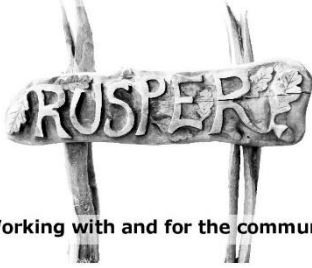


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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** G. Sallows (Vice Chairman), R. Allen, G. Hussey, R. Gatt, V. Bender and V. Saunders  
L. Bannister (Clerk)  
4 members of the public  
HDC & WSCC Cllr. Kitchen

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sheridan, Lawton, Forrest, Hill, and Vance-Webb.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3 Minutes of previous Meeting**

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Sallows.

Cllr. Gatt reported that the flooding on Wimland Road on the bend by Baldhorns Park is bad.

**4 Open Forum**

*The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.*

Two members of the public noted their objections to the planning application for 3 Chalice Walk. They felt they weren't listened to by HDC's planning officer and don't agree with parts of their report. They don't like how the proposal would affect the outlook for church and the height of the roofline would affect them significantly. They will be speaking at the committee meeting next week.

*The meeting was resumed.*

**5 Planning**

DC/18/2300 The Coach House, Millfields

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

*Cllr. Saunders arrived*

DC/18/2397 Old Park, Horsham Road

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

*Cllr. Kitchen arrived*

DC/18/2419 56 Peverel Road, Ifield

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application.'

DC/18/2457 Mullion Cottage, East Street

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council objects to this application due to the lack of information provided about the nature of the business proposed and the use of the building. This would impact the surrounding rural agricultural location, so this information is necessary.'

DC/18/2279 Hilltop Farm

Due to the deadline of this application, the following comment was agreed by email and submitted to HDC:

'Rusper Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:-

- The traffic volume generated by the importation of material over two years equates to around 25 movements a day. The access routes via Green Lane and Hurst Hill are not suitable for this as they are narrow and cannot safely support HGVs.
- There would be a negative impact of such a dramatic change in landscape on surface water run-off on areas further down the hill.
- Both the importation of material and use of the site will have a negative impact on neighbours.'

The following application was received since publication of the Agenda:

DC/18/2186 Merrilees, Ashmore Lane

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows:-

'Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application provided that a condition is applied annexing this to the main residence so that it cannot be used as a separate dwelling.'

Report on Rusper Road developments

Cllr. Bender updated that the Martin Grant development is nearly finished and occupied. They are finishing off the road this week. The Bovis Homes streetlights that have been added are unobtrusive so far. The mud on the road is still awful.

## **6 Planning updates**

Application DC/18/1742, 3 Chalice Walk is going to committee on 4<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that Cllr. Sallows will speak at this in objection.

## **7 Reports from other authorities**

Cllr. Kitchen updated as follows:-

- Cllr. Kitchen has received the letter from Rusper PC regarding the Gatwick Noise Management Board.
- There will be S106 money coming in from the Ifield developments soon.
- Many complaints have been received about fly tipping, and Cllr. Kitchen will follow these up, including a complaint made in August which Cllr. Hussey was made aware of.

## **8 Ifield notice board**

Cllr. Bender noted that with the increase to residents in Ifield, their current notice board may need relocating and upgrading to make it more noticeable. Cllr. Bender will speak to Bovis Homes to see if they would sponsor a new board.

## **9 Remembrance event & donation to charity**

Once the final payments totalling £150 have been received, Rusper PC will be able to make a donation of £2046 to be shared equally between Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion.

This donation includes the donations received from businesses, residents and Rusper PC, less the costs of the event.

It was agreed to send the donation now. A letter of thanks will be sent to the committee.

It was noted that the decorations and events were highly praised by members of the public.

## **10 Meeting dates – 2019 & December**

These were agreed as the third Tuesday of every month for the Neighbourhood Planning Committee meetings, and the final Tuesday of every month for Council meetings. However, due to the elections in May, Council will meet on the third Tuesday in May for their Annual General Meeting, and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee will meet on the last Tuesday in May.

The Council meeting in December 2018 will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December for planning, financial and urgent matters only. This will be followed by the Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting at 8pm.

## **11 Open Forum (cont.)**

*The meeting was adjourned to allow a late-coming member of the public to speak*

Anna Lewis spoke regarding planning application DC/18/2300. The property will be put up to rent if the application is permitted. It needs some internal alternations, but work should be complete within a month.

*The meeting resumed*

## **12 Gatwick Master Plan consultation**

**It was RESOLVED** to object to this consultation. Cllr. Lawton offered to draft this objection.

*Cllr. Kitchen left the meeting*

## **13 Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr. Sallows updated that the Focus Groups have been set up and are starting to collect information. There are some minor changes to the Vision Statement to be made.

The Focus Group responsible for environment have asked if they can have a report compiled by the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre at a cost of £100. This was agreed.

## **14 Vision & Strategy for Adults' Services consultation**

This is WSCC's plan for the next 3 years. If members would like to comment on this, they need to submit their comments to the Clerk before 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## **15 Request for donations**

The following donation requests have been received:-

- Age Concern
- £50 to sponsor a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival

Neither of these donations were approved.

## **16 Report from representatives**

Cllr. Allen reported that the Village Hall Committee chairman has resigned. Their new website is up and running, and there has been a noticeable increase in bookings.

Cllr. Sallows reported that the Sports Club met. No football clubs are formally using the field at the moment, although they have three teams interested. However, the Sports Club cannot commit to these due to the length of lease remaining.

## 17 Clerk's report

The Clerk has a new phone number for Council business – 07871 340986.

Traffic counters throughout Ruser have been noticed. These have been put in place by a contractor on behalf of WSCC so that they can assess traffic levels. This is being done throughout the county. WSCC will be unable to share the data collected with Ruser PC.

## 18 Parish News

It was agreed to include the following:-

- Ditch maintenance responsibilities
- Donation for Ruser Remembers

## 19 Finances

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

**It was RESOLVED** to agree these and they were duly signed by Cllr. Hussey.

Draft of budget for 2019/20

Members are largely happy with this, and will earmark £15,000 for the Recreation Ground. Small amendments will be made and this will be reviewed again at the December meeting.

Payments made since last meeting

In accordance with the Financial Regulations, the following payment was approved by Cllr. Hill and the Clerk:

Projector & screen - £453.27

Invoices to pay

**It was RESOLVED** to pay the following:

Salary for Clerk (November) – £572.48

Litter warden salary and expenses – £102.20 + £23.48 expenses = £125.68 total

HMRC for PAYE - £5.80

Expenses for Clerk - £233.18

SSALC Ltd 50% of invoice for training course - £18

Remembrance Wreath - £62

Sherlock & Neal for notice board repairs - £417.48

Help for Heroes - £1023

The Royal British Legion - £1023

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

## 20 Other business

None.

## 21 Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7 pm. The next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER

CLERK