



## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY HELD**

on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 8.00pm  
at Rodmell Village Hall

### 1. Councillors Present

Councillors John Gillies (JG: Chairman), Lesley Prosser (Deputy Chair), Nikki Terry (NT), Sue Carroll (SC), Claire Dishington (CD), Roger Ford (RF), Lesley Prosser (LP) and David Smart (DS).

There were thirty two members of the public present.

### 2. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the first speaker;

### 3. Violet Hancock, former High Sheriff of East Sussex

Mrs Hancock described how she was appointed and what she particularly enjoyed about the role which has changed greatly since its inception 100 years ago.

She then handed over to the current High Sheriff, Mrs Jane King, who talked about the many events she has attended since she was appointed three weeks ago.

More details about the duties and responsibilities of High Sherriff's can be found at [www.highsherriffs.com](http://www.highsherriffs.com)

### 4. Nick Rouse, Director of Ovesco

Mr Rouse described the trials and tribulations of making his Victorian house more eco-friendly.

The work, which he started in 2004, includes a ground source heat pump, and cost £25000. He hopes to install heat recovery ventilation and external wall cladding next.

In answer to questions he confirmed;

- i. He has saved approximately 18000 kWh
- ii. He has almost broken even financially.
- iii. It is not possible to automatically ride out grid failures because there are strict rules which need to be adhered to.

Mr Rouse said he is happy to take further questions. His contact details are available from the Parish Clerk upon request.

### 5. Neville Harrison, Chair of the Egrets Way Project

Mr Harrison announced that funding has been secured for Phase 6 of the Egrets Way Project which means it is now nearing completion. The project was set up ten years' ago to provide a safer alternative to the C7.

Mr Harrison described the work and concluded by thanking all those who have helped.

More details about the Egret's Way Project can be found at [egretsway.org.uk](http://egretsway.org.uk)

#### 6. Your Village and The Parish Council

The Chairman provided a brief account of the ups and downs of lockdown life which included the glamping application, welcome parties for new residents, the future of the pub, the upcoming Jubilee Celebrations, the C7, the walkable verge between Northease and Rodmell and the progress of the sale of the former school. He also paid tribute to those the village has lost.

More details of life in Rodmell during lockdown can be found in the Annual Village Newsletter. The newsletter is available to read on [rodmell.net](http://rodmell.net).

He concluded by introducing the existing Parish Councillors, and the Clerk who he thanked and said it has been a pleasure to work with.

#### 7. Residents of the Year

There were three recipients because of the pandemic years. Awards were presented to;

- i. Judith Bradbury for providing a much needed lifeline to many through the Good Neighbour Scheme.
- ii. Lucie Sargent for delivering cooked food and support to residents.
- iii. Jo Mortimer for the birth of Rodmell Library.

Each recipient was presented with a bouquet of flowers and had their names added to the roll of honour which is on display in the Village Hall.

#### 8. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting finished at 9.40pm.