



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 14th April 2020 at 5.30pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Bill Rogers
Cllr Debbie Turner, Cllr John Ward and Cllr Geoff White.

The meeting was closed to the public under Standing Orders 2c of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council (May 2018)

The Meeting commenced at 5.30pm

1. NO PUBLIC SESSION
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - *Apologies were received by Cllr Dashfield*
3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS - None
4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd MARCH 2020. *The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government. Items on the agenda that are not noted in this meeting are to be included in the May meeting.*
5. STANDING ORDERS WITH DELEGATED POWERS POLICY – *Members discussed the scheme of delegation previously circulated. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey asked for a heading to be inserted and item 3 to be removed. All members agreed these amendments and agreed to adopt the standing orders and scheme of delegation with these amendments.*
6. Review and Adoption of Emergency Covid 19 Plan: *Cllr Ward proposed to members to agree the emergency plan already in place but to include the updated information. Members agreed the update which is as follows:*

Covid 19 Update

Thanks to Chalvington with Ripe Parish Councillors: -

1. Councillor Bill Rogers for setting up the online webpage of the Parish Magazine giving important information on what's happening within the Parish and with deliveries from Ripe and Deanland Stores.

2. Councillor Dunbar-Dempsey for arranging a Help Register leaflet drop to every resident in the Parish (excepting Deanland which has its own support systems – see below). This leaflet listed 6 people whom residents can contact for any support they need. The leaflet further asked for volunteers who could offer their services and the Parish now has a register of 15 volunteers who can help with any tasks. So, a huge thanks to our local residents for volunteering their services for now and in the future. So far, those volunteers have been involved in picking up prescriptions and doing some emergency gardening.
Deanland Residents Association, Deanland Stores, and Inn on the Park who organised teams making deliveries to Park Residents.
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7. PLANNING -
a) Plans –

WD/2020/0361/MAJ DEANLAND WOOD PARK LTD, DEANLAND ROAD, GOLDEN CROSS, HAILSHAM, BN27 3RN Description: Change of use of land at existing retirement park to site 105 NO. Additional park home caravans for people over 50 years old, together with associated footpaths, roads, car parking, tree planting, landscaping, amenity and wildlife areas, two tennis courts, drainage ditches, suds and wildlife ponds, and new health club with indoor pool, changing rooms and a small gym and provision of a 24-hour call carer service.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application for the following reasons: This application is for 105 homes in addition to the 26 homes which received planning permission in 2016 (WD/2016/1548/MAJ).

This is an isolated rural greenfield site lying outside of any designated development boundary and isolated from the nearest settlement of Ripe or Chalvington. Its position, detached from any other recognised centres, is within an isolated rural location where housing would not provide for any significant benefits to existing rural amenities or communities, and would provide very limited access to alternatives to the private car for accessing local services which are likely to be those in the urban centres of Hailsham, Polegate, Eastbourne and Lewes. As such, the proposal would serve to generate the need to travel to urban centres to access most services thereby not providing significant economic support to existing rural amenities like the Yew Tree at Chalvington or Ripe Village Stores. The NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless special circumstances apply which they clearly do not in this case.

Further detail of the Parish Council's objection is listed below:

- *There is no evidence in the planning application of how the proposed development will contribute to the economy of the rest of the parish or indeed the district. However, we can safely say that there will be little economic benefit to the rest of the parish as Deanland Wood Park (Deanland WP) is self sufficient for the basics – it has*

its own shop, pub, hall, Doctor's surgery, bowls club. Use of amenities in Ripe and Chalvington is therefore extremely limited.

- *The site proposed is a green field used as grazing pasture. Deanland Wood Park, as its name suggests, is park homes within a wooded area. The site proposed for this development is of a totally different nature, being an open greenfield site. The proposed site is outside the curtilage of the current housing area.*
- *The planning application includes parking for 210 cars (that is 2 cars per household). Whilst the description of Deanland WP is a retirement home, the lower age limit is 50 years which means that the majority of householders will have a further 18 years of working life ahead of them. This means a massive increase in private car journeys: assuming 4 trips per day for each household that would equate to an additional 420 journeys per day by car. Deanland has a very limited bus service of 2 buses per day, serving Lewes to Hailsham via Deanland Wood Park but crucially these buses are not at times that would enable residents to start work on time. So there will be a massive increase of car use on Deanland Road leading to more traffic on the A22 and more car journeys through the centre of Ripe. As a result of these increased car journeys there will be increased pollution and traffic congestion*
- *There will be an increase in light pollution which is completely out of character for the area. Many people who have chosen to live in the countryside do so because of the quality of life, the peace, the dark – this development will ruin that*
- *The proposal is completely out of character with the rural and dispersed nature of the area. It is well known that Deanland Wood Park is currently one of the largest residential retirement parks in the country with 397 homes and a population of around 600. An additional 105 homes will create a Butlins like development on what is currently open rural pasture. Moreover, the existing number of residents in the park dwarfs the population of Ripe and Chalvington combined.*
- *It is stated that there is a demand for this type of accommodation but no evidence is put forward to substantiate this. Looking at the Zoopla and RightMove website in April 2020 there are currently 12 park homes for sale, so we would challenge the need for additional ones.*
- *Residents have been repeatedly told that further expansion would not occur and indeed the Parish Council was promised this in 2015 when they discussed the application for 26 new homes.*
- *The application references the onsite care provision that will be available with the new houses. However, it does not state that any of the houses are to be reserved for carers so in effect the situation is as it is now; namely that if any resident needs a carer then that carer will travel to Deanland WP to carry out their duties and then travel back to their home. So, again, this is presented as an economic benefit when it is nothing of the sort.*

- *The site is an open green field of clay soil; drainage is a huge problem in this area and the fields frequently flood. Adding 105 new houses with all the concrete and hard standing would exacerbate the drainage problem.*
- *There will be damage to the environment and habitat of wildlife on this greenfield site*

In short, this massive development of an isolated greenfield site in a rural area with limited alternatives to reliance on the private motor car makes this proposal an unsustainable form of development.

The Parish Council urges Wealden District Council to refuse this application for the reasons stated above

WD/2020/0557/FR

OAKLANDS FARM, POUNDFIELD ROAD, CHALVINGTON, BN27 3TH Description:
RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR BARN (REVISED POSITION, SIZE AND DESIGN TO THAT APPROVED UNDER WD/2018/0367/F)

The Parish Council supports this application and has no objections.

b) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals - Will be sent by email

WD/2019/1516/F – Approved

c) Tree Preservation Orders and related works – None

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be emailed to members)

- *April's Payments - Members agreed the payments and they were signed accordingly at a previous cheque signing meeting abiding by the social distancing regulations*
- *To agree to move to internet banking – Cllr Ward has managed to progress and use internet banking. Cllr Conway is still trying to move onto this but after numerous phone calls has not managed to contact the bank to allow her access. Cllr Conway will continue to contact them and will report back at the next meeting.*

Cllr White proposed the balance of the CiL money is to be kept in the savings account so it is separate and easily managed. All members agreed this action.

The Clerk will send an up to date of the accounts when the bank statements have been received.

Cllr White continues to dispute a query with the pension associated with the previous Clerk. Cllr white will update members at the next meeting.

9 updating of web site - *Members agreed for the Clerk to update the website as soon as she is able to proceed. The clerk will contact the current provider to cancel the contract.*

Members agreed to purchase Zoom for the period of time virtual meetings are required at a cost of £7.99 per month

10 - Traffic calming update – *At the moment due to current situation all matters have slowed but if there is any progress Cllr Rogers agreed to inform members of any progress by email.*

11 - CORRESPONDENCE – **(For the interim period the clerk will send out a weekly list for members to request unless items are deemed important, these items will be forwarded as normal)**

Members noted all correspondence has been emailed.

12- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Items for the next meeting

- Clerks laptop
- Parish Magazine Grant – Clerk will investigate the previous years contributions and give a report to members for the next meeting
- Parish Magazine distribution issues during lockdown

Meeting Closed at 6.28pm



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 4th May 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Bill Rogers, Cllr Debbie Turner, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White and District Councillor David Watts.

3 members of the public present

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

- 1.** **PUBLIC SESSION** – *No members of the public wished to speak on agenda items*
- 2.** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - *Apologies were received by Cllr Dashfield and Cllr Bennett*
- 3.** **TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE ENSURING YEAR** - *Cllr White nominated Cllr Conway and Cllr Ward seconded this proposal. All agreed for Cllr Conway to be Chair of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.*
- 4.** **TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR** - *Cllr White nominated Cllr Dunbar Dempsey and Cllr Ward seconded this proposal. All agreed for Cllr Dunbar Dempsey to be Vice Chair of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.*

5. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS** – *None*

7. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – No report

WDC – *Cllr Watts checked members have received the updates from Alex White regarding Wealden hub and the services available. The clerk and council members informed Cllr Watt these have been received and are placed on the website for residents to access.*

Cllr Watts reported £27.5 million pounds worth of grants have been given to small business over 2500 businesses across the district. Wealden District Council have also contacted business to make them aware of the help that is available. However, not all business have accepted the help that is available and unfortunately some losses of these business will happen due to the Covid 19 crisis.

The majority of staff are working from home because of the Covid crisis, post is still being collected.

Enforcement are aware of the unauthorised waste issues. Due to staff sickness waste services were stopped, but this has been resolved and the waste management department are now being reinstated and are dealing with these matters raised.

6. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14th April 2020. - *The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.*

8. To appoint Councillors as Representatives of the Parish Council on the following bodies;

Police Liaison Meetings - *Appointed Cllr White*
Emergency Co-ordinator- *Appointed Cllr Ward*
Wealden District Association of Local Councils- *Appointed Cllr Conway*
Tree Warden- *Appointed Cllr Dashfield*
ESALC AGM - *Appointed Cllr Conway*
Parish Planning Panel - *Appointed Cllr Dunbar Dempsey* -
Hayton Baker Hall Trustees- *Appointed Cllr Dunbar Dempsey*

Cllr White raised a representative for the Village Shop would be beneficial to both parties to encourage communications. The clerk will write to the village shop and ask if they are happy to have a member of the Parish Council who can attend their board meetings.

9. To consider payment of the following annual subscriptions;

Wealden District Associations of Local Councils
Society of Local Council Clerks
Sussex Association of Local Councils
Information Commissioner

Councillors resolved unanimously to pay the following above subscriptions for 2020-2021

Zurich Insurance – Members discussed the increase of the insurance which is quite high and asked the clerk to look into the insurance and investigate to see why there is such a large increase and if there is a cheaper company. The clerk will email her findings to all members to agree a insurance company.

10. To adopt the Code of Conduct for the ensuing year – *Councillors resolved to accept the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests introduced by Wealden District Council under the Localism Act 2012.*

11. To adopt the General Power of Competence as found in the localism Act 2011.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved that it meets the prescribed conditions for the General Power of Competence.

12. PLANNING,

a) **Planning Applications – None**

b) **To consider any planning applications that have been received after agenda has been published. – None**

c) **Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals**
None

d) **Tree Preservation Orders and related works**

TM/2020/0107/TCA - Reduce and reshape 1x Oak (T1) Subject to regulations, designated Chalvington conservation area March 2017, Chalvington Manor, Church Farm Lane, Chalvington, BN27 3TD.

Members noted this Tree preservation order.

e) **Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.**

Cllr Ward asked Cllr Watts if the recent Deanland wood park planning application has been discussed in their recent planning committee meeting. Cllr Watts informed members this cannot be discussed until members can visit the site, this planning application will not be on a planning committee for a while due to the Covid 19 situation.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey discussed the circulated Wealden proposed consultation regarding consulting over the local plan that was circulated. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey will create a response for members to review and include any additions. All members agreed this action and this will be finalised by email agreement.

Members agreed for the stile erection to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

13. **FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting)** – List of payments on separate sheet

- *May's Payments – Members agreed these payments apart from the insurance which is being looked into further. If these are to be paid by cheque the social distance rules will be applied. Members agree the bank reconciliation will be available for agreeing at each meeting and any out of date cheques to be removed.*
- *Budget - Members discussed the budget and agreed until the pension dispute has been resolved no voluntary payments are to be given. All members agreed this procedure.*
- *Pension dispute – Cllr White updated members and is continuing to work with the pension company on resolving the dispute. Cllr White will inform members by email of any progress.*
- *Parish Magazine grant – Members agreed the clerk should create a grant policy for the next meeting for members to agree and adopt. All grants requested will have to follow the policy guidelines before being awarded. The parish magazine will have to apply by this method once the policy has been put in place.*

14. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To include items such as flooding, wildlife habitats, pollution and carbon-neutral housing developments

Cllr Conway informed members of a waste concern on a field on Mill lane where unattended bonfires have been lit and left causing great unease. This issue has arisen around Chalvington and Ripe by residents to members of the councils. The clerk will report the issues to Wealden District Council environmental department. Cllr Watts informed members they are aware of the situation and it is currently under investigation. Also, if any bonfires are left unattended or may cause health issues to call the fire brigade as this is a safety concern.

Cllr Watts left the meeting

15. CIL – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Cllr White reported he has had some liaison with the ESCC highways and a meeting with the working party is the next step required which will be arranged as soon as possible.

16. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

10.1 - Clerk's Laptop – *Members agreed a purchase of a laptop for the price of £617.99.*

17. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

Traffic calming update – *Cllr Rogers updated members that ESCC would not prioritise having a 20mph limit on Church Lane by the nursery school. Cllr Rogers will have a meeting with the highway representative when the Covid 19 crisis has ended to see what ways can be implemented to create a safer lane.*

Website- *The clerk informed members she contacted the website company to end the contract. There is no end of contract fee and the information on the current website will be sent to the new website company. The clerk will create a new website as soon as possible.*

Restoration of fingerposts – *Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey has instructed the agreed company to carry out the work required; the clerk will inform the company formally. The work is scheduled to begin end May 2020. The clerk will investigate if a grant is available on fingerpost restoration. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey asked to put on the agenda at a later meeting to implement a rolling programme for the fingerpost maintenance. All agreed this action.*

12 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed
For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

12.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- Planning for a safer future – *a response will be created by Cllr Rogers and then emailed to members to include any further comments. Then the finalised document is to be agreed by email.*

All members noted the correspondence

13- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

- Bell Ringing for VE Day will be moved to VJ Day

- Cllr White asked for the Clerk to investigate to see if a laptop was purchased for the previous clerk.
- Members noted the Village hall report and proposed CiL money from the Parish Council for the kitchen on their report.
- The clerk is still looking into the who owns the land next to the church.

