



RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th November 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), David Smart (DS), and Derek Blackhall (DB: Clerk). One member of the public attended.

Item No		Action
1	<p>Apologies were received from Anne Sword-Daniels (ASD), Vic lent (VL), and Sarah Osborne (SO). There was one Declaration of Interest from GH in respect of the school buildings contribution; and no requests to consider any dispensations.</p> <p>Public questions.</p> <p>None on this occasion.</p>	
2	<p>District and County reports.</p> <p>Neither Councillor attended on this occasion and no reports had been received.</p>	
3	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	

4	<p>Planning</p> <p>1. 4.1: No new applications. JG mentioned that Pre-planning advice to the Diocese about the school development had been published and was strongly against there being more than one residential unit. It also mentioned parking issues.</p>	
5	<p>Maintenance reviews</p> <p>5.1 The Dicklands – nothing to report.</p> <p>5.2 Sports Field: It was noted that a contractor had been found and wanted to cut the hedge in the ‘next couple of weeks’.</p> <p>5.3 Roads and Drains: Roads - nothing to report. Barleyfield Drainage: JG had received an email stating that the local Highway Steward had recently inspected the drains along Barley Field and advised they appeared to be working correctly. The drains were due to be cleared as part of routine maintenance within the next few weeks.</p> <p>5.4 Gifts to village helpers It was agreed that gifts of £25 for services rendered should be made to:- Marcus Brown for mowing the Dicklands; Martin and Pauline Burnaby-Davis for looking after the Pavilion; Dame Kiri Te Kanawa for emptying the Mill Lane dog bin; and Graham Barnard for agreeing to mow the playground grass.</p>	
6	<p>Legal and procedural matters</p> <p>6.1. Diocesan Board of Finance: JGm outlined DBF proposal to settle the playground issue, whereby DBF would allow access via existing route in return for RPC ending dispute over boundaries. Discussion ensued over DBF’s boundary plan, which was reasonable though not entirely accurate. JG to arrange site meeting with DBF to discuss, and JGm to draft letter to clarify RPC requirements.</p> <p>6.2. Date for EGM to discuss next Precept bid provisionally set at Tue11 Dec at 6.30.</p> <p>6.3. Affordable Housing in Rodmell: JH explained that Pauline Cherry wished to sell some of her land to provide affordable housing for villagers. JG & JH had met with Sussex Community Housing Hub to discuss mechanics of setting up a Community Land Trust to ensure that appropriate use was guaranteed and maintained, as Mrs Cherry wished only to be involved at arm’s length. LDC would fund an initial assessment. Council supported the proposal and thanked Mrs Cherry for her generosity.</p> <p>6.4 JG acknowledged a gift from the Abergavenny Arms. The total raised in their fund-raising night had been £5070, of which £4320 had been given to RNLI and £750 to the Parish Council. The total amount of cash retrieved from the well was £1978.05. Council agreed to use this donation to provide new benches for the playground. JG to research. Council</p>	<p>JG JGm</p> <p>All</p> <p>JG</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>expressed its congratulations to the pub for its very successful fund-raising and its thanks for the donation to the village.</p> <p>6.5. GH enquired whether the Council would be prepared to offer a donation to the cost of getting a valuation of the school buildings, and/or to put its name to an Asset of Community Value application. It was decided that at this stage of the negotiations with DBF it would be inappropriate for RPC to do this.</p> <p>Other matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDPR progress: JG had updated the booking forms for allotments and sports field. It was further agreed that as of today all councillors would use the new email addresses for all future council correspondence. • Update on pheasant shooting: a letter had been received on 19 Sept stating that an enforcement notice had been issued and that an appeal had been made against it by Iford Estates. • The Playground inspection had revealed that some work would need to be done in the future, but as none of it was deemed to be urgent Council needed to reach a final conclusion with DBF before spending money. Meanwhile the playground was in good enough condition to be used. • Barleyfields to C7: JG reported that the footpath was clear and walkable. • Playground grass and ivy cutting: Graham Barnard had kindly offered to undertake the future playground mowing. The Ivy on the side boundary fence needed to be trimmed or removed. • JG had attended LDC Parish Councils conference: he reported that LDC were very upbeat about the success of the recycling scheme. • JG had chaired the POLO meeting on 16 Oct: he reported that funding was available for a C7 consultancy proposal, but only as long as ESCC agreed to evaluate the proposal, which they declined to do, citing lack of resources. A meeting with Nick Bennett (lead member on environment and transport), was being set up to explain strategy and find a way forward. More money had been found to complete the Ham Lane to Linklaters section of the Egret's way, and it was believed that all landowners involved were close to reaching heads of agreement on next steps. Other communities had also expressed interest in affordable housing schemes similar to those discussed in respect of Rodmell. 	<p>All</p>

8	<p>Meeting dates for 2019 were Agreed, (all Tuesdays)</p> <p>9 January - already agreed 5 March 7 May – Annual Parish Meeting 2 July 3 September 12 November 7 January 2020 5 April (Friday) Parish Assembly Council Election date 2 May</p>	
9	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>9.1 The bank statement reconciliations for September and October were circulated, approved and signed.</p> <p>9.2 The following payments were authorised: -</p> <p>Online banking transfers: £210.00 NL Tree Surgery £93.60 LGC dog bins £450.00 Mrs F Thomas Legal fees £130.62 Pyrotec fire ext maintenance £28.08 Castle Water water usage £474.32 D I Blackhall Oct/Nov salary/expenses £104.80 HMRC Income Tax £54.26 Business Stream waste water £3.89 EDF electricity usage £888.96 Public Works Loans repayment £78.00 Play Inspection Co. maintenance £108.79 SLCC Arnold Baker, local council admin book - version 11 - GDPR</p>	
10	<p>The meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 8th January 2019. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by Friday 21st December, 2018.</p>	All