

Chalvington with Ripe



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The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council (CWRPC) that took place at the Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe on Monday 6th February 2023 commencing 7pm.

Present: Cllr S. Conway (Chair), Cllr A. Dunbar-Dempsey (Vice-Chair), Cllr N. Dashfield, Cllr J. Ruddock-West, Cllr G. White and Cllr J. Ward.

In attendance: Paul Richards (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public: 9.

12. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr F. Pankhurst, ESCC Cllr Bennett and WDC Cllr Watts.
13. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr A. Dunbar-Dempsey advised that as she is a neighbour to the applicant for planning application WD/22/2542/F and, therefore, would not vote on this item.
14. **Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023.**
Members **AGREED** that the minutes be accepted and that the Chair could sign them.
15. **Matters arising** – None.
16. **Public Session.**
 - A resident reported that the Ripe and Chalvington Community Association would be planning Coronation events; and
 - The applicant for planning application WD/22/2542/F presented his proposals.
17. **ESCC and WDC Reports,**
 - ESCC Cllr Bennett had sent his apologies; and
 - WDC Cllr Watts had sent his apologies but had written an update for Members on the progress with the Local Plan.
18. **Planning.**
 - a) **Applications.**
 - **WD/2022/2542/F - Flock House, Church Lane, Ripe - Ground floor rear extension.**
Internal alterations.
Members voted to SUPPORT the application (5 votes to support, with 1 abstention).
CWRPC made its original comments on the application on 3rd November 2022 stating that whilst it had no objection in principle to the extension it stated that the opinion of the Heritage Officer would be important. The Heritage Officer had now responded expressing concerns, some of which have been taken into account in the revised plans. The parish council recommended that the applicant consult further with the Heritage Officer to ensure that her observations are addressed.
 - b) **Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals** – none.
19. **Other planning matters.**
 - a) **Consultation** - Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey provided an update on the National Planning Policy Framework consultation. As reported previously, she advised that WGOD would draft a response on behalf of the parishes within the Group.
20. **Lack of super-fast Broadband in the parish.**

The Chair reminded Members of their previous decision to support resident calls to improve rural super-fast broadband connectivity. She noted that ESCC Cllr Bennett had advised that the project between Openreach and ESCC had concluded. She advised that the project could not

offer support to the parish in this matter. Cllr White recommended that the Clerk write to Openreach to request details of when super-fast broadband would be available throughout the parish, if at all. Members **AGREED** that the Clerk write to Openreach accordingly.

21. Highways, footpaths and rights of way.

The Footpath Officer’s report was deferred until the next meeting. Cllr White reported that a resident at Deanland Wood Park had agreed to be the local Community Speedwatch coordinator.

22. Coronation of King Charles III.

The Chair referred to a letter, circulated at the meeting, from the Levelling Up Minister, Michael Gove, detailing arrangements for the Coronation. She noted that the planned events would celebrate the role of volunteers in the community. She suggested that the parish council arrange an event that would also celebrate local volunteers. Members **AGREED** and asked the Clerk to book the Village Hall for Monday 8th May 2023. The Chair agreed to write to the volunteer groups in the parish.

23. Flooding.

The Chair referred to previous instances of flooding across the parish and the photographs sent by residents highlighting the affected areas. These had been submitted to DEFRA. However, subsequent flooding across the parish has revealed more local issues. She repeated her previous request for residents to send pictures of local flooding to the parish council. Cllr Ruddock-West was also asked to consider the issue of cost when opposing the new highway proposal linking Lewes and Eastbourne. The valley the new road would cross has serious flooding issues.

24. Financial matters - Authorisation of payment of accounts – these were approved unanimously.

The payments schedule is attached at Appendix A. Cllr Ruddock-West requested that the Clerk update the CIL spreadsheet to reflect the deferment of the defibrillator and insert the second payment amount for the bench.

25. Date of the next meetings - Monday 27th February 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 19:32.

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

Appendix A – Payments Schedule

Payments February 2023					
Income since last meeting	Amount				
None	£ -				
TOTAL INCOME	£ -				
BALANCES ON ACCOUNT					
Current Account (Community)	£ 11,601.34	at 31/01/2023			
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 5,290.99	at 31/01/2023			
TOTAL BALANCES	£ 16,892.33				
PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED	Invoiced Services	Folio number	Chq Nos	Amount	
None					
				£ -	
To Pay after this Meeting	Invoiced Services		Chq Nos	Amount	
Starboard Systems	Scribe accounting package	42	BACS	£ 328.32	
Paul Richards	Clerks salary - January 2023	43	BACS	£ 962.50	
				£ 1,290.82	
CIL FUNDS		CIL FUNDS			
RECEIPTS	VALUE				
Opening Balance	£ 26,346.19				
WDC - CIL Oct 2020 to March 2021	£ 6,790.11				
WDC - CIL Oct 2021 to March 2022	£ 1,966.67				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 35,102.97				
EXPENDITURE (net - before VAT)	VALUE				
ESCC - Licences - posts	£ 445.50				
Costain - Install bike posts	£ 1,013.00				
Zara - Island designs	£ 795.00				
SH Solicitors - CIL advice July	£ 75.00				
SH Solicitors - advice	£ 1,350.00				
Costain - abortive visit	£ 294.11				
Architect fees - design and tender process	£ 1,744.63				
ESCC - S171 fees	£ 295.00				
Island 1 refurbishment	£ 14,060.00				
Legal advice - CIL (August 2020)	£ 125.00				
CIL island cleats (Christmas tree)	£ 327.92				
Electical connection	£ 600.00				
Extension lead (Christmas tree)	£ 21.45				
Abortive community space costs	£ 1,344.00				
50% payment for bench	£ 4,445.00				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE as at 01/02/2023	£ 26,935.61				
COMMITMENTS (net - before VAT)	VALUE				
Bench 2nd payment	£ 4,500.00				
Community space commitment (approved)	£ 2,406.00				
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	£ 6,906.00				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 35,102.97				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£ 26,935.61				
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	-£ 6,906.00				
BALANCE	£ 1,261.36				
Balance excluding commitments	£ 8,167.36				