Meeting Closed at 20.40pm



Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 1st June 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Norma Dashfield, Cllr Bill Rogers, Cllr Debbie Turner, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White, County Councillor Nick Bennett and District Councillor David Watts.

10 members of the public present

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

1. PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman of the village hall committee thanked the Parish Council for the CIL contribution for the boiler.

Cllr White gave a small outline of the CIL proposals which will be discussed later in the agenda under Item number 12.

A member of the public spoke in support of the CIL money to be spent on the Church gates.

A member of the public asked if the covenants on the Church field gifted to the Parish Council can be removed. The Chair reported that this will be discussed later in the agenda under section 13.

A member of the public asked to see plans for the CIL proposal. Cllr White explained depending on which proposals are agreed the plans will be published for all residents to see on the noticeboard, website and possibly the shop. Further comments can be sent to the Parish Council through the Clerk and an allocated time will be given.

A member of the public gave comments associated with the safety aspect on the proposal for the island. Cllr White explained this has been addressed and will be discussed under item 12.

The member of the public also addressed the fingerpost in the middle of the island is missing. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey reported this was damaged and is awaiting repair. This will be replaced once this has been undertaken.

A member of the public outlined concerns for the safety aspect on the proposal for the island, due to large lorries driving through the village. Cllr White explained this has been addressed and will be discussed under item 12.

The Chair reported that it is being looked into on what actions can be taken when large lorries cause damage to verges and islands.

A member of the public raised concerns that as it is an agricultural village, large vehicles such as tractors will still need to go through the village and this needs to be included.

A member of the public asked about the petanque pitch and Cllr Ward addressed this. He asked permission from Deanland management team, but they are not happy for residents outside Deanland to use their facilities. Cllr Ward is awaiting confirmation of this through email.

Cllr White explained depending on which proposals are agreed, the plans will be published for all residents to see on the noticeboard, website and with permission, the shop. Further comments can be sent to the Parish Council through the clerk and an allocated time will be given.

A member of the public asked if the CIL money can be used for leasing land. Cllr White replied that this is possible but needs further investigation as it would need to be a long lease.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS – None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4th May 2020. *The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.*

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – Cllr Bennett presented briefly his report which he will circulate to the clerk to send to all members and this will be placed on the website.

The Chair asked Cllr Bennett what more can be done in regards to reported Bonfires and dumping of waste in fields around the Parish. There have been several incidents and the Clerk has reported these to Wealden. This has been passed onto ESCC. Both Cllr Watts and Cllr Bennet feel this is a concern and will collectively look further into this.

Cllr Bennet left the meeting

WDC- Cllr Watts reported on the following matters:

- WDC are using teams for remote meetings
- Planning meetings are still going ahead
- Enforcement teams are now allowed to site visit
- Community hubs are staying in place and the updates will be bi-weekly
- Planning meetings will remain virtual at the moment until the end of the year
- Local Plan has resumed and will take 2 years to re write

Cllr Ward asked if there was any further update on the Deanland planning application. Cllr Watts reported there is a back log due to no site visits. This will not be discussed for a while.

Cllr White asked why it is taking 2 years to re write the local plan when the majority of work has been covered. Cllr Watts replied that they are being extremely vigilant in the hope it will not be rejected this time.

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans – None

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published. None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals - None

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works - None

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- *Cllr Dunbar Dempsey attended a parish panel planning meeting and circulated notes for members. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey briefly outlined important points. These notes will be placed on the website for members to read. A main area of concern was how members of the public could have their views represented to the committee when they are not able to virtually attend the meeting.*
- *Cllr Watt stated that he had brought this issue to the planning committees' attention, but he will raise this again.*
- *Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey is drafting a response for the WDC Draft Statement of Community involvement on behalf of the Parish Council. Members will agree the final response by email before being submitted.*

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- June Payments – These were agreed and signed accordingly
- Budget – members discussed the budget and Cllr White asked if the contingency can be renamed to be called income over expenditure. All members agreed this change and the Clerk will action this.
- Pension dispute – Cllr White informed members that this is still ongoing but will keep members informed of any further updates.

8. Review and completion of audit – To sign the completed audit,

- a) **Section one** – Annual governance statement
- b) **Section two** – Accounting statement
- c) Review internal auditor report

The Internal Audit was completed and was accepted as correct. All members agreed the Agars and they were signed by the Chair and will be posted to the Clerk as soon as possible. The accounting statement will be published and the exemption certificate sent to the external auditor.

9. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT – *The Clerk circulated a proposal outlining the difficulties attached to the current bank used by the Parish. Also, a proposal to change banks due to these problems. Members discussed the report and agreed to change banks to the Cooperative. The Clerk will action this as soon as it is possible due to the current Covid 19 situation.*

10. TO ADOPT A GRANT POLICY - *Members agreed to adopt the grant policy and for applications to be accepted once a year in October. Special considerations can be made other times of the year but this will be looked at on an individual basis.*

11. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- *Stile On Church Lane – ESCC have agreed the position of the stile is correct and no further action is required.*
- *Bonfires/waste in fields within Chalvington with Ripe Parish – These were raised earlier in the meeting and are being investigated by Cllr Bennett and Cllr Watts. Cllr Turner asked why on Wealden District Council’s website does it state to approach the person creating the bonfire in the first instance. The Parish Council agreed this may not be the best and safest method and would recommend reporting to WDC and ESCC. In extreme unsafe cases ring the fire brigade. Please email any evidence to WDC or the Clerk.*

12. CIL – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Cllr White gave a presentation on behalf of the CIL working party regarding the CIL funds. This was discussed in great length and various views were discussed. A separate document is attached addressing each area that was presented at the meeting.

The council then voted on the recommendations of the Working Party.

Vote one: Church Gates

A proposal was made for the Parish Council to fund from the CIL money the Church gates at a cost of £3100, subject to 3 quotes, the gates would replicate the current gates, the Parish Council would not be responsible for maintenance or future repairs. Also, subject to the final comments from residents which are to be submitted by the 21st August.

However, if the island were to be approved the committee would wait to fund the gates until costings of the island had be finalised.

5 members approved this proposal

Cllr Turner did not agree to the funds for the church gates to be subsidiary to the funds for the refurbishment of the village islands

Cllr Rogers abstained from voting

Vote Two: Two island project

A second proposal was made for the Parish Council to fund from CIL the improvements to the two-island subject to consultation.

5 members approved this proposal

Cllr Rogers and Cllr Turner abstained from voting

All proposal will be published on the website, noticeboard and with permission in the village shop. A consultation period for comments will be given until the 21st August 2020. All comments must be sent to the Clerk in writing.

13. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

- **Land adjacent to church** – The Clerk circulated the deeds of the land that is owned by the Parish Council. These deeds highlighted that the land next to Ripe church has restrictive covenants that prevents its use for many purposes. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey noted the Parish Council do not have keys to the gates for access. The keys are currently held by the PCC and once the Covid 19 epidemic has improved Cllr Conway will obtain the relevant key owned by the PPC and have it copied to give to the Clerk for safe keeping.
- **Previous Clerks laptop** – The Clerk found a receipt for the purchase of the laptop for the previous Clerk. The previous Clerk was contacted and asked to return the laptop but informed the Parish Council that she owned it. Cllr White will draft a letter to the Clerk to discuss this issue further.

14. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

14.1 - Traffic calming update – Cllr Rogers has arranged a meeting with the highway steward and will report further when this has taken place.

14.2 - Website – The new website will be up and running by the next meeting in July.

15 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- Email from residents regarding Local Plan
- Email regarding Cllr Angel
- Wealden Grant Fund for Groups Directly Supporting Residents
- The May Wealden Parish Bulletin

These were noted

15.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- Letter received from John Janes – Cllr Ward will liaise with John Janes Chair of Ripe village store as part of the emergency coordinator.

16- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

No Reports

The meeting Closed at 21.32pm

Agenda item 5 – ESCC Parish Update
1 June 20

Cllr Nick Bennett

1. Coronavirus
Care Home Resilience Plan – now in place to support homes in respect of staff, immunity, testing, PPE. In East Sussex the care homes are happy with ESCC progress.
2. Cycling and Walking strategy – Central Government will give ESCC £2.3m albeit in tranches.
3. Community hubs will continue despite respite in lockdown; not certain yet how track and trace will fit into Biotesting Centre and call handling. It will be sorted soon.
4. Schools – We anticipate all schools will be open, we await results from today.
5. Environment Strategy and Climate Emergency

The Environment Board, chaired by Environment Agency is part of the Enterprise Partnership. It brings together environmental challenge and economic ambition. In October last year the Council declared a climate emergency as a consequence of a Labour and Conservative motion. The strategy, prepared by the Board (which comprises professionals and regulatory bodies) focuses on climate change, natural capital, air and water quality and resource efficiency. The plan sets out enhancement targets according to our level of influence.

Agenda item 12 CIL Report

CIL Working Party -Presentation to June 2020 Parish Council Meeting – *The comments in Italic were presented at the meeting*
Review of proposals

The CIL Working Party presented its review of all the proposals received and its recommendations which are in line with the criteria set out and agreed by the parish council. It reminded the council that all of the proposals, with the exception of the ANPR cameras, had been submitted by parishioners:

OAP support; not considered appropriate for CIL expenditure but to be reviewed by the parish council.

Notice Boards replacement; Councillor Turner’s husband has kindly offered to repair.

Petanque pitch; cost about £2300 plus land, would not benefit more than 50% of parishioners, the lease for the land is only for a short term of about 4 years, the proposed location is close to houses and may be a nuisance to neighbours, there would be ongoing maintenance costs, would require public liability insurance.

Community Exercise and Well Being Area; cost estimate about £6500 plus land, the land proposed belongs to the parish council but has restrictive covenants which would not allow the installation of such a facility, there is a facility at the Yew Tree Inn, there would be ongoing maintenance costs and public liability insurance.

New Churchyard gates; cost estimate £3100, meets all the criteria set by the parish council, would benefit almost all parishioners, would have no ongoing costs for the parish council. The CIL Working Party recommended that the parish council should support this proposal with the following conditions; the new gates should be a replica of the existing in terms of design, materials and colour, the design to be approved by the parish council, 3 quotes to be obtained, the parish council will not be responsible for any future costs or liabilities. The proposal will be subject to comments received from parishioners in writing or email addressed to the clerk by the 21st August to be considered at the September parish council meeting and the allocation of funds will be conditional on the costs of the islands not exceeding budget.

ANPR cameras; to be carried forward pending other actions to restrict speed in the villages.

Improvements to the 2 islands in Ripe including bicycle posts to be located at the head of Channer's Lane and an electricity supply to the main island for the Christmas tree ; cost including a 10% contingency estimated at £22000, a drawing of the main island and a photo of the principle being proposed were shown, the proposal was the most popular with 3 separate submissions, it meets all the criteria, the improvements would benefit all residents, ESCC have indicated that it would meet with approval and have stated that they have no plans to change the road layout in the future, cycle groups which provide a significant income for the shop welcome the idea, concerns about damage from heavy vehicles have been addressed following consultation with ESCC, ongoing maintenance costs should be low. The CIL Working Party recommended that the parish council support this proposal subject to 3 quotes and comments from parishioners being invited to be received by 21 August in writing or by email addressed to the clerk and to be considered at the September parish council meeting.



Chalvington with Ripe

Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 6th July 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Debbie Turner, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

18 estimated members of the public present

- 1. PUBLIC SESSION** – *The meeting was opened up to the public and various discussion took place in regards to the CIL funds and the current proposals. The Chair explained this item is not on the agenda for discussion as it is under consultation until the 21st August. Any comments are to be sent to the clerk in writing by this date. Once the consultation period is ended the final proposals will be presented at the full council meeting on the 7th September. Please note no final decisions have been made, the final proposal will be presented after the consultation period. Any remaining CIL money could be allocated to other proposals provided that they meet the criteria.*
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – *Apologised were received by Cllr Dashfield and District Councillor David Watts.*
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS** – *None*
- 4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1st June 2020.** *The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey asked to make a statement and for this to be minuted.*

'I would like it minuted that I consider Cllr Turner's behaviour at the June PC meeting to be totally unprofessional. Cllr Turner was a member of the CIL working party; the role of that group was to look carefully at residents' proposals, to consider each one in turn, to do the necessary background research and to come up with agreed recommendations to put before the PC. Cllr Turner was a member of the group so it was a complete shock to the other members that at the June PC meeting she disagreed with the very recommendations that she had formulated and earlier agreed.

It is insulting to the other extremely hard-working members of that group. If you are a member of a working group and you remain a member of that group then you must stand by the recommendations of that group. If Cllr Turner had felt out of tune with the work or the direction of that group, she was free to resign from the group at any time but she did not do this. She chose instead to go against the recommendations of the very group of which she had been a part.

Cllr Turner responded that at the CIL working party she made it clear that she agreed in principle to proposals subject to further consultation. Councillor Turner said she also expressed this view at the PC meeting on the 1st June. Councillor Turner further added that Cllr Dunbar Dempsey did not attend the meeting, so why have such unfair and untrue comments.

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC - Cllr Nick Bennett sent an update of the Covid 19 figures which will be circulated to all members. Cllr Bennett explained he is having a climate meeting tomorrow and the findings will be circulated after the meeting.

Cllr Conway informed members that before the pandemic a speaker was going to be invited to discuss how to improve climate change at Village level. Once restrictions have been removed and it is safe to invite a speaker this will be implemented.

WDC- Cllr Watts was unable to attend the meeting. However, he sent an email with the latest update which will be circulated to members.

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2020/0588/F- FOMER BLACKSMITHS BARN, CHALVINGTON ROAD, CHALVINGTON, BN27 3TB. Change of use of agricultural barn with an extension to ground floor and addition of mezzanine floor to create a single dwelling house. Revised design of approved application WD/2019/0533/P04

The response was agreed as follows:

The members of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council object to the application on the grounds the barn conversion is larger than the original footprint. footprint and the roof is out of all proportion to the rest of the building. It is an increase in size of 93%, nearly double the size of the application that was approved in 2019. The proposed barn is ugly, out of proportion and bears no resemblance to the original approved charming little barn.

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2020/0328/F - CONVERSION OF GARAGE ROOF SPACE TO CREATE A RESIDENTIAL ANNEXE BROADACRES, LEWES ROAD, LAUGHTON, BN8 6JG-
APPROVE

This application decision was noted.

