



Chalvington with Ripe



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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 2nd October 2023 commencing 7pm.

Present: Cllr P. Bishop (Chair), Cllr S. Flint, Cllr C. Hallworth, Cllr N. Hamblin, Cllr W. Farrer and Cllr A. Harvey

In attendance: Sam Adeniji (Parish Clerk), WDC Cllr Alison Wilson.

Members of the public: 8.

121. **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr J. Ruddock-West and ESCC Cllr Nick Bennett
122. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
123. **Approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2023.**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4th September 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

124. **Public Session.**

Mr Paul Griffiths asked the parish council to consider investing in some dog bins around the parish. This was noted, and the Parish Clerk agreed to look further into this. The Chairman stated that this item would be added to the agenda of the next Council meeting.

125. **Report of the Member of Parliament**

The council took note of a written report by Maria Caulfield MP on general constituency matters.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Member of Parliament be noted.

126. **Report of the County Councillor**

None

127. **Report of the District Councillor**

The District Cllr Alison Wilson spoke to update the Council on the following matters:

- a) Wealden Community Open Spaces Grant Programme
- b) South East Water attended the Wealden District Council scrutiny panel. They were interrogated about the supply shortages in the north of the district.
- c) She visited the South East Water treatment works in Hailsham North.
- d) Ward Surgery – The 21st of October at 10 am was noted as the date for the meet the Councillors surgery.

RESOLVED - That the report of the District Councillor be noted

128. **BT Phone Box in Chalvington**

Cllr Hamblin introduced this item, he explained that he has been in contact with the communityheartbeat.org and that they would welcome working with the community to help restore the kiosk to its former glory. He added that they would be happy to hand the kiosk over to the parish council and could supply the red and gold renovation paint. The options available to the Parish Council including whether the Parish Council purchases or refurbishes the BT telephone box in Chalvington were considered.

After extensive deliberation, it was agreed that the parish council would take over the BT phone box, clean it up, and decide what to do with the Phone Box at a later date. Cllr Hamblin will explore future usage options including free defibrillators from the communityheartbeat.org

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council should arrange for the BT Phone Box to be gifted to the Parish Council. Cllr Hamblin will report back at the next meeting

129. Update on Community Field

The Chair gave feedback on the community engagement meeting held by RACCA and the community input on what they would like to see in the community space, to the east of Ripe Church. The Chair thanked the RACCA committee in particular, Paul Griffiths, and Debbie Turner. The council also noted that it was encouraging that during the engagement meeting, more people came forward as much-needed volunteers.

RESOLVED – That the update on the community field be noted.

130. D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024

Cllr Flint explained that the event will be a collaboration project between RACCA, the Parish Council and Ripe Village stores, with the parish council taking charge of ceremonial duties e.g. lighting the beacon and reading the tribute. RACCA will take charge of the voluntary items e.g. setting up of the fields etc and Ripe Village Stores will do the commercial aspect. The event will start at 6.30 pm. This will be followed by a series of events on the Sunday, the whole community and residents of Deanland will be involved.

RESOLVED – That the update on plans to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June 2024 be noted and the item be brought back to the December meeting.

131. Grant Application From Wealden Citizen Advice Bureau

RESOLVED – That a grant of £300 be given to the Citizen Advice Bureau.

132. Planning.

a) Applications.

RESOLVED – Nothing to resolve.

b) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals.

The following applications were noted:

- **APPROVED** - **WD/2023/0277/MFA**- Kitty Hawk Farm, Darp Lane, Ripe, BN8 6BB – Variation of condition 1 of wd/2017/2574/MFA (removal of condition 10 and variation of conditions 11 and 19 of wd/2013/2264/MEA (installation of solar energy facility on land west of ripe utilising photovoltaic panels to produce up to 6 megawatts of renewable energy)) to enable a 15 year extension to the planning permission

133. Other planning matter

None

134. Highways, footpaths and rights of way.

Cllr Hamblin explained that some residents (David Turner and Andrew Melville) have repaired the stiles leading to the field. At the beginning of the year, RACCA's working group inspected most of the stiles within the parish and did not find any problem with them, they found that the signage was not up to scratch, and they were reported to Wealden District Council but no action has been taken by them.

The Chair suggested that a discussion at a future meeting can look into what improvements are needed to stiles within the parish as well as what mobility-driven improvements can be done.

135. Financial matters –

- a. Authorisation of payment of account

The Clerk presented the schedule of payments, circulated previously.

After review and consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved. The payment schedule is attached in Appendix A.

b. The Chair reported that the parish council now has complete control of its bank account.

136. Correspondence

The remembrance wreath was discussed and it was noted that there is a budget provision for a donation towards a Remembrance Day wreath.

137. Urgent Items

None.

138. Dates of next meeting - The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on 6th November 2023 commencing at 7 pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

Payments September 2023

Income since last meeting	Amount
Precept received from Wealden BC	£ 8,539.00
Bank Interest	£ -
TOTAL INCOME	£ 8,539.00

Received after statement date

BALANCES ON ACCOUNT	
Current Account (Community)	£ 9,843.01
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 973.06
TOTAL BALANCES	£ 10,816.07

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PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED	Invoiced Services	Folio number	Chq Nos	Amount
IONOS	Web domain			£ 1.20
HugoFox	Web Hosting			£ 11.99
				£ 13.19

To Pay after this Meeting	Invoiced Services		Chq Nos	Amount
ESALC	Councillor Training	42		£ 48.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	AGAR- External Auditor fees	43		£ 252.00
Wealden District Association of Local Councils	Subscription for 2023/24	44		£ 22.00
Chichester Payroll Services	Payroll Company working out Clerk's Sept salary	45		£ 15.00
Sam Adeniji	Parish Clerk Net Pay For September	46		£ 485.47
HMRC	Tax & NIC On Parish Clerk Salary September	47		£ 121.20
Cllr Hamblin	2 x Special delivery Barclays Mandate postage	48		£ 13.70
				£ 957.37

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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
RISE JOINERY LTD second payment	£ 3,111.50
RISE JOINERY LTD final payment	£ 1,333.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE as at 01/05/2023	£ 31,380.61
COMMITMENTS (net - before VAT)	VALUE
Community space commitment (approved)	£ 2,406.00
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	£ 2,406.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 35,102.97
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£ 31,380.61
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	-£ 2,406.00
BALANCE	£ 1,316.36

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Balance excluding commitments £ 3,722.36