salary & expenses 000307 £91.20 HMRC income tax 000308 £52.50 Guy Smart cleaning 000309 £33.60 GETMAPPING plc Parish online subscription Online banking transfer £93.60 LDC dog bins	
	11.4 The Parish Council noted the Clerk's report that the potential 2017/18 funding difficulties were now resolved satisfactorily, though AS-D pointed out that there was still uncertainty about future legal bills.	
12	The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 5th September 2017. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Monday 21st August 2017.	