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works – None

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council. – None

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- July Payments – All members agreed the July payments
- Budget - All members noted and agreed the budget

- Pension dispute – *Cllr White explained that the pension dispute in relation to the previous clerk is still ongoing. He is chasing a response so the parish Council can move forward. At present the liability is still there.*
- Payment for boiler – *The clerk explained there is still on-going issues with the bank which has taking longer than expected due to the banks staff still working from home. The issues will hopefully be resolved soon.*

8. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT – *The clerk is waiting for confirmation she is now on the mandate as a signature, then will be able to apply for Internet banking. The clerk will continue to keep members informed.*

9. TO REVIEW A GRANT APPLICATION – *The clerk will send grant applications to the Village hall committee and this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.*

10. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Conway reported recent bonfires which were reported to the fire brigade, if you have any further problems with bonfires please report them to Wealden District Council.

11. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

- **Previous Clerks laptop** – *The Clerk informed members the previous clerk has confirmed she has the Parish council's laptop. A letter will be sent for arranging delivery to the current Clerk.*
- **Parish Newsletter** – *The clerk reported the recent photograph in the parish newsletter caused confusion amongst residents as they believed it was the Parish Council design to be implemented. The Clerk asked is there a better way of getting information to parishioners. Members discussed sending a flyer with the current information and proposed a leaflet drop and this to be on the website, village shop and noticeboard. The leaflet will be circulated for agreement before being published.*

12. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

12.1 - Traffic calming update – *The Clerk will contact a previous councillor for all information related to traffic calming.*

12.2 - Website – *The Clerk informed members the new website is up and running but when the old website was taken down there were issues remaining. The website was to be linked to enable a click from the old website to send you to the new website. The Clerk is trying to sort these errors out as soon as possible. The Clerk also asked for photos of the parish to be emailed to her so she can place these on the website.*

The new website is <https://www.chalvingtonwithripeparishcouncil.co.uk/>

12.3– Clerk's hours and procedures – *The clerk informed members that as covid 19 restrictions are being removed, she will be less available for overtime due to*

returning to the office of another parish. The clerk is contracted for 7hrs a week and will be working Monday's and Friday mornings for Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council. The hours will be places on the email signature and declaration and on the website.

13 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

-Healthwatch East Sussex Newsletter

-Community Hub Update

- A 27 Update

These were noted by members

13.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

-Community Hub Update

This was noted by members

14- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey reported she attended a positive meeting for the Village Hall trustees.

They are planning to install a kitchen in the summer holidays.

The clerk asked that if the Village Hall trustees wish to contact the Parish council they should do so through the Clerk for distribution.



Chalvington with Ripe

Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 5th October 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Debbie Turner, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White, District Councillor David Watts and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

19 estimated members of the public present

1. PUBLIC SESSION

The Clerk read a letter regarding agenda item 11.6 on behalf of a resident as they wished for their identity not to be in the public domain.

The Clerk read two letters regarding agenda item 11.7 on behalf of residents as they wished for their identity not to be in the public domain.

A member of the public spoke in concern of the new A27 and asked for the item to be placed on the next agenda.

The Chair explained as this item was not on the agenda it cannot be discussed but they would look to put it on the next council meeting.

A member of the public asked regarding the processes for CIL.

The Chair and Clerk explained this item is not on the agenda, so will not be discussed in the meeting.

Cllr White clarified to members of the public the letters received were sent to the Clerk from residents who wished to have their names withheld in the public domain. They were NOT anonymous letters.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies received from Cllr Dashfield

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS – None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th July 2020. *The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.*

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – No Report

WDC – Cllr Watts reported the second wave of Covid 19 is starting to appear and Wealden District Council are mostly working from home and all council meetings are running remotely. The Council Reception area has been reopened but this is being monitored.

The community hub remains a place of contact for vulnerable members of the community. This information is sent to the Clerk who forwards to all councillors. Any relevant information is placed on the website.

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2020/1356/F - STARRS BARN, MARK CROSS LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AW
Description: INSTALLATION OF NEW ROOFLIGHTS ON THE REAR ROOF PITCH Amended plans to reduce and separate the number of roof lights. Amended plans received 16 September 2020.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council made the following comments. No objection. We note the amended plans which we fully support as the rooflights are more in keeping with the attractive barn conversion.

However, we would still like a condition imposed that the rooflights must not add to light pollution at night; they must be covered up when it is dark to stop light escaping into the conservation area (an area of extremely low ambient light; this is a feature of our rural parish that is highly valued and must be protected)

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2020/0120/F – Approve

WD/2020/0557/FR – Approve

WD/2029/1963/F - Refused

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works

None

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey reported there has been a major Deanland Woodpark planning application. Concern was raised about the short notice (2.5 days) for submitting additional evidence to planning Committee South. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey will raise this with the planning officer. Due to the time constraints a response was drafted and sent to the Planning Committee South Meeting, which is to be held on Thursday the 8th October. Cllr Turner brought this matter to the members attention and has also put a private citizen objection case. Furthermore, Cllr Watts has also objected to the planning application as it is of disproportionate size in relation to the area.

Cllr Bennett entered the meeting 19.35pm

Further discussion was taken over the Deanland application and the Clerk will publish the comments and results as soon a decision has taken place. Cllr Bennett explained that there is an opportunity to respond across the network and object to these major applications by working together. He is creating a letter to send to the MP which, he will ask Parish Councils to be a part of.

Cllr Bennett will send a report to the Clerk to circulate.

All members agreed for Cllr Dunbar Dempsey to respond to the planning for the future consultation and the Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control consultation on behalf of the parish.

Members agreed the Parking Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation was not relevant to the Parish and no response will be given.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- August, September, and October Payments – All these payments were agreed
- Budget

Cllr White proposed the Parish Council hold any discretionary spending until the results of the pension dispute has been finalised.

A vote was taken

4 members were in favour

1 member was against. The proposal was carried.

- Pension dispute – *Cllr White updated members that good progress is being made and hopefully the final decision will be made before the next meeting.*
- Payment for boiler – *The Clerk reported internet banking should be up and running in the next week and payment will be made as soon as possible.*
- *Councillor White asked what the £200 for printing expenses related to. The Clerk replied that this was the printing associated with the CIL papers.*

8. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT - *The Clerk reported it is hoped the internet banking will be working in the next week or so. Cllr Ward, Cllr Conway and the Clerk have worked together to try and resolve the mandate and issues associated with the bank. This has been a long process. A formal complaint is still ongoing with the bank.*

9. TO REVIEW A GRANT APPLICATION –

Standing Orders were suspended for a member of the public to speak on behalf of their grant application.

A member from the Wealden Citizen Advice spoke in support of his application.

Due to the outstanding pension dispute members agreed not to allocate any discretionary spending until the November meeting. The Clerk will invite a representative from Wealden Citizen Advice to the November meeting.

Standing order resumed.

Lonely Elderly group – *An application has been sent to the group. They will respond before the December meeting.*

10. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To include items such as flooding, wildlife habitats, pollution, and carbon-neutral housing developments.

- **Deanland sewage and filter issues** - *Cllr Dashfield was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Ward explained the sewage pump filter has been changed and they are waiting for the outcome to see if any further reports of smell or sewage are reported. Environmental services at Wealden District Council are informed.*

11. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

11.1 – To adopt the Code of Conduct – All members agreed and adopted the Code of conduct.

11.2 To discuss email received regarding the Yew Tree Pub - *The Clerk received a letter that was read out in the public session regarding the Yew Tree Pub. Members discussed the email and actions to be taken. Members agreed that the Clerk contact the Licencing Authority and ask what license the pub holds. Cllr Turner offered to liaise with the Yew Tree owner over the concerns expressed by parishioners. The Clerk will reply to residents and ask them their concerns.*

11.3 Purchase Signs for litter pickers - *The Clerk has asked Wealden Highways department regarding purchase and installation of litter signs. The Clerk is waiting for a response.*

11.4 - Christmas tree Licence – *All members agreed the Clerk request a licence for the Christmas tree.*

11.5 - New PCSO in South Wealden – Areas of concern. *Members agreed the Clerk and Chair create a list of local concerns and communicate them to the PCSO.*

11.6 – Ripe Nursery School – Tree- *All members agreed for the tree to be planted at the Village Hall in association with Nursery. The Clerk will ask Cllr Dashfield to liaise the with the nurse.*

11.7 -Deanland Airfield – Email received from residents – *Members discussed the emails received from residents. who wished their names to remain out of the public domain.*

Standing orders suspended

A member of the Deanland Airfield asked questions in relation to the letters. This became heated and another member of Deanland Airfield calmed the matter and asked that concerns be sent to her for response.

The clerk will create a list and liaise with the Deanland Airfield members

Standing orders resumed.

11.8 - Solar Together group-buying scheme – Wealden District Council - <http://www.solartogether.co.uk/wealden>.

The Clerk reported this is available to take part or pass the scheme on to others.

13 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- Community Hub Update -*Cllr Dunbar Dempsey is updating the previous Covid Volunteer register.*
- Rebuilding Communities – *Noted*
- Black Cat device – *Members asked for this to be re-sent to all members*
- Training Programmes – *Noted*
- East Sussex Broadband Update – *Noted*
- East Sussex Fire Authority - Planning for a Safer Future – *Noted*
- Untidy land at Mill Lane, Ripe -*Noted*
- Healthwatch UK - Testing for Covid-19 – What you need to know - *Noted*
- Generating more renewable energy in Wealden – *Noted*
- Wealden Voluntary and Community Sector Covid-19 Impact report – *Cllr White reported a resident asked for the app to be mentioned and recommended for use. If you wish to use this app it will be available on the website.*

13.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

None

14- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr White asked on the progress for the removal of the caravan signs. The Clerk has reported the position and will chase if they have not been removed soon.

Cllr Ward asked if we could look into the telephone mast and if they are implementing it. The Clerk will investigate and report back at the next relevant meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.48pm



Chalvington with Ripe

Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 2nd November 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Norma Dashfield, Cllr Debbie Turner, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

17 estimated members of the public present

Before the meeting started a presentation was given regarding the CIL consultation by the Parish Council. This will be placed on the website.

1. PUBLIC SESSION –

A large discussion took place following the CIL consultation presentation. There were many arguments and questions raised. Members of the public spoke in support and against the proposals set out in the presentation.

The Clerk and members of the councils answered the questions raised and the proposals were voted on under Item 7 in the agenda.

The Parish Council members gave the net figures if both the objectors letters were included and Deanland as, Support 161, object 149

The public section was given an hour for these discussions, the main points raised were as follows by objectors:

Question - A group of objectors demanded that the whole process start again following their petition letter and they asked for clarification on numbers received.

The clerk received 50 letters with comments on CIL proposals. The intention was to allow residents to comment on intended CIL projects. The majority of letters were in favour of the CIL project with amendments.

The Clerk received 207 signatories of objection signed by residents. The objection letter was a standard letter. The Clerk checked signatures against the electoral register which showed duplications and a number not on the electoral role. The final correct number was 149 letters. This standard letter did not answer the question set out by the Parish Council when they invited suggestions about CIL spending. Questions were asked about the validity of the letter.

118 signatures of approval of the CIL proposals came from Deanland residents. Advice was taken from SALC (Sussex Association of Local Councils) about the validity of the

letters. SALC advised the Council that they could use both sets of signatures from the protestors and Deanland or neither. SALC noted that the Parish Council as a statutory body did not have to consult residents at all but chose to do so by requesting comments on the proposals by letter or e-mail.

The main points raised were as follows by supporters:

- Misinformation sent to residents by an outside party
- Some speakers were Impressed by the council asking residents for their comments
- The objectors did not comment at the beginning of the CIL consultation process. They chose only at the last minute to make their views known and imposed those views on residents.
- Timing- Parishioners wanted the projects to go forward as this process has been going on for too long, Objectors came forward after a year. Why did they not object at the beginning of the process.
- From the beginning the Parish Council have been transparent and has continuously informed parishioners and carried out correct procedures.
- Supporters feel the village needs to be tidied up and made a safer and welcoming place.

The public session ended, and the meeting resumed at 8:02pm

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies received from Cllr Watts

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS – None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5th OCTOBER 2020. The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – Cllr Bennett sent an update over Covid which the Clerk will circulate and place on the website. There was a late meeting this afternoon and it was to help on the vote in relation to further lockdown and preparing to help the vulnerable during this time. At the moment the number of cases in East Sussex remains low and we are lucky. However, measures are in place if numbers increase.

Cllr Bennett added if anyone has concerns or requires advice please email the Clerk who will forward to Cllr Bennett or please look on the ESCC website where there is lots of useful information.

WDC –None

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2020/7502/T- CHIDDINGLY, BN27 3RP Description: THE INSTALLATION OF A 20M MONOPOLE SUPPORTING 3 NO. ANTENNAS, 2 NO. 0.3MM MICROWAVE DISHES AND THE

INSTALLATION OF 3 CABINETS. THE INSTALLATION WILL BE PROTECTED BY 5 NO. 1M HIGH BOLLARDS.

The Parish Council recommend approval of this application and has no objections.

- b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.**

None

- c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals**

WD/2020/0361/MAJ CHANGE OF USE OF LAND AT EXISTING RETIREMENT PARK TO SITE 105 NO. ADDITIONAL DWELLINGS – this planning application has been refused

- d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works -**

TM/2020/0313/TPO – Members noted this application

- e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.**

Cllr Dunbar- Dempsey will prepare comments on planning for the future consultation and circulate a draft to members before responding.

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey has written a response on behalf of the parish council to the Government's White Paper 'Planning for the future'; this has been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey also notified members of the SHELLA document which is publicly available on the Wealden DC website. At present no new sites have been put forward for development in Ripe or Chalvington.

7. CIL – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

- **To agree the dissolution of the CIL working party**

The Chair reported in a previous meeting of the Parish Council that the CIL working party needs to be formally disbanded. The Chair also stated that the Working Party had not operated since June 1st which was when it delivered its report at the Parish Council meeting.

The Chair asked members to vote on disbanding the CIL working party. The Chair thanked the members for their work on checking CIL projects to ensure they met established guidelines.

Members unanimously agreed to disband the CIL working party.

- **To agree proposals announced in the CIL presentation**

The Chair asked members to vote on the following proposals:

- *To support the replacement of the churchyard gates in Ripe*
- *To install oak bike posts.*
- *To make improvements to the two islands in Ripe accepting parishioner's suggestions on simplifying the designs. To make savings to be spent elsewhere and when the cost is known and understood to place a cap on expenditure. – (see item below)*
- *Savings will support parishioners who wish to create a community space. A group of residents will form a properly constituted committee to carry forward their ideas. A community space will operate independently of the parish council. CIL money would*

provide a contribution towards equipment required. The Clerk may be able to direct the committee towards other funding sources to which they can apply. The Council will allow 18 months for a community space committee to be formed and apply for CIL funds.

