Chalvington with Ripe



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OCM MINUTES 02/11/2026

Present: Cllr S Flint (Chair), Cllr J Ruddock-West, Cllr W Farrer Cllr M Lonsdale-Cleeve, Cllr C Hallworth
In attendance: Stephanie Dubas (Parish Clerk), Cllr Alison Wilson WDC
Members of the public:

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	
118. Attendance & Apologies for Absence	**To resolve to note apologies from** Cllr A. Harvey and Cllr N Hamblin due to work commitments.
119. To receive any declarations from Members concerning items on the agenda	**Resolution**: No declarations were received
120. Approval of the OCM Minutes	**Resolution: Approved** Ordinary Council Meeting 05/10/2026
121. Public Session	**No comment**
122. Report of the Member of Parliament:	**Resolution**: To note the Nov report is not yet published
123. Report of the County Councillor:	**Resolution**: To note the County Cllr apologies for absence and his statement that they are finishing the Budget for 2027/8 which has to be completed by the end of November 26.
124. Report of the District Councillor:	**Resolution**: **to note a verbal report** from the WDC Councillor: Local Gov re-organisation will proceed as planned. Parish and District elections will continue in May 27. Planning considerations will change as to how planning will go to committee. New provision at DM8 of National Planning Guidance for retrospective planning applications, provides where it is concluded on evidence that the development was~~s~~ intentional, then this should be given substantial weight in deciding whether to award planning permission.
125. Planning Applications	a. **WD/2026/1882/F NEW DETACHED OFFICE BUILDING: THE LAURELS, CHALVINGTON ROAD, CHALVINGTON, BN27 3TB NEW DETACHED OFFICE BUILDING.** **Mike Woodhall, the applicant, spoke in favour of the application.** He explained that the previous application had been refused. He had now obtained an ecology report and a heritage report The planners had wanted the building to back onto the existing garage. However this would have meant cutting down existing 20 year old apple trees. The building is proposed to be sited a small distance to the north east of the garage, and is to be constructed in a similar style. The proposed building has been reduced in size from the previous application. It has been turned around so its narrow side faces the road, it will look like a twin building. Additional trees and shrubs are to be planted. The building is intended for use of the businesses which he and his wife run from home. His immediate neighbours have all written to support the application. **Resolution: to support the application- the Council had supported the previous application, the proposed building is reduced in size by around 25% with a turn on the orientation it will be less visible from the highway, no trees will be cut down and there will be additional tree planting. The building will mirror the existing garage. The neighbours are in support.**

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	Also, the applicant will be using the building to support his and his wife's businesses. b. **WD/2026/1699/F LAND IN CHANNERS LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AS CHANGE OF USE OF SMALL PARCEL OF LAND FROM PADDOCK TO RESIDENTIAL** Members noted that the heritage officer was objecting to the application because of insufficient information having been submitted They appreciated that the applicant would need to submit further information. The members were supportive of the application because of the small scale development proposed, as opposed to previous applications for the construction of dwellings. They also noted that neighbours had not objected to the development. **Resolution to support the application subject to consideration of further information submitted in order that the Heritage Officer could make an assessment, and any other documents being submitted to Wealden Planning. Authorising the Parish clerk to comment on behalf of Councillors subsequent to this meeting:**
126. Planning Approvals	**Resolution**: **to note no planning approvals received**
127. Planning Refusals	**Resolution**: **to note no planning refusals received**
128. Planning Withdrawn	**Resolution**: **to note no planning approvals received**
129. Other planning matters	None
130. To receive outside body reports	a) Wealden District Association of Local Councils: Vacant b) Tree Warden: Cllr N Hamblin: Nothing to report. c) ESALC AGM: Cllr Simon Flint: No meeting to attend and report on yet. d) Hayton Baker Hall Trustees: Cllr Charlie Hallworth: No report received e) Highways, footpaths and rights of way: Cllr Joe Ruddock-West: No report received
131. To discuss and agree policies and standards	**Resolution**: To note no policies received.
132. 2027 Meeting Dates	**Resolution**: To agree the 2027 meeting dates January Holiday February 1st Ordinary Council Meeting March 1st Ordinary Council Meeting April 5th Ordinary Council Meeting May 10th Ordinary Council Meeting & Annual General Meeting (ELECTED 2027 COUNCILLORS) June 7th Ordinary Council Meeting July 5th Ordinary Council Meeting August Holiday September 6th Ordinary Council Meeting October 4th Ordinary Council Meeting November 1st Ordinary Council Meeting December 6th Ordinary Council Meeting
133. Financial matters	**Resolution**: **to** approve the following: a) **Appendix A** To approve the payments schedule b) **Appendix B** To approve the Bank Reconciliation
134. Footpaths	**Resolution**: **to note the updates from the** Parish Clerk: CHV/22/1 and CHV/23/1 & ROW336: The Parish Council continues with the Modification Order. A proposed voluntary dedication of an alternative cannot be presently agreed. This will be removed from the agenda until such time as new information is received.
135. Speed Application	**Resolution**: **to note that Cllrs voted to use option 1 or 2 size** 685 x 290, 855 x 360. We await the cost of the two signs installing.
136. Litter Update:	**Resolution**: **to note** one sign from Street Scene is approved although it is facing the wrong way. The litter group will suggest other sites to be identified on the

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	route and the direction of siting. This will be removed from the agenda until such time as new information is received.
137. Correspondence	To note the proposed policy to be adopted for dealing with applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders: Applications are processed chronologically, and this will remain the case, however, due to an increase in applications and waiting times, we believe there are situations where it might be appropriate to prioritise certain applications. E.g. where the route is at risk of being lost as the result of a development, or user evidence might be compromised over time.
138. Urgent Items	None received
139. Date of next meeting	The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on 7th Dec 2026 2026 commencing at 7pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

The meeting concluded at: 19:32

All documents can be found on the website, on the agenda and in any links proved. Alternatively, you may request any information directly from the Parish Clerk: chalvingtonwithripeclerk@gmail.com

Signed: Chair: Cllr S Flint	
Date:	***02/11/26***

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