



RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 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), Anne Sword-Daniels (ASD), David Smart (DS), and Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk). One member of the public attended.

Item No		Action
1	<p>No apologies had been received. There were no Declarations of Interest and no requests to consider any dispensations.</p> <p>Public questions.</p> <p>A resident offered access to some old diaries which could be useful in respect of the school/play area.</p> <p>JG announced a vote of thanks for the organisers and volunteers at the Summer Show and noted that the organisers were in urgent need of more help for next year.</p>	
2	<p>District and County reports.</p> <p>Neither Councillor attended on this occasion.</p>	
3	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	
4	<p>Planning</p> <p>4.1: Nothing to report.</p>	
5	<p>Maintenance reviews</p> <p>5.1 The Dicklands – It was noted the hedge had now been cut.</p> <p>5.2 Sports Field:</p> <p>It was noted that we were still looking for someone to cut the sports field hedge. JH would ask Ollie. JG would approach his neighbour. DB would ask in Ditchling.</p>	<p>JH/JG DB</p>

	<p>5.3 Roads and Drains: It was noted that the next SLR meeting was on Friday of this week, but that continual ESCC staff changes made progress very slow. The Barleyfields drainage issue was ongoing.</p> <p>5.4 Sports Field hire It was noted that our procedure needed updating in respect of fires and fireworks following recent events held on the Sports Field.</p>	<p>JG/ASD</p> <p>JG/DB</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Legal matters</p> <p>School and playground: JGm reported that professional legal advice had been obtained from a land law specialist on the merits of our claim to a private right of way over a small area of land owned by the school. The advice was given in a lengthy meeting to the Chairman, John Harvey, AS-D and JGm.</p> <p>Sally Collins of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) had set out clearly her belief that villagers have been able to pass over the land in question only by virtue of a Licence Agreement dated 1958 which, in fact, grants the School and its users the right to use land owned by RPC (the playground).</p> <p>Further legal advice was needed on this point, and on future strategy. JGm had requested this advice and awaits a response. Meanwhile, evidence of continued use of the land by villagers has been gathered.</p> <p>The question of the exact boundaries of the School land was being considered by SC. Surveyors had been seen at the site, presumably to advise the DBF.</p> <p>JGm had requested the key to the padlock which prevents access to part of our land from the former school caretaker, Brian Breeds (who is now in the employ of the DBF). He has referred JGm to SC. JG agreed to e mail SC accordingly.</p> <p>A village volunteer had been found to cut the playground grass; and it was agreed that GH would ask a known resident who has done work here previously to repair the broken bench seat along with cutting back the ivy.</p> <p>JG reported back on the response from villagers to a survey asking for views on the future of the school buildings and the playground; he thanked ASD & JGm for all of the hard work put in regarding the closure implications, and would also pass on the Council's thanks to residents who had provided evidence of their continued use of the route to the playground.</p> <p>Martens Field footpath: The Clerk was asked to clarify with LDC/ESCC the regulations regarding horses' access/use on public paved footpaths.</p> <p>New Email and General Data Protection Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three new policy documents, <i>IT Security Policy for Staff</i>, <i>Data Protection Policy</i>, and <i>How Information Provided Will Be Used</i> were approved. • It was noted that the Parish Council did not routinely seek or keep personal data, the only exception being in respect of allotment holders and staff details. It was agreed this 	<p>JG</p> <p>GH</p> <p>JG</p> <p>DB</p>

	<p>was a very low risk area, and it should be minuted that</p> <p>a) the clerk would never share any document or message received which identified an individual other than at a meeting.</p> <p>b) No individuals' names would be recorded at a meeting unless they had given express consent.</p> <p>c) Councillors would not discuss individuals using IT.</p> <p>d) JG would initiate dedicated email Councillor addresses (for Council business only) online.</p> <p>There were no other legal matters arising.</p>	JG
7	<p>Other updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted the Pyrotec maintenance of the pavilion fire extinguishers had been completed. • JG agreed to check with Judith Bradbury regarding defibrillator maintenance arrangements. <p>It was noted there were periodic issues concerning unauthorised use of the Monk's House car parks. JG and JH would visit the NT to discuss options. DB was asked to see if there was a relevant minute (going back 6/8 years) related to parking.</p>	JG JG/JH
8	<p>Clerk's and/or Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
9	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>8.1 The bank statement reconciliations for July and August were circulated, approved and signed.</p> <p>8.2 The following payments were authorised: -</p> <p>Online banking transfers:</p> <p>£182.40 ESCC grass cuts</p> <p>£93.60 LDC dog bins</p> <p>£900.00 Mrs F Thomas Legal fees</p> <p>£310.00 Morgan Kelly Legal fees</p> <p>£16.50 J Gillies web maintenance reimbursement</p> <p>£391.97 D I Blackhall Aug/Sept salary/expenses</p> <p>£93.20 HMRC Income Tax</p> <p>£15.71SEWC water supply</p> <p>£20.00 LDA of Local Councils Subscription</p> <p>£18.00 Parishonline subscription</p> <p>£115.00 SLCC subscription</p> <p>£30.00 ALC union subscription</p>	
10	<p>The meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 6th November 2018. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Friday 26th October, 2018.</p>	