All members voted on each item and all members unanimously agreed these proposals.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a

Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- November Payments – *All payments were agreed*
- Budget - *All members agreed this budget*
- Pension dispute – *Cllr White explained this is still on going and the outcome should be very soon. Cllr White asked the Clerk to send a letter to the pension department which has been carried out.*

9. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT – *The Clerk informed members the bank account is finally set up on internet banking. The Clerk is continuing with the current complaint.*

10. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To include items such as flooding, wildlife habitats, pollution, and carbon-neutral housing developments.

The Chair informed members there are still low level bonfires that continue for days but these are on private land and unless they become out of control the Parish Council cannot take any further steps.

Cllr Dunbar- Dempsey informed members there has been some fly tipping in the parish. The appropriate removal department has been informed.

11 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed
For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- The October Wealden Parish Bulletin
- Parish Conference - Save the Date
- Remembrance Service
- Community Hib Update

Members noted the correspondence and the Clerk will place items on the website which are relevant.

The Chair will look into rules relating to the Remembrance Service. These have changed due to lockdown. One wreath will be laid.

11.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- *Changes to the way we notify on planning applications*
- This correspondence was noted.*

12- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr White asked if the Clerk can contact a former councillor for a copy of a report on speed issues with Highways. The Clerk will contact the former councillor and ask for the report

Cllr White asked for the January meeting if speed restrictions can be placed on the agenda. All members agree with this item

Meeting Closed at 20.40pm

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Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 7th December 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Debbie Turner, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White, District Councillor David Watts and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

8 estimated members of the public present

1. PUBLIC SESSION

The clerk was asked by the Community Open Space committee to read out a letter outlining their aim to work with outside parties to set up an open space for residents and for the Parish Council to work with the committee.

A member of the public asked when costing on the islands and the figure for the community open space will be published.

Cllr White explained this is being looked into and will be published as soon as possible.

A member of the public asked about the process of the CIL decision and can they have a copy of the figures.

The clerk will create a document and publish this on the website.

A member of the public asked about the seating on Channers Lane and can it be kept where it is.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey explained the seat will be staying on Channers Lane but moved slightly down the lane.

A representative from the Lower Mays solar farm project explained they have grants available for planting trees and if this would be of interest please contact him. He also explained he was present to answer any question on the Lower Mays Solar Farm proposal.

The Chair thanked him for his information and reported that this will be followed up at a later date.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd November 2020.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey asked for the minutes to include 'Cllr Ward informed the Clerk that all Deanland residents who signed the letters are on the electoral register.' All members agreed the minutes with these amendments. They will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

5. MEMBERS TO AGREE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Members agree to move confidential items to end of the meeting

6. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC Report – *Cllr Bennett was unable to give the report as his internet connection was unstable and he had to leave the meeting.*

WDC Report – *Cllr Watts highlighted two areas*

- *The community hub is still available and if you are aware of anyone who requires help please direct them to the hub who can give send them to the relevant department.*
- *Cllr Watts enquired whether the clerk receives crime alerts. The clerk responded that she does not receive them. Cllr Watts will send the link as some of the information is very relevant to the area.*

7. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2020/2075/LDP-ERECTION OF TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

WESTLYN, POUNDFIELD ROAD, CHALVINGTON, BN27 3TQ

The Parish Council noted this application as they are not a consultee and this is for information only.

WD/2020/2291/F- CHURCH FARM, CHURCH LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AU

Description: CONVERSION OF REDUNDANT CART SHED TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL ANNEXE

The Parish Council recommend approval of this application subject to footpath to be retained and the dwelling remaining ancillary to the main dwelling.

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None received

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2019/1982/F – Refuse

WD/2020/1350/F - Approve

WD/2020/7502/T – Prior approval not required

Members noted these planning decision

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works

None received

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- Lower Mays Solar Farm, near Selmeston- proposed solar farm at Lower Mays Farm

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey circulated concerns to all members prior to the meeting and explained these to the representative of Light Rock Power. The main areas were as follows:

- *There could be a cumulative impact as there are already solar farms in the area*
- *The hedgerows at the site needs to be protected*
- *Could the access to the site during construction be reconsidered as the narrow lanes with sharp bends are not suitable for the heavy vehicles and loads.*
- *Any damage to access routes by heavy vehicles must be repaired and cleared during construction*

Standing orders suspended

The representative thanked members for their concerns and explained the company want to engage with the local community and address all their concerns. The company will respect local biodiversity and other environmental issues. The representative asked the Parish Council to send their thoughts to him and he will discuss and respond in due course.

Cllr Conway asked if the company could ensure drivers drive carefully around the villages and lanes. There had been a lot of damage by lorries when the last solar farm was installed. The representative agreed to use this feedback and look into concerns.

Standing orders resumed.

All members agreed the Clerk will send comments to the representative for their consideration.

- *Planning Validation Guide Consultation - Members agreed not to comment on this consultation*
- *Update from the Parish Planning Panel meeting 2nd December – Members noted the report from Cllr Dunbar Dempsey.*
- *Local Plan Consultation- direction of travel consultation – This was agreed to place on the January agenda to give sufficient time for councillors to look through the consultation.*

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a

Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- **December Payments -This will be agreed in the confidential part of the meeting.**

- **Budget 2021-2022** -Members had a brief discussion of the budget and outlined the possible future election costing. The clerk will get an estimate of cost for the January meeting.

Cllr Turner asked about the Church gate cost. The clerk explained this is only estimated at this time. A final bill has not yet been received.

Cllr Conway asked about the noticeboard costing and was it related to CIL. The Clerk explained this is not a CIL costing.

All agreed payments and the budget will be on the next meeting to agree precept as the tax base would have been received.

- Pension dispute – *Cllr White updated members that a refund of £1000 has been received. The £6000 invoice requesting the Parish council to pay pension costs for the previous Clerk has been resolved. Cllr Conway thanked Cllr White for his work on achieving this.*

9. TO REVIEW A GRANT APPLICATION - *Members discussed the following applications and all grants were agreed*

Wealden Citizen advice - £250.00 – All members agreed to award this grant.

Lunch club for people who live alone – £200.00 - All members agreed to award this grant.

Cuckmere bus - £125 - All members agreed to award this grant.

10. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cllr Conway reported constant flooding on the bridge at Mill lane. It has flooded three times this year alone. Cllr Conway is creating a document of photographs of areas that flood repeatedly.

Members of the public have information and pictures and are asked to send them to the Clerk or Cllr Conway to enhance the report.

Cllr Turner explained there are many areas and they have already been reported.

The Clerks suggested this needs to be done to create visual evidence, also to send to Cllr Bennett.

Cllr Watts also agreed that these issues need to be reported to build a case. The more evidence the more the ESCC Highways will look at the issue.

Cllr Dashfield wrote to the Clerk and reported the sewage issue at Deanland Park is ongoing. The environmental department has been informed. Cllr Ward will investigate this further as they have been told it is the responsibility of Deanland Park to resolve the problem.

11. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

- 11.1 – to update members of the actions from the Yew Tree complaint-**

Members discussed the report circulated by Cllr Turner. It was agreed to review the issue and wait to see if there were any further complaints and concerns. The Yew Tree have addressed all the concerns where possible and hope that next year will be back to normal and these issues will not arise again.

11.2 - The Hayton Baker Hall – All members agreed for the Hayton Baker Hall to be re-listed as a community asset.

11.3 – Initiative to help the vulnerable or lonely of the Parish – The Clerk suggested to look at a way forward to bring other communities together to help the lonely and vulnerable in the rural community. The Clerk will investigate this further.

12. East Sussex Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan - Public Consultation-

Cllr Conway responded to this consultation on behalf of the Parish suggesting grants be available for bike post in the countryside as bikes left in unsuitable places was becoming an issue in many villages. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey asked for safety for bikers and walkers to be a priority.

13. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

- **Deanland Airfield -Response to questions** – Members noted the response and agreed that the Clerk will direct enquiries to the Deanland Airfield website or to the contact for Deanland Airfield. If questions do not get a response then come back to the Parish Council.

14 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- Community Hub Update
- Looking for town and parish councillors to help shape the future of transport in our region
- Roads Network Activity Update, Week 11, 11th November 2020
- Highways England A27 Update - 27 November
- Hailsham Mobile Testing Unit (MTU)

This correspondence was noted

14.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- The Parish Bulletin

This was noted

15- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

None

5.MEMBERS TO AGREE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The legal fees were explained and agreed by all members

A response to the email was agreed by all members

A response to the Darp Lane Bugle was agreed by all members

Meeting closed at 21.17pm

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Chalvington with Ripe

Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 4th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Norma Dashfield, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

10 estimated members of the public present

Minutes

1. PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public enquired about the costing of the Church gates.

Cllr White explained the costings have been capped at £3100.00. The parish Council are awaiting a final invoice before funds are released.

A member of the public asked for papers to be published with the Agenda on the website. The Clerk stated she will endeavour to publish documents for the meetings where possible.

A member of the Village Hall committee asked why the Parish Council have not given a grant towards the running of the village hall in this financial year but has voted to give a grant to an organisation outside the Parish.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey explained the Village Hall Committee had received a grant of £6000 from CIL funds towards a boiler and a grant of £10,000 from Wealden District Council. The Village Hall Committee also has a three-year reserve balance.

Cllr Conway said that as we are in unprecedented times with a global pandemic, CRPC voted to contribute to the public good by supporting Wealden Citizens Advice charity. They are helping people in serious need due to Covid. Parishioners are using their services for advice about debt, unemployment, social needs such as housing and mental wellbeing. The Parish Council voted for a one-off payment of £350.00. The Village Hall committee is welcome to apply for a grant in the next financial year when it is predicted the Covid crisis will be over.

A member of the public asked the Chair to comment on the resignation of a councillor. Cllr Conway replied that the resignation letter was received over the Christmas holiday period and was only opened and responded to earlier today. The Chair was unaware of information quoted in the Darp Lane Bugle and was unable to comment at this time. The

Parish Council will respond at the next Council meeting in February. As it has done on previous occasions, CRPC will respond to any misinformation in the Darp Lane Bugle. Corrections will be posted on CRPC web site, placed in the Parish Magazine and on parish notice boards.

The Chair was also asked to explain the cost of legal fees paid to Surrey Hills and why solicitor's advice was sought. The Chair explained CRPC sought confirmation that all CIL procedures had been carried out correctly according to due process. Their actions had been challenged by a group of protestors. CRPC also sought advice to counter claims that councillors were not democratically elected. Advice from Surrey Hills stated that the Parish Council was a democratically elected body. Advice was also sought about harassment. Solicitors recommended a course of action. If harassment continues CRPC was advised to consider further action.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from District Councillor David Watts

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7th December 2020.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – Cllr Bennet was having technical issues but managed to report that he is currently awaiting a government announcement on the latest coronavirus guidance. ESCC has started setting the budget for the next financial year.

WDC- None

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2020/1953/F – The Cabin, Darp Lane, Ripe, BN8 6BB. Revised siting and design of dwelling approved under WD/2018/2329/F including a revised access.

The PC Supports the application

Amended plan actually produces less building on the site than previously approved. However, CRPC feels the design could be improved by altering the flat roofs to pitched roofs, making it look less industrial and more in keeping with the rural location of Darp Lane. CRPC recommended an eco-friendly heating system such as ground source heating be installed.

CRPC requests that Permitted Development Rights (PDR) should be removed so no future extensions or dwellings can be added to this site

WD/2020/2447/F – Deanland Nursery, Deanland Road, Golden Cross, Hailsham, BN27 3RP. Conversion of existing barn to build 6 no. eco-friendly two-bedroom

dwelling with installation of ground source heat pump.

The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of unsustainability - reliance on private car for journeys, increase in traffic on local rural roads and on the busy A22. There is an inadequate bus service to and from Deanland Wood Park run at times that are no use to commuters. Berwick station is 9 kms away so too far to walk. Broadband cannot be assumed to be high speed (as has been claimed in reports attached to the planning application). The transport report was carried out in Nov 2020 during Covid restrictions and so does not reflect "normal" traffic conditions

No objections to the design or layout of the eco-friendly dwellings.

If this planning application is approved, then the PC requests that PDR should be removed so no future extensions or dwellings can be added to this site

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

WD/2019/1982/F – Refuse

WD/2020/1350/F - Approve

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works

None

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- Local Plan Consultation- direction of travel consultation

Members agreed to make comments by email due to the length of the consultation.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a

Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- January Payments – *The Clerk explained that due to the Christmas period there have been delays in postal deliveries, not all invoices have been received. Members agreed to authorise payments by email.*
- Budget -*The budget was discussed and agreed by all members.*

CIL Balance to date - £29,435.80

8.1 – Setting of the Precept -Members discussed the previous circulated budget figures for 2021-2022. All members agreed a precept of £13,075. This will be a slight increase to parishioners of 0.01p per Band D household.

8. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

With the help of photographs sent in by parishioners Cllr Conway has been compiling a photographic file on flooding in the parish. There has been a dramatic increase. This is recognised as part of Climate Change as shown on recent flood maps published in local newspapers. There has also been sewage overflow from drains.

The Clerk will write to Southern Water asking them to visit the sewage pumping station to check that it is not discharging polluted water onto farmland and around private housing.

Cllr Dashfield suggested erecting a post to measure the depth of water when it floods and report to Southern Water.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

9.1-Traffic calming -

Cllr White explained that a speed monitoring report was carried out on the road that runs close the nursery school in Ripe. It has been suggested speed limit there be reduced from 30 to 20 mph. Cllr White asked members to agree that he follow up and report back at the next CRPC meeting.

All members agreed this action

Cllr White also raised concerns about speeding throughout the Parish and would like to investigate possible solutions. He will report back at the next meeting.

All members agree this action

9.2 - Standing Orders – All members reviewed and adopted the standing orders

9.2- Financial regulations - All members reviewed and adopted the Financial regulations

9.3 – Risk assessment - All members reviewed and adopted the risk assessment

9.4 -*The meeting dates were discussed and agreed.*

Please note that in 2022 the January Full Council meeting will be held in the second week of the month to allow for the full holiday period. The Annual General meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will be combined on the 4th May 2021, to allow for the Bank Holiday.

10 ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

- A27 – Cllr Conway said she had received an email from a parishioner stating that decisions about a new A27 road were imminent. Cllr Conway contacted County and District Councillors to ask why CRPC had not been informed of this new

development. They in turn contacted the office of our local MP, Maria Caulfield. Each party assured Cllr Conway there has been no decision regarding the A27. County and District Councillors and the office of the local MP were concerned about misinformation and inaccuracies being circulated.

Cllr Dunbar Demspey said that CRPC should wait to respond to Highways England once a consultation paper is published. It was agreed that CRPC would produce objections related to environmental and climate change issues.

14 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- Community Hub Update
- Voting safely at next year's elections
- Sussex Road Network Update

These were noted

14.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- A resident from the Community Space Group emailed the Clerk. This item was received too late to be on the Agenda so it will be discussed at the February CRPC meeting,
- Cuckmere Bus – service information
- Cuckmere Bus - Thank you letter

15- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr White enquired about the resignation of Cllr Turner and the information published in the Bugle. The Clerk explained the letter is confidential, but information released to the Bugle can be discussed at the next meeting when all members will have had a chance to review it.

Cllr Dashfield highlighted concerns regarding rubbish at Deanland. It was decided this should be reported as fly tipping to Wealden District Council.

Meeting ended at 20.22pm



Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 1st February 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White, District Councillor David Watts and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

18 estimated members of the public present

Minutes

1. PUBLIC SESSION

The subject of solar farms was introduced specifically the proposed Pollards Solar Farm in Chalvington/Arlington. Councillors were made aware this is a preliminary application. However, members of the public were asked to raise any concerns.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding a number of issues, including the position of solar farms. Wealden District Council should place restrictions on planning applications to require new buildings to have solar panels as part of any development so there was less need for such large solar farms.

A member of the public highlighted the enormous size of this solar farm, the resulting loss of agricultural land, environmental impact, adverse effects on local tourism, visibility from the South Downs National Park and lack of protection for wild life in woodland and hedgerows. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey agreed to write to the applicant on behalf of the Parish Council to express residents' concerns.

A member of the public spoke about the intended Lower Mays Solar farm and raised concerns regarding the pre-application that was discussed at a previous meeting.

Residents were informed that CRPC has carried forward concerns raised by residents and sent them to the solar farm company involved.

The Chair explained these concerns were also raised at a Planning meeting that was held on Zoom with Wealden District council.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dashfield as she was having connection issues.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4th JANUARY 2021.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – *Cllr Bennett informed members the annual budget is being discussed next week at full council. Cllr Bennett has been observing the solar farm applications and if he can help please contact him.*

WDC – *Cllr Watts is also watching the solar farms closely and to contact him for advice. He also reemphasised the community hub and please contact them if advice or help is required.*

The NHS require volunteer responders and if you know anyone who may be interested please direct them to the community hub or NHS website.

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

None

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

None

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works

None

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- **Local Plan Consultation- direction of travel consultation** – *Members agreed a response by email. It has been sent and the response has also been published on the website.*
- **Proposed Solar Development in Wealden District Council-** *Recent applications were discussed and Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey informed members that solar farms were included in a section in the recent consultation response. CRPC emphasised that in principle members agree with solar farms but think they need to be sited in the correct place. Members are concerned over recent suggestions that they are not sustainable. The CPRC is watching this carefully and will continue to make Wealden District Council aware of residents' views.*
A councillor agreed with the previous comments and added concerns that when a solar farm becomes redundant it could be counted as a brownfield site. Also, why

do Wealden District Council not make it a condition that solar panels be placed on buildings for new planning applications.

A Councillor asked why WDC do not attempt to landscape solar panel farms.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a

Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- *February Payments – All February payments were agreed*
- *Budget -To agree the budget for 2020-21 - The budget was discussed and agreed by all members.*
CIL Balance to date - £24,865.80

8. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To include items such as flooding, wildlife habitats, pollution, and carbon-neutral housing developments.

-Rampion 2 launches first consultation on initial proposals – Members had a small discussion and agreed this is too far away and not relevant to CPRC and no comments will be made.

-Untidy land at Mill Lane, Ripe – The issue has been reported to ESCC and the Clerk is awaiting a response.

-Flooding – A Councillor explained concerns over flooding in the parish and a file is being created that includes photographic evidence of areas that continuously flood. This will be available in dealings with Southern water and ESCC highways when flooding is reported.

Another member agreed flooding is an area to report when considering planning applications and that floods have increased due to climate change.

9. CIL – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

A short discussion took place over the type of bike posts to install. A vote was taken, and members agreed to approve the wooden bike post style. A request will be made to ESCC for a licence.

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

10.1-Traffic calming *-A report will be given at the next meeting*

10.2-District Leisure Provision Survey *– The Clerk informed members and residents that they could take part in the consultation by going to the link provided.*

10.3- Continuing misinformation published in the Bugle *– Councillors reported that misinformation continues to be featured in the Bugle. Latest issues were addressed as follows:*

- Resignation of a councillor – The resignation occurred over the Christmas and New Year holiday period when the office was closed. Because of the holiday period, members were not aware there was a resignation until notified by the editor of the Bugle.

- CIL Decisions – Each CIL decision is published in the minutes and has been agreed and voted unanimously on by all members of CRPC. All CIL information is available on the website

- Claims that CPRC do not listen to residents – CPRC have reacted to numerous concerns raised by parishioners. These include flooding, speeding, dumping of waste, planning consultations and many more.
- Cease and desist letters- This refers to letters sent by a solicitor after consultation with the Parish Council, not letters sent by CPRC. They were official letters.

11. ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

- 11.1** -To update members of the changes to next year's meeting dates –
Members noted the updated meeting dates.

14 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed. For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- Community Hub Update
- Potential Funds- Covid Winter Support Fund - Sussex Community Foundation
[Covid Winter Support Fund](#)
- Census 2021
- Local Connections Fund Opens for Applications on 5th January
- Highways England A27 East of Lewes Update - 22 January 2021

Members noted the correspondence

14.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

None

15- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

A councillor reported there were concerns over the fish and chip van that visits the centre of the Ripe village.

A councillor reported that there are scams regarding NHS Vaccinations and parishioners should be aware of this and be careful.



Chalvington with Ripe

Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 1st March 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White, Cllr Norma Dashfield, District Councillor David Watts and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

28 estimated members of the public present

Minutes

1. PUBLIC SESSION

The Chair read an email at the request of a parishioner in support of agenda item 9.2 Fish and Chip Van.

A member of the public spoke in regard to Agenda item 9.2: Fish and Chip Van. They expressed concerns over the increased smell and noise which causes disturbance. They said that if residents felt this service was valuable, the siting of the van should be varied.

A member of the public also spoke in regard to agenda item 9.2 Fish and Chip Van and discussed previously raised concerns but supported the service.

A member of the public raised questions over the minutes.

The Chair replied this will be looked into.

Cllr Dunbar Dempsey explained the licence for the posts had to be received before the bike posts can be ordered and this was previously mentioned. Until this is received no order can take place.

A member of the public previous to the meeting circulated a letter on agenda item 9.1 Traffic Calming, which was published on the website. He selected points from his letter and would like to investigate the possibility of establishing a speed watch group created within the community.

The Chair explained the delay in timescale is due to the resignation of the Councillor who was looking into this issue. It has now been taken over by another Councillor.

A councillor thanked the member of the public for his report.

A member of the public also spoke in relation to agenda item 9.1 traffic calming and raised concerns as the speed of traffic is very dangerous and would like efforts to be concentrated on reducing speed in the lanes.

A member of the public also spoke in relation to agenda item 9.1 traffic calming and emphasised the previous concerns raised. Members of the public suggested further signage that deters speeding such as flashing speed limit signs.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1st February 2021.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

- *WDC – Cllr Watts drew attention to the website of the community hub. Information is updated regularly. Food parcels continue to be given out. The roadmap will be starting next week and if members of the public are aware of anyone who requires help please direct them to the hub that can then direct them to the relevant department.*
- *If members of the public are aware of any resident that has not been given a Covid 19 vaccine and falls within a category that should be vaccinated by now, please ask them to contact their GP.*
- *Fly tipping has increased in the parish. Wealden are aware of this. Enforcement teams are responding but please report any further incidents.*
- *NHS responders scheme still requires volunteers. If you are able to help, please visit the NHS website.*

ESCC – Cllr Bennett previously circulated a report

- *He explained he has had a brief discussion with Cllr White over traffic calming and a 20mph limit.*
- *Local elections in May are going ahead but District and County Councillors are pressing for a decision for no canvassing due to the Covid 19 pandemic.*

6. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2021/0112/F- Former Blacksmiths Barn, Chalvington Road, Chalvington, BN27 3TB. Change of use of agricultural barn with a single storey

The Parish Council supports this application with some conditions imposed:

- *no external lighting,*

- *the patio windows need to be altered to something less intrusive and more in keeping with a modest dwelling in the countryside rather than a suburban extension*
- *The recommendations in the bat presence report and the bat roost and barn owl survey must be followed*
- *Solar panels or other ecologically appropriate measures should be installed to combat climate change*

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals WD/2020/1953/F - Approve

This planning decision was noted

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works

None

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- Lower Mays Solar Farm proposal – Cllr Dunbar Dempsey reported to members there are no further updates. She has written twice on behalf of the Parish council and residents to reconsider access routes. The reply received stated they cannot see any alternative to their present proposal. CPRC will wait for the planning application when they will submit a further response.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a

Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- *March payments- All March' payments were agreed*
- *Budget - The budget was discussed and agreed by all members.*

CIL Balance to date - £24,865.80

8. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To include items such as flooding, wildlife habitats, pollution, and carbon-neutral housing developments.

Members discussed the recent increase in fly tipping and will continue to report any incidents.

*Flooding is still being looked into and a response is still outstanding from Southern water.
The Clerk and Chair will continue to build a file and report back at the next meeting.*

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

9.1-Traffic calming -*Members discussed the concerns and issues raised. Cllr White will create a report with recommendations for the next full council meeting.*

9.2- Fish and Chip Van – *Members discussed the concerns and support for the service as raised by residents. Members agreed to write a letter to the owner of the van and ask if he would be able to alter his location, so the site is varied. All agreed this action.*

9.3- Tree Concerns –*Cllr Dashfield explained a resident raised concerns over Ash Dieback on trees. Cllr Dashfield referred the resident to the relative department at ESCC. The response received was that landowners are responsible for dealing with this. If ESCC has to remove trees infected with Ash Dieback, the landowner is charged.*

Standing orders suspended

A member of the public raised concerns to Cllr Dashfield that there are a number of Ash Dieback trees in the parish and asked who would be liable for costs if a survey were conducted. He made the Parish council aware of this issue because it will cause a significant problem in the future.

Standing orders resumed

Members stated that landowners may not be aware that they have infected trees. Members agreed that if the Parish Council are made aware, they will inform the land owner in the first instance.

9.4– Remote meetings – *Members agreed to review this item based on government advice at the next Full Council meeting.*

10- ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

10.1 - Footpath between Ripe and Chalvington churches

The Rights of Way officer has been contacted and the Clerk is awaiting a response.

11 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed. For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- Community Hub Update
- A27 East of Lewes News update - 12 February 2021
- Highways England - A27 East of Lewes Update 19 February 2021
- Community vaccination briefing
- East Sussex Covid Stakeholder briefing

Members noted the correspondence

11.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

- WEEE Collections
- Armed forces community opportunity for the NHS
- The council noted an email that former Cllr Rogers resigned in June 2020 before the final decisions on CIL were taken

Members noted the correspondence

12- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr Dashfield asked for an item on the next Agenda about Deanland Nursery new homes. Members agreed for this to be placed on the agenda.

Meeting closed at 20.15pm

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Chalvington with Ripe

Before the meeting a minutes silence was held in respect of the HRH Prince Philip.

Unadopted Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on the 12th April 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White, Cllr Norma Dashfield, District Councillor David Watts and County Councillor Nick Bennett.

22 estimated members of the public present

Minutes

1. PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public spoke in regard to Agenda item 10.1 in support of traffic calming and introducing a speed watch group.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST MARCH 2021.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

- **WDC-** *Cllr Watts informed members Wealden District Council's emergency number for residents in need, is continuing, as they are still receiving phone calls. If Councillors or members of the public are aware of anyone who requires help, please direct them to the hub so they can then direct them to the relevant department.*
- *Planning Cluster groups – Cllr Watts emphasised the importance of these group. Cllr Dunbar Dempsey is the representative for Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council and attends each meeting.*
- *Cllr Watts informed members the Birling Gap stairwell will be closed for renovations form the 19th April.*

- *Car enforcements for Wealden District Council Car park resumes from today the 12th April 2021*

ESCC- Cllr Bennett has previously circulated a report for the Annual Parish Meeting. ESCC plan for 2021/22 has been published on their website, if you have any questions, please contact Cllr Bennett.

6. MEMBERS TO AGREE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Members agree to move confidential items to end of the meeting which is agenda item 14.

7. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2020/2539/F- WILLOWS, POUNDFIELD ROAD, CHALVINGTON, BN27 3TG
Description: RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF USE OF PART OF THE SITE FROM AGRICULTURAL LAND TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE.

Members agreed to respond to this planning application by email as Wealden District Council's website was not working, which resulted in members unable to obtain the plans required to make a response.

WD/2021/6505/SCO-LAND SOUTH OF MOUNT PLEASANT FARM, UPPER DICKER, ARLINGTON. REQUEST FOR SCOPING OPINION FOR PROPOSED SOLAR FARM
Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on this. However, the Council has decided that it wishes to await further information from the full Environmental Impact Assessment before making its views known. The Council will therefore await the full planning application to which it will make a full response

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None

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

None

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works

TM/2021/0062/TCA- REMOVE 2 WALNUT TREES SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS DESIGNATED CHALVINGTON/RIPE CONSERVATION AREA MARCH 2017
MANOR FARMHOUSE, THE STREET, RIPE, BN8 6BD
Members noted the tree order

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- WD/2021/0304/F – Members noted the response to the planning application.
This can be accessed on Wealden District council website.

-Deanland Nursery New Homes – A Councillor reported that Deanland resident’s association had received concerns over the impact new houses would have on the private Deanland woodland. Cllr Dashfield did not believe this would be a problem at this time.

- Parish Cluster meeting –Members noted the previously circulated report. This will be published on the website.

- Request for Scoping Opinion for Proposed Pollards Solar Farm – Members discussed this under 7a as part of their planning response.

- Response to letter to the Trustees re Proposed Pollards Solar Farm – A Councillor read the response received from the Trustees. A Councillor recommended to wait for the full planning application to respond. All other members agreed this response.

A councillor also reported that at the recent Planning Cluster Meeting a request was made for Wealden to draft a policy on solar farms.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a

Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet.

- **April payments** - *All April’s payments were agreed*
- **Budget – To review actuals compared to the final budget for 2020-21.** *This was discussed and agreed by all members.*
- **Budget -To review actuals compared to the final the budget for 2021-22.** *This was discussed and agreed by all members.*

9. CLIMATE CHANGE/CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To include items such as flooding, wildlife habitats, pollution, and carbon-neutral housing developments.

The Clerk reported she is still awaiting a response from southern water which she has chased regarding the flooding in the Parish.

The Clerk reported the untidy land at Mill lane is being investigated by Wealden District Council enforcement Team.

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

10.1-Traffic calming - *A Councillor previously circulated two reports which were discussed. A proposal was given to implement and support a community speed watch group.*

All members supported this proposal.

A suggestion for a member of the public to work with the Parish Council on creating this speed watch group was discussed and all members agreed this action.

A Councillor asked if Deanland could be included in this group. All members agreed.

10.2- Vexatious behaviour Policy – *All members reviewed and adopted the Vexatious behaviour policy.*

10.3– Remote meetings – *Members discussed the Annual General meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 4th May. Members agreed to invite varying residents and groups. This will be confirmed and agreed by email.*

10.4- Standing orders with delegated powers – *Members reviewed and adopted the standing orders with delegated powers.*

10.5 – Return to face-to-face meetings – *The Clerk reported face to face meetings are to return after the 6th May and raised concerns over the safety issues this addresses. Members agreed to postpone the June Full Council meeting but this will be confirmed after the 21st April as there is an appeal being sent to the government to resume virtual meetings until after lockdown has ended. The decision will be posted on the website and on the noticeboards.*

11- ITEMS FOR UPDATING AND NOTING

11.1 - To note response from Fish and Chip van man. – *Members noted this letter*

12 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed. For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

- Highways England - A27 East of Lewes Update 03 March 2021
- Community Hub updates
- ESCC Briefing updates
- Road Network Activity Update 10/03/2021
- Highways England - A27 East of Lewes Update - 26 March 2021

These were noted

12.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published.

- Civility in public life -digital citizenship resources

This was noted

13- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

None

14 – Report from the Clerk

This was discussed confidentially.

The Clerk reported she is resigning due to family circumstances.



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held virtually on the 4th May 2021 at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllr Susan Conway (Chair), Cllr Dunbar Dempsey (Vice Chair), Cllr John Ward, Cllr Geoff White, Cllr Norma Dashfield,

29 estimated members of the public present

Minutes

1. PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public read a statement regarding the CIL consultation process and the use of the electoral register.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by Cllr Watts and Cllr Bennett.

3. TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE ENSURING YEAR

Cllr Ward nominated Cllr Conway and Cllr White seconded this proposal. All agreed for Cllr Conway to be Chair of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.

4. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr Dashfield nominated Cllr Dunbar Dempsey and Cllr White seconded this proposal. All agreed for Cllr Dunbar Dempsey to be Vice Chair of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.

5. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

6. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12th April 2021.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed accordingly at the next available opportunity abiding by the social distancing rules set out by the government.

7. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

ESCC – Cllr Bennet sent a report for the APM.

WDC – Cllr Watts sent an email reporting Wealden District Council are recommending live face to face meetings from the 17th May with the first being the Overview and Scrutiny committee.

- *The Wealden hub is still running. Please contact Wealden District Council if you need advice.*
- *Parish and Town Council are recommencing face to face meetings which may be problematic in smaller halls and meeting rooms.*

8. To appoint Councillors as Representatives of the Parish Council on the following bodies;

- *Police Liaison Meetings - Appointed Cllr Conway*
- *Emergency Co-ordinator - Appointed Cllr Ward*
- *Wealden District Association of Local Councils- Appointed Cllr Dunbar Dempsey*
- *Tree Warden - Appointed Cllr Dashfield*
- *ESALC AGM- Appointed Cllr Conway*
- *Parish Planning Panel & SW Cluster Planning group – Appointed Cllr Dunbar Dempsey*
- *Hayton Baker Hall Trustees – Appointed Cllr White – this will be reviewed when the two new councillors have been appointed.*

9. To consider payment of the following annual subscriptions;

- *Wealden District Associations of Local Councils*
- *Society of Local Council Clerks*
- *Sussex Association of Local Councils*
- *Zurich Insurance*
- *Information Commissioner*

Councillors resolved unanimously to pay the following above subscriptions for 2020-2021

10. To adopt the Code of Conduct for the ensuing year –

Councillors resolved to accept and adopt the Code of Conduct.

11. To adopt the General Power of Competence as found in the Localism Act 2011.

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council resolved that it meets the prescribed conditions for the General Power of Competence.

12. PLANNING,

a) Plans

WD/2021/0671/MAJ - LAND AT LOWER MAYS FARM, THE STREET, SELMESTON, POLEGATE, BN26 6TU- DEVELOPMENT OF A 5 MW GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR FARM WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.

Response from Chalvington with Ripe PC:

Overall, the Council supports this development as it will provide green energy to the grid. However, our support is conditional on a number of factors, listed below, and we would like to receive assurance that these conditions will be met by the applicant:

We are extremely concerned about the proliferation of solar farm sites in the SW of Wealden, now forming a corridor under the South Downs. At present Wealden has no overarching policy or strategy to address the cumulative

impact of all these solar farm proposed developments – this needs to be addressed urgently.

If approved, we ask that there is no “creep”, i.e. the developer submits an application to extend the site. We would be totally opposed to this

We requested during early consultation that the construction site access should be via Selmeston High Street or via Berwick. Both of these suggestions were rejected. We understand that the developers have been advised that the only suitable access is via Firle Road and a short stretch of Langtye Lane then creating an access across green fields to Lower Mays Farm. We are opposed to this route and would ask if the planning application is approved that once construction is completed (we understand this to be around 10 weeks) that this access track is immediately restored to fields, and is no longer used for access. Once the construction is over vehicles must access the site via Selmeston High Street and into the main entrance of Lower Mays Farm.

We also request that if approved all roads leading to the site from Firle Road and Langtye Lane are thoroughly washed and mud removed on a daily basis and that all grass verges are reinstated to their existing state

The application mentions protecting fields, hedgerows and trees. We would also like to see the protection of fields, hedgerows and trees in surrounding fields protected, not just those on the solar panel fields

Developer to provide ecology and habitat enhancement

There is no mention of the development providing employment opportunities for local people - this needs to be addressed by the developer

At the end of the life of the solar panels there must be a strict agreement that the land is restored to agricultural land

b) To consider any planning applications that has been received after agenda has been published.

None.

c) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals

None.

d) Tree Preservation Orders and related works

None.

e) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- *Deanland Planning application – Correspondence from residents – Cllr Dunbar Dempsey informed members grounds work had commenced at Deanland which caused residents’ concern. This was investigated and the works are for the previously agreed 26 mobile homes, not the 105 recently applied for. That latter*

application has been refused although it is now the subject of an appeal to the Planning Inspector.

- Ratify response to Wealden Local Plan- *Members ratified the response sent to the Wealden District Council.*

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of payment of Accounts – to approve accounts for payment – (a

Schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting) – List of payments on separate sheet

- *May's Payments – These payments were agreed.*
- *Budget -The budget was approved.*
- *To agree Zurich Insurance renewal – Members approved to renew the insurance with Zurich for 2021-22.*

14 - CORRESPONDENCE - Procedure for Correspondence to be agreed

For noting (Previously Circulated or request a copy to be sent)

The clerk informed members she had not had time to check if any correspondence had been received but will circulate when any is received.

14.1- Correspondence after the agenda was published

This has been covered under agenda item 14.

15- REPORTS (by leave) NOT FOR DECISION

Cllr White asked if there have been any speed watch responses for volunteers to conduct a survey with training given. The notice has been placed on the website, on the noticeboard and will be in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk reported nothing has been received as yet but she will check and forward on any details.

Meeting Closed at 6.35pm



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 on Monday 19th July 2021 commencing 7pm.

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

In attendance: Paul Richards (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public: 42.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chair welcomed newly elected Cllrs Pankhurst and Ruddock-West to the Council. She also introduced the new temporary Clerk. She also read out a prepared statement as follows *“Mr Bishop contacted me after the May Parish Council meeting to say that he has not personally spread any false information about Parish Council business. I am happy to accept his reassurance”*.

1. **Apologies for absence** – WDC Cllr Watts.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Ruddock-West advised that he has a personal interest in agenda item 12 (e) and would not vote on this matter. He requested that, in accordance with Standing Orders, he present the application and Members **AGREED** unanimously to his request.
3. **Appointment of temporary Clerk, RFO and Proper Officer** – the Chair welcomed the new temporary Clerk, Paul Richards, and asked that his appointment be confirmed. This was **AGREED** unanimously.
4. **Creation of all Council Sub-Committees** – the Chair asked that the Clerk present an update. He reported that the Parish Council does not have formal sub-committees e.g., a Planning sub-committee. The Chair moved that Members agree on all council sub-committees where any councillor can be a member of that committee. This was **AGREED** unanimously.
5. **Public Session.**
 - A resident provided an update on the Pollards Solar Farm proposal and urged residents to review the planning application, once submitted, and comment accordingly;
 - A resident spoke on the existing CIL projects. The Chair asked the Clerk to remind the resident that only items on the agenda could be discussed at this session. The Clerk advised the resident that the matter on which he spoke was not on the agenda and he should not continue. The resident continued to speak and was, again asked to not continue after which he then took his seat;
 - A resident suggested that minutes of the last meeting and other notices, which had been posted on the noticeboards and the CWRPC website, were rude and offensive. She noted that they had been removed subsequently;
 - A resident expressed his concern on the future use of remaining CIL monies for the community space and queried what facilities would be made available;
 - The 10-minute time limit for questions had expired however, the Chair exercised her discretion to allow more questions;

- A resident referred to a previous meeting relating to the use of CIL funds. The Chair asked the Clerk to remind the resident that only items on the agenda could be discussed at this session. The Clerk advised the resident that the matter on which he spoke was not on the agenda and should not continue. The resident continued to speak despite repeated requests that he stop. The Clerk reminded the meeting that this was a meeting held in public and not a public meeting. He referred to the information sheets distributed to the public and that only items on the agenda could be discussed at the public session.

6. Sussex Police.

As both team members from Sussex Police were self-isolating and could not attend the meeting, this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 4th May 2021.

The Chair proposed that the draft minutes, circulated previously, be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Pankhurst. Members **AGREED** unanimously that the minutes be accepted and that the Chair could sign them.

8. Matters arising.

The Chair referred to item 8 and advised that Cllr Pankhurst had taken over the role to represent CWRPC for the Hayton Baker Hall from Cllr White.

9. ESCC and WDC Reports.

- ESCC Cllr Bennett was not available; and
- WDC Cllr Watts provided a written report, circulated previously. Members noted his report.

10. Planning.

a) Applications.

- **TM/2021/0211/TPO - 1 CARRIAGE MEWS, CHURCH LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AR** - fell 1 horse chestnut and reduce crown of one x horse chestnut by 2-3m and raise canopy up to 3.5m within tree preservation order.
 - Whereas Members were sympathetic to the crown reduction for Tree 1 (provided the tree cutting does no harm to the tree), they objected to the felling of Tree 2. This tree is seen to be in good order and does not need cutting down. These trees were planted in 1977 to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee and villagers are very fond of them. They are both the subject of a TPO (Chalvington/Ripe TPO/2016/0014) and are part of an avenue of five horse chestnut trees. Members voted to **OBJECT** unanimously to the application.

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

- **REFUSED** - **WD/2020/2447/F - DEANLAND NURSERY, DEANLAND ROAD, GOLDEN CROSS, HAILSHAM, BN27 3RP** - conversion of existing barn to form 6 no. eco-friendly two-bedroom dwellings with installation of ground source heat pump.
- **APPROVED** - **WD/2021/0304/F - ASHFIELD, MILL LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AX** - proposed single storey extension and loft conversion.
- **APPEAL** - **WD/2020/0361/MAJ** – Deanland Wood Park Planning Application (The Parish Council has responded).

c) **Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.**

- Pollards Solar Farm – Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey thanked the resident for his update on this matter during the public session. She also urged councillors and residents to examine closely any planning application when submitted. CWRPC would comment once any application is received.

11. To approve new Parish Council Policies.

- a) **GDPR, Privacy and data protection** policies – the Chair asked the Clerk to present these policies that were circulated previously. After review and consideration Members **AGREED** unanimously to adopt these policies. The Clerk was asked to post these policies onto the new CWRPC website.
- b) **Donations Policy, Complaints procedure and policy, Correspondence and retention policy, Freedom of Information Policy, Press and Media Policy, Consultation Requests, and Code of Conduct for employees** - the Chair asked the Clerk to present these policies that were circulated previously. After review and consideration Members **AGREED** unanimously to adopt these policies and appoint Cllr Conway as the Chair of the Complaints Committee. The Clerk was asked to post these policies onto the new CWRPC website.

12. Financial matters - Authorisation of payment of Accounts.

- a) **Payments** – the schedule, circulated previously, was **AGREED** unanimously. The schedule is attached at Appendix A.
- b) **Budget** - Cllr White requested that the budget be restated. The Chair asked the Clerk to prepare a revised budget and forecast.
- c) **Donation Request** – The application from Hayton Baker Village Hall for a £350 grant was considered. Given members had just agreed a new Donations Policy, the Chair suggested that only the accounts and reserve balances were needed to complete the application rather than a resubmission. This was **AGREED** unanimously and the Clerk was asked to write to applicant accordingly.
- d) **Noticeboards** – Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey advised that the noticeboards in Chalvington and Ripe were difficult to lock. She explained that, previously, the noticeboards were left unlocked but recent anti-social behaviour had taken place whereby some notices had been removed. This now necessitated the need for locked and secure noticeboards. She advised that getting three estimates proved difficult and that that only one estimate had been provided that was capable of acceptance. This was for £770 for both noticeboards.

Several members of the public then shouted at Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey and the business of the parish council was interrupted for several minutes. The Chair asked the Clerk to restate the relevant Standing Orders pertaining to conduct at parish council meetings. The Clerk reminded those present that a parish council was a meeting held in public and not a public meeting. He reminded those present that a member of the public may only speak at the public session of the meeting.

Cllr Pankhurst suggested that more estimates were required and that he would contact a local resident to provide one.

Use of future CIL funds - Cllr Ruddock West presented an application on behalf of the Ripe and Chalvington Village Hall Committee and Trustees. The Committee is able to acquire a parcel of land from a local resident and requested that remaining CIL funds be used to assist the purchase of the land. The Chair restated CWRPC's support for this project and

reminded members that, in November 2020, CWRPC committed to support this project once a governing body had been established.

