



RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 8.00pm in Rodmell Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Gillies – *Chair* (JG), John Harvey – *Vice-Chair* (JH), George Hickey (GH), Richard Sellick (RS), Jill Goldman (JGm), Lewes District Councillor Vic Ient (VI), and Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk). No members of the public attended.

Item No		Action
1	<p>Apologies had been received from East Sussex County Councillor Sarah Osborne (SO), Anne Sword-Daniels (ASD), and David Smart (DS). There were no Declarations of Interest or 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 explained the new LDC recycling process which was imminent in Rodmell. LDC had a low recycling ratio and this initiative would help to improve it, making re-cycling simpler by removing the need to separate recyclable items. There would be two different sized bins (140 or 240 litre) and all recycling would now be in one bin. A 3-leaflet envelope had been sent to all households explaining the revised arrangements; and a Customer First Waste Recycling Team was available to assist.</p>	
3	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	

4	<p>Planning</p> <p>4.1 SDNP/18/00642/HOUS Erection of tractor and machinery store/building, ‘Admiral’s Knock’, Mill Lane, Rodmell BN7 3HS. It was noted that this was a routine application and Council voted to be neutral on the SDNPA website.</p> <p>4.2 It was agreed to approach the LDC Chief Solicitor, Catherine Knight, to register concern that the long LDC delays in deciding the outcome could mean the ‘10-year rule’ would automatically sanction the Lawful Development for Shooting on the Downs application by default, and that urgent action was necessary to ensure this did not happen. A copy of this letter should also go to the new SDNPA Enforcement Officer, Jack Trevelyan.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DB/JH</p>
5	<p>Maintenance reviews</p> <p>5.1 The Dicklands – LDC had been contacted regarding a complaint about a rubbish related issue.</p> <p>5.2 Sports Field: It was noted that completion of repairs to the access road were imminent. RS agreed to arrange for the resulting invoice to be sent to the Clerk, and notify him of final completion in order to tell the current grass cutting contractor of the new arrangements.</p> <p>5.3 Roads and Drains: It was noted the ESCC SLR meeting had been postponed to May resulting in no progress with potholes and regulations. JG felt that the road surface on the Street was deteriorating and needed attention before then. Progress with the Barleyfield drainage was not known.</p> <p>Legal matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodmell School Asset of Community Value application: to be kept on hold until after meeting with the Diocese. • National Trust sewerage easement was signed by Council and now requires Mr Wettern and the National Trust to sign and seal it; the Sports Field land registration was complete. ASD to request invoices for all work done to date. • School and playground: JG informed Council that there was to be a meeting with the diocese on 28th March. The lady pursuing the mural initiative was to be informed. • New General Data Protection Regulations: It was noted the requirements were still unclear and agreed professional advice would be required. The Clerk had established this European law takes effect on 25th May, 2018 and there was a Parliamentary Bill ‘Data Protection Act 2018’ in progress which could make some changes to the impact on local councils but the impact was as yet unknown. It seems inevitable however that separate email address arrangements would need to be implemented in order to separate all Parish Council business from personal data in order to avoid confiscation of own hardware in the event of any investigation following implementation. <p>There were no other legal matters arising.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>DB</p> <p>ASD/JG</p> <p>ASD</p> <p>JG/JH/ASD GH</p> <p>JG</p>

6	<p>Other updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with identifying actual number of allotments 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. DS to email outcome to DB. • Parish Assembly: JG announced that the consultant of the C7 working group had agreed to speak at the Assembly, and a speaker regarding networking funds to support small businesses across POLO villages. The newsletter would be printed by the first week of April and it was agreed the distribution would be undertaken the following week. • New Mill Lane Notice Board: it was agreed to pay the invoice as it had been delivered. 	<p>DS</p> <p>JG JH/GH/ASD</p> <p>DB</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. • Proposal for a yellow line on the corner of the C7 and the Street - ESCC are to reconsider in the summer. • Grass cutting savings by ESCC - DB explained that ESCC will only fund 2 of the current 6 grass cuts going forward; an option exists to purchase the remaining 4 from them at an annual cost of £152 - this was agreed. • 100-year anniversary of the Representation of the People Acts and universal suffrage - there are no current plans for Rodmell events. • Chalk Management Partnership meeting, March 19th- This concerned issues of the pollution of ground water in the South Downs. DS would be attending. • LDC communication issues - DB reported his concern that despite four separate attempts at communication covering three issues the online LDC reporting mechanism as advertised did not work. It was agreed this was unacceptable; VI to be approached for advice on how to have this corrected. • Cricket Field Hire-DB reported it had been hired for a wedding on 4th August, 2018. 	<p>DB</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DB</p>
8	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>8.1 The bank statement reconciliations for January and February were circulated, approved and signed.</p> <p>8.2 The following payments were authorised: -</p> <p>000320 £484.12 D I Blackhall Feb/March salary & expenses</p> <p>000321 £182.40 HMRC income tax</p> <p>Online banking transfers:</p> <p>£30.00 J Gillies reimbursement for web work</p> <p>£26.11 S E Water Choice</p> <p>£57.60 SSALC GDPR training</p>	
9	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 1st May 2018. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Friday 20th April, 2018.</p>	