Cllr Ruddock-West explained that he had been elected by local residents to seek to change the view of the Council on funding the traffic islands and to instead put the money towards funding a community open space. He asked two questions (a) had the £954 design costs been deducted from the overall £22,000 committed budget and (b) would CWRPC note The Forum's recent poll and cease all work on the islands. The Chair asked the Clerk to respond. The Clerk asked that he answer the second question first and this was agreed. The Clerk explained the history behind both the consultation and lawful decision made to fund two projects. He recognised that the decision was not popular with certain groups in the community but stated that this decision was made, democratically, and that CWRPC acted on this mandate.

Several members of the public then rose and shouted abuse. They then intimidated the Clerk and Councillors. The Chair referred to the CWRPC Standing Orders and requested that those shouting abuse moderate or improve their conduct. The members of the public continued to disrupt the meeting and the Chair referred to Standing Order 1(b) and moved that those disrupting the meeting be removed. This motion was seconded by Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey and **AGREED** by those Members able to hear the resolution over the commotion in the Hall. This resolution was ignored by those members of the public disrupting the meeting and the Chair suspended, temporarily, the meeting as per Standing Order 1 (c). She asked the Clerk to announce this to all those present.

1930 – the meeting was suspended in accordance with Standing Order 1(c).

1940 – the meeting was resumed with 7 members of the public in attendance.

Following the resumption of the meeting, Cllr White explained that the island design was to be drawn up by ESCC free of charge. ESCC then changed their mind and therefore the £22,000 estimated budget had not included any design costs. He reminded Members that this was an estimate and was subject to formal quotations and that the initial designs may be subject to ESCC review;

Cllr Ruddock-West described the land acquisition process and explained the rationale behind the costs. The liability position of CWRPC was questioned given ownership of the Hall was uncertain. Cllr Ruddock-West advised that the Trustees manage the Hall and that, in his opinion, no liability rested with CWRPC. The Chair asked the Clerk to clarify this position of CWRPC's liability in this matter.

2017 – Cllr Ruddock-West left the meeting.

Cllr Dashfield referred to the disgraceful behaviour of certain residents and the abuse received by some councillors in regard to CIL funds. She was minded to abstain from any vote.

2019 – another member of the public interrupted the proceedings and was asked by the Chair to moderate her conduct. The resident then left and proceedings continued but threatened more disruption from the Ripe villagers.

The abortive cost estimate of £800 caused by local residents disrupting works for the bike posts was referred to and concern was expressed that further disruption would reduce

the remaining CIL funds available for the community project. Any additional costs, due to disruption, could jeopardise the agreed projects. Cllr Pankhurst referred to the unfortunate division regarding the CIL projects between CWRPC and certain parts of the community. He advised that dialogue between parties may be best way to resolve such matters.

The Chair moved to vote on this application based on a cap of £3,750 and upon the production of valid invoices. 5 members voted to support the application 1 Member abstained and one Member was absent (declared interest).

2019 – Cllr Ruddock-West re-joined the meeting.

13. Community Speedwatch Group.

Cllr White provided an update and advised that several residents had applied to join the Group. Several had now completed their basic training and he asked the Clerk to describe the next steps. The Clerk reported that he had requested Sussex Police grant £500 to purchase the radar device via the Police Property Act Fund. Once acquired, he would then train the Group on how to use the device and update them on the necessary procedures. A number of sites had been identified where the Group can deploy the radar device.

14. Highways, footpaths and rights of way.

- Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey referred to the significant increase in traffic caused by the various roadworks adjacent to the parish. She had contacted WSCC Cllr Bennett who advised that little could be done at this time to resolve this matter;
- Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey reported that the recent Ironbourne event had caused significant disruption in and around the parish. No advance warning of the event had been received and it appear that ESCC Cllr Bennett had also not been notified. She advised that future notice of such events should be received; and
- Cllr White referred to a Quiet Lane imitative proposed by a local resident. Members **AGREED** that this matter be included at the next meeting.

15. Date of the next meetings.

- Ordinary Council Meeting – 6th September 2021 (no meeting in August) 2021; and
- Planning Meeting – TBA subject to receipt of planning applications.

The meeting closed at 20:50

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

Appendix A – Payments Schedule

Income since last meeting	Amount		
Interest	£ 0.69		
VAT refund	£ 319.20		
Compensation from Barclays to Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey for poor service	£ 100.00		
TOTAL INCOME	£ 419.89		
BALANCES ON ACCOUNT			
Current Account (Community)	£ 10,188.80	as at 12/07/2021	
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 31,538.28	as at 07/06/2021	
TOTAL BALANCES	£ 41,727.08		
PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED 19/07/2021			
	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
M.J. Zara Associates - Islands (from CIL fund)	Design drawings	101164	£ 954.00
1&1 Internet Ltd.	Web services	DD	£ 12.00
Paul Richards	Locum Clerk services	101165	£ 1,111.25
			£ 2,077.25
To Pay after this Meeting			
	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
Paul Richards	Locum Clerk services	101166	£ 822.50
1&1 Internet Ltd.	Web services	DD	£ 12.00
Compensation from Barclays to Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey for poor service	Compensation	101167	£ 100.00
			£ 934.50
CIL FUNDS			
	AMOUNT		
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 31,538.28	as at 07/06/2021	
CIL COMMITMENTS			
ESCC - abortive installation bikepost costs (lost labour time) caused by a local resident not allowing work to proceed	£ 400.00	Estimate	
ESCC - additional costs associated with bike post abortive work (advance notice boards)	£ 400.00	Estimate	
Islands - initial estimate	£ 22,000.00	Estimate	
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	£ 22,800.00		
AVAILABLE BALANCE FOR OTHER CIL PROJECTS	£ 8,738.28		



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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 on Monday 6th September 2021 commencing 7pm.

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

In attendance: ESCC Cllr Bennett, WDC Councillor Watts and Paul Richards (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public: 10.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Conway advised that she has a personal interest in agenda item 9(a) planning application WD/2021/1819 and would leave the room when this item was discussed.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th July 2021.**

The Chair proposed that the draft minutes, circulated previously, be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Ward. Members **AGREED** that the minutes be accepted and that the Chair could sign them (**votes 6 for and 1 abstention**).
4. **Matters arising.**

The Chair referred to the noticeboards item. Cllr Pankhurst agreed to review the repairs required and would try to obtain a quote.
5. **Public Session.**
 - A resident requested that the community pull together, given recent issues, and support the proposed community space. He also suggested that the space be named after the benefactor;
 - A resident objected to planning application WD/2021/1819/F and reminded Members that site is prone to severe flooding and that the proposed removal of a tree should be subject to a TPO; and
 - A resident spoke to commend Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey for an article she wrote in the bugle defending local democracy. He then continued and made abusive comments regarding the council and was asked by both Cllr Dashfield and the Chair to stop. He then left the meeting.
6. **Riding Sunbeams and Cuckmere Community Solar**

Ollie Pendered (Executive Director of Riding Sunbeams) and Kathy Martyn (Cuckmere Community Solar) presented an update on the project; the first of its kind in the world to power a mainline railway. They requested that the community consider ideas for their proposed community benefit scheme. The Chair thanked them for their presentation and asked that they provide appropriate material for the parish council's website.

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey asked why the proposed cable could not be routed along the railway track. Mr Pendered advised that for safety and environmental reasons, the conditions imposed

by Network Rail would make the costs prohibitive. She also asked for more details on their community benefit scheme. Ms Martyn explained that the scheme is intended to help residents reduce their carbon footprint. 1,000 homes nearest to the site will benefit directly. They would also help local residents with their own energy plans.

Cllr Dashfield referred to proposed EV vehicle charging point at Deanland that cannot go ahead due to power supply requirements. Mr Pendered suggested that Riding Sunbeams might be able to assist if a project was proposed to them. He did advise that other funds are available for these types of schemes.

7. Quiet Lanes presentation and Community Speedwatch update.

Mr Mates discussed a presentation, circulated previously, that provided the background and rationale behind the Quiet Lanes initiative. The Chair thanked him a very thorough presentation. Members **AGREED** to support a working group formed of Mr Mates and members of the newly formed Community Speedwatch team.

The Clerk provided an update on the Community Speedwatch Group. 3 sites for deployment of the speed device had been agreed with Sussex Police. The Group awaits delivery of a new device from Sussex Police and can then commence deployment.

8. ESCC and WDC Reports.

- ESCC Cllr Bennett advised that his update had been sent and asked that they be appended to the Minutes; and
- WDC Cllr Watts provided an update that included:
 - Support for housing Afghan refugees (details on the WDC website);
 - Voter registration; and
 - Open Day at the Wealden Crematorium (18th September 2021)

9. Planning.

a) Applications.

- WD/2021/1735/F - DEANLAND NURSERY, DEANLAND ROAD, GOLDEN CROSS - CONVERSION OF EXISTING BARN TO FORM 3 NO. ECO-FRIENDLY 3-BEDROOM DWELLINGS WITH INSTALLATION OF GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP;
After review and consideration, Member voted to **OBJECT** to the application (**1 vote for, 4 against and 1 abstention**) on the following grounds:
 - Unsustainability – the site is poorly placed in terms of sustainable transport modes due to the lack of bus and trains serving this area and the dwellings would therefore be wholly reliant on private motor vehicles for journeys to any settlement like Hailsham for shopping, leisure services etc. Just to note that there is a limited bus service to and from Deanland Wood Park but these buses are no use for commuters, the site is 9 km from Berwick station so too far to walk. Walking along the road in this area would in any case be dangerous as there are no pavements.
 - They were concerned about access, visibility on entering and exiting the site to road U7061 (Deanland Road) which would give rise to increased hazards to those on the highway
 - It will have a deleterious impact on close neighbours in terms of increased traffic and noise

- There would be an irreversible impact on the Ancient Woodland as the woodland will become a thoroughfare rather than an area of protected natural diversity (as it is at present)
- They have no objections to the design or layout of the eco-friendly dwellings
- It would be just a very small contribution to the housing stock
- Members raised most of these issues when they objected to the previous planning application (WD/2020/2447/F) and they do not appear to have been addressed in this new application.
- WD/2021/1819/F - MILL FARM COTTAGE, MILL LANE, RIPE - CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE DWELLINGHOUSE, ACCESS TO MILL LANE, GARDENS AND PARKING. LANDSCAPING. (TO REPLACE WD/2018/2582/O).

2004 – Cllr Conway leaves the meeting. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey (Vice-Chair) take the Chair

After review and consideration, Member voted to submit a **NEUTRAL RESPONSE** to the application (7 votes for). The comments submitted were:

- The proposed site for car parking/ building involves the removal of an ancient yew tree (estimated to be circa 200 years old). Members consider the removal of a major yew tree to be unacceptable and going against the principles of the conservation area in which it sits;
- mature hedging needs to be planted on all the boundaries. This site is very important in the landscape of the village as it forms the entrance to the village;
- it looks from the plans that an entrance has been made at the far southern end of the site on the unmade track leading to Southern Water's (SW) sewage plant. This entrance cannot be used as access for construction of the proposed dwelling as the track is privately owned and SW must have unrestricted access at all times. So that entrance needs to be removed;
- Members are very concerned about the proposed vehicular access directly onto Mill Lane Ripe at its narrowest point, when fast moving traffic would make it dangerous to exit the site;
- the Design and Access (D&A) Statement states "the Council accept Ripe is a sustainable location for new housing". This is incorrect. Ripe has always been regarded as unsustainable due to having no bus service, no station, no primary or secondary school, no access to a GP except by motor car and no pub. It also incorrectly states that Ripe has sports facilities ("the site has access, via pedestrian means, to a wide range of facilities within the village including a convenience shop and community facilities such as churches and sports facilities"); and
- the bottom (southern) end of the site of the proposed dwelling floods, as it takes the excess water from the stream at the bottom of the slope. We are concerned that the proposed site will flood regularly and suggest mitigation measures need to be in place.

2010 – Cllr Conway returns and re-takes the Chair

- WD/2021/1891/F - KITTY HAWK FARM, SOLAR PARK, DARP LANE, RIPE - REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING BRICK WALL WITH METAL RAILINGS AT 2.6M IN HEIGHT - TO MATCH EXISTING RAILINGS/GATES WITHIN THE SITE AREA.

After review and consideration, Member voted to submit a **SUPPORT** the application (7 votes for) provided the landscaping is carried out in the autumn immediately following the construction of the fence so that the site is screened as soon as possible with native species of hedging. The Parish Council is pleased that the proposed fence will actually be slightly lower than the existing brick wall. There should be no external lighting as this is a dark skies area. This was a unanimous decision on the part of the Council. Please note that Members could find no difference between this application

and WD/2021/0982/F which was withdrawn so we have repeated the comments we made for the previous application

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

- **APPROVED** - WD/2021/1083 - Little Meadow Stud, Church Lane, Chalvington - proposed roof extension to existing commercial building and change of use to form holiday let; and
- **WITHDRAWN** - WD/2021/1651/F - Veals Farm, Ripe Lane, Ripe - proposed first floor side extension, garage conversion, and internal alterations.

c) Other planning matters - To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey advised that WDC would be requesting an update on the local Sustainability Statement related to the draft revised Local Plan. This would include a review of local facilities; and
- The Chair advised that, due to additional planning applications being received, a Planning Sub-Committee be scheduled. Members **AGREED** and requested that the Clerk arrange the meeting.

10. Financial matters - Authorisation of payment of Accounts.

- a) Annual Return (AGAR) – result of internal audit. The Clerk referred to the results of the internal audit. Members noted the report.
- b) Annual Return (AGAR) – Certificate of Exemption. The Clerk referred to the Certificate and Members **AGREED** that the Chair and Clerk could sign the Certificate.
- c) Annual Return (AGAR) – Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk referred to the Statement and Members **AGREED** with the Statement. They approved that the Chair and Clerk sign the Statement.
- d) Annual Return (AGAR) – Accounting Statements. The Clerk referred to the Accounting Statement and Members **AGREED** with the Statement. They approved that the Chair and Clerk sign the Statement.
- e) Payments (a schedule of Receipts & Payments will be presented at meeting). Cllr Ruddock-West queried the allocation of legal costs to the CIL budget. As this was a confidential matter, the Chair moved that this matter be discussed at the Confidential Session of the agenda. Members **AGREED** to hear this item during the Confidential Session.
- f) Donation Request – Hayton Baker Village Hall. Due to insufficient Reserves, Members **AGREED** to not make a payment but would review the Grant and Donation budget at their Precept meeting in November 2021.
- g) Donation Request – CAB. Due to insufficient Reserves, Members **AGREED** to not make a payment but would review the Grant and Donation budget at their Precept meeting in November 2021.
- h) Donation Request – Cuckmere Buses. Due to insufficient Reserves, Members **AGREED** to not make a payment but would review the Grant and Donation budget at their Precept meeting in November 2021.

11. Highways, footpaths and rights of way.

- Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey referred reports of an overgrown path between the Ripe and Chalvington Churches. She asked that the Clerk chase up the email sent to the landowner previously.

12. Staffing Matters

Members RESOLVED to exclude the public as per Standing Order item 2c (by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons).

2030 – Members of the Public left the meeting

The Chair reminded Members that they wished to consider the payments schedule during the Confidential Session. She asked the Clerk to explain why this matter was confidential. The Clerk advised that, for reasons relating to GDPR and legal privilege, the matter of harassment by a resident was linked inextricably to the CIL projects. Legal advice received supports that these costs can be allocated to the CIL budget. He reminded Members that the payments schedule needed approval as the invoices were liable for payment. Members **AGREED** that the payments be made and cheques signed. The schedule is attached at Appendix A. Cllr Ruddock-West objected to the CIL budget and reiterated that any harassment costs should be disaggregated from the stated sums. Members expressed concern that additional costs continue to be incurred and charged, correctly, to the CIL budget e.g., abortive costs and that continued challenges, that incur cost, would reduce further the amount available for the Community Space project. The Clerk proposed that he create a profit and loss account showing income, costs to date and commitments.

The Chair referred to the vacancy for Clerk. Members proposed that the locum Clerk be retained at 7 hours per week, based on latest forecast estimate, until 1st April 2022. Members **AGREED** with this proposal and the Clerk agreed to assist until that date. He advised that Members agree a job description and personal profile in good time to ensure the new Clerk is in place by 1st April 2022.

Members suggested that the hours worked by the Clerk be capped in line with the forecast and that Members take-on duties to reduce the Clerk’s time.

13. Date of the next meetings.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on a 4th October 2021 commencing 7pm at the Hayton Baker Hall

The meeting closed at 20:53

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

Appendix A – Payments Schedule

Payments 6 Sept 2021			
Income since last meeting	Amount		
None	£ -		
TOTAL INCOME	£ -		
BALANCES ON ACCOUNT			
Current Account (Community)	£ 8,011.80	as at 27/08/2021	
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 30,584.28	as at 27/08/2021	
TOTAL BALANCES	£ 38,596.08		
PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED 1/9/2021			
	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
None			£ -
			£ -
To Pay after this Meeting			
	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
Surrey Hills Solicitors	CIL advice		£ 1,620.00
Surrey Hills Solicitors	CIL advice		£ 90.00
ESCC Highways	Abortive CIL work		£ 352.93
Paul Richards	Locum Clerk services		£ 857.50
			£ 2,920.43
CIL FUNDS			
	AMOUNT		
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 30,584.28	as at 27/08/2021	
CIL COMMITMENTS			
ESCC - abortive installation bikepost costs (lost labour time) caused by a local resident not allowing work to proceed	£ 294.11	Before VAT	
ESCC - additional costs associated with bike post abortive work (advance notice boards)	£ 300.00	Estimate	
CIL advice	£ 1,350.00	Before VAT	
CIL advice	£ 75.00	Before VAT	
Islands - initial estimate	£ 22,000.00	Estimate	
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	£ 24,019.11		
AVAILABLE BALANCE FOR OTHER CIL PROJECTS	£ 6,565.17		

Appendix B – Quiet Lanes Presentation



**Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council
and Community Speed Watch**

Quiet Lanes A long term Project



Quiet Lanes Legislation

- **S 268, Transport Act 2000, local traffic authorities to designate roads as Quiet Lanes**
- **The Quiet Lanes & HOME ZONES (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006 and THE TRAFFIC SIGNS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2006**



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Key elements

- **Community involvement to encourage a change in user behaviour**
- **Area-wide direction signing to discourage through traffic**
- **Quiet Lane entry and exit signs to remind drivers that they are entering or leaving a Quiet Lane**
- **A place to expect residents using the whole of the road space for a range of activities**



Who and What are Included

- > **Only minor roads or networks of minor roads with low flows of motorised vehicles travelling at low speeds and are suitable for shared use by**
- > **Walkers, Cyclists, Equestrians and motorists**
- > **Should be rural in character**
- > **The aim of creating a coherent network of routes for non - motorised users**



Vehicle Speeds

- > **No more than about 1000 motor vehicles per day**
- > **Vehicle speeds should be kept to levels appropriate to the mix of uses and activities expected to take place**
- > **Usually with the 85th percentile speed below 35 mph**



Traffic Calming

- > **Traffic calming & traffic management measures, in keeping with the local environment may be required**
- > **These should be effective - Pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians should feel able to use Quiet Lanes safely**
- > **Uses might include recreation, social interaction, and education, and could include uses that do not involve passing along the lane**



USE and SPEED orders

- > **A USE order permits the use of a road for purposes other than passage such as communal and recreational purposes**
- > **A SPEED order authorises the authority to take measures, to encourage motor vehicles and/or pedal cycles to travel below the speed specified in the order**



Method

- > **Engage the newly formed Community Speed Watch Group to create a project plan and collect the evidence to support an application to implement a network of Quiet Lanes in the parish**
- > **Involving Community Speed Watch Group assists with providing a substantial level of public involvement required by the legislation**
- > **Parish Council to liaise with neighbour councils and the County Councillor to allow the Highway Authority to plan and budget for implementation of this scheme**

Appendix D – ESCC Cllr Bennett's update

Climate Change

2020/21 – the County Council achieved a 13% reduction in carbon emissions (in line with our Action Plan target). However, it is acknowledged that part of the reason for achieving this target was due to Covid (e.g. less business mileage undertaken, less power demand in the majority of Council buildings, etc). Other ways in which the Council's emissions have been reduced in this period, include;

- Continued replacement of sodium street lamps with very low energy LED lighting
- Energy efficiency and/or low carbon measures being incorporated into schemes undertaken through the capital building and maintenance programme
- Continued decarbonisation of the national grid (admittedly the Council has little/no control on this, but what happens nationally does impact upon our corporate carbon emissions).

In early 2021, the County Council successfully applied for £470k from the Government's Decarbonisation Fund. The money is being used to install measures such as photovoltaics and heat pumps at six Council owned properties. Schemes are expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Other areas of work, which are more likely to lead to measures that help the Council reduce its carbon emissions further down the line, include;

- Improving our data on carbon emissions arising from County Council business, in particular the goods and services that we procure
- Developing and now implementing a climate change communications plan.
- Commissioning a Staff Travel Plan, which will seek to put in place measures that reduce the need to travel to Council offices, particularly County Hall, by private car.
- Developing and now starting to implement the Electric Vehicles Strategy.
- Undertaking Decarbonisation of Heat plans for 24 Council owned sites – this work will help establish the measures that will be necessary for these premises to achieve zero net carbon and the costs for doing so.

Away from the Council's work on reducing its own carbon emissions, a number of projects and initiatives have been undertaken/continue to help residents and businesses reduce their own carbon emissions. This includes the LoCASE programme, which undertakes energy audits of businesses and provides grant funding to implement energy efficiency measures, the Sussex Solar Together programme (allowing residents to purchase solar PV through vetted companies at competitive prices) and the Green Homes Grant fund, which aims to reduce fuel poverty through energy efficiency improvements in residential properties.

Within the area of climate change mitigation, minimising the impact of flooding is a key area. In this regard, the County Council has been recently successful in being selected as one of 25 areas that will receive funding under Defra's Flood Innovation project. The County Council will receive £2.9m to develop a dynamic flood risk model in the Eastbourne and South Wealden area. This model can then be used to provide improved flood warning systems, automated management of water levels to manage flood risk and interventions that can reduce flood risk in the locality. The project will take place over the next 6 years.



Chalvington with Ripe

Parish Clerk (temp): Paul Richards, 07824 312070, chalvingtonwithripeclerk@gmail.com

Dear Councillors,

You are duly summoned to a Planning Sub-Committee Meeting of the Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council that will take place on **Monday 20th September 2021 commencing 7pm**. The meeting will be held at Hayton Baker Hall, Church Lane, Ripe, near Lewes, East Sussex BN8 6AU.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and speak for a maximum of two minutes about an item on the agenda for this meeting during the Public Session at the discretion of the Chair (Standing Orders 2f). The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing orders 2(e) shall not exceed 10 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. This will be a meeting held in public; not a public meeting.

P.S. Richards
Clerk to the Council (Temp)

14th September 2021

AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence.**
- 2. To Receive Declarations of Interest, Notification of Changes to Members' Interests and consider any requests for a dispensation.**
- 3. Public Session** - Members of the Public may speak for up to 2 minutes at the Chair's discretion.
- 4. Planning.**
 - a) Applications.
 - **WD/2021/1841/F** - LAKE VIEW FARM, POUNDFIELD ROAD, CHALVINGTON - erection of a 228kw solar array with service kiosk area.
 - **WD/2021/1846/F** - 2 KINGSFIELD, CHURCH LANE, RIPE - proposed pitched roof rear extension, part two storey, and front porch. Demolition of existing pre fab garage
 - **WD/2021/1978/FR** - LAND AT CHALVINGTON ROAD, CHALVINGTON ROAD, CHALVINGTON - retrospective application for a replacement barn.
 - **WD/2021/2156/LB** - NEWHOUSE FARM, CHALVINGTON ROAD, CHALVINGTON - remove existing window. remove brickwork below window. rebuild reveals and install pair purpose made door.
 - **WD/2021/2207/F** - LOVERS FARMHOUSE, CHURCH FARM LANE, CHALVINGTON - replacement of existing garage with new 3 bay garage and annexe.
 - b) Planning applications refused, approved, referred, withdrawn or appeals.
 - **APPROVED** - WD/2021/1052/LB - ECKINGTON HOUSE, RIPE LANE, RIPE - rebuilding of chimney to match existing chimney due to structural failure.
 - **APPROVED** - WD/2021/1662/F - BOX COTTAGE, RIPE LANE, RIPE - the demolition of the existing stables and tack room and the construction of a single storey swimming pool house.

- **APPROVED** - WD/2021/1328 - ECKINGTON HOUSE, RIPE LANE, RIPE - rebuilding of chimney to match existing chimney due to structural failure.
- c) Other planning matters- To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

5. **Dates of next meetings** - TBA

Members of the public should be aware that being present at a meeting of the Council be deemed as the person having given consent to being recorded (photograph, film or audio recording) at the meeting or video conference, by any person present.



Chalvington with Ripe

Parish Clerk – Paul Richards (Temp)

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Phone: 07824 312070

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council (CWRPC) that took place at the Hayton Baker Hall on Monday 4th October 2021 commencing 7pm.

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

In attendance: ESCC Cllr Bennett, WDC Councillor Watts and Paul Richards (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public: 6.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr N. Dashfield.
2. **Declarations of interest** – None.
3. **ESCC and WDC Reports.**
 - a) WDC Cllr Watts provide an update that included:
 - The Crematorium Open day held on 18th September 2021 was well attended;
 - Chris Hardy, the former Chairman of WDC, passed recently and would be sadly missed;
 - The WDC waste management team were congratulated for attracting over 35,000 subscribers to the garden waste service with an income of circa £2m; and
 - A 'Changing Places' funding application had been submitted to provide hoists and changing tables for the disabled. Two locations will be identified to deploy the equipment.
 - b) ESCC Cllr Bennett advised that the next Council meeting would be held in the coming week and had no further update.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6th September 2021.**

Cllr Ward proposed that the draft minutes, circulated previously, be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Pankhurst. Members **AGREED** that the minutes be accepted and that the Chair could sign them.
5. **Matters arising** – none.
6. **Public Session.**
 - Two Councillors from Arlington Parish Council presented details of a proposed development of 2,500 houses on either side of the River Cuckmere at Starnash Farm, Coldharbour Lane (north west of Hailsham). The councillors requested that CWRPC join forces with other local councils to provide a combined response to this and other large scale local applications. The Chair thanked them for their presentation and advised that Members would consider the request; and
 - A member of the public referred to the previous meeting after which her husband had received a letter from CWRPC requesting a retraction and apology regarding the comments he had made. She advised that he was in no position to respond as he was seriously ill.

7. Planning.

a) Applications.

- **WD/2021/1830/F - Kittyhawk Farm, Darp Lane, Ripe** - retention of dwelling in contrast to the demolition required by condition 6 of permission WD/2017/1084/f, and use of the dwelling as class e (g)(i) offices and managers' security flat. Members **OBJECTED** (6 votes to object) to this application for the following reasons:
 - WD/2017/1084/F was an application for demolition of an existing residential dwelling and erection of a single replacement dwelling with associated extension to the residential curtilage. Condition 6 of this approved Planning Application stated: *"Within one month of the completion or first occupation (whichever is sooner) of the new replacement dwelling, the existing dwelling and buildings to be removed, shall be demolished and all arising materials shall be removed from the site"*. This condition has not been met; i.e. the dwelling has not been demolished.
 - The applicant has a history of non-compliance and has still not demolished the brick wall refused under Planning Application WD/2016/1050/FR. This then became an enforcement issue which the applicant took to appeal and the appeal was dismissed.
 - In 2017 The Parish Council requested that follow up visits were made to check that the original building had been demolished. It still has not been demolished
 - The current application has the potential for an increase in cars using Darp Lane. It is a rural lane, similar to an unadopted road and is deteriorating rapidly
 - The application states that a permanent 24-hour security person is employed and will need to live on site to protect the aircraft as there has been an increase in aircraft thefts. This does not seem credible. Deanland Airfield (just up the road) uses security cameras and locked hangars to secure its aircraft; it has no one living on site. In any case, if a live-in manager is required then why can they not live in the new dwelling approved under WD/2017/1084/F, a building which is twice the size of the original dwelling and, as we said back in 2017, looks more like a commercial building. There is plenty of space there for a manager to live and work and indeed the floor plan shows office space.
 - The application refers to aircraft security needing to be much more than just a security camera and then continues "but this has not stopped crimes that the airfield has recently experienced". No evidence is provided of these crimes – what crimes are they? What has been stolen? Are there police reports to substantiate these crimes?
 - Although a security camera may on its own not be sufficient, installation of a full security system would better meet the needs of the applicant
 - The application for retention of the original building is in truth being made on the basis of future commercial activity which is planned but has as yet no planning permission. For example, it is stated that it is intended to develop it as a centre of excellence for aircraft inspections, maintenance and apprentice training. We are not aware that planning permission has been sought for such commercial activity and, if it was, that it would be approved as it would massively increase the number of cars going down Darp Lane (which as we have explained above is like a unadopted road which cannot cope with the traffic usage at present). Likewise, the Warm Blood breeding centre is a business plan, not yet realised
 - The application form states that the business currently employs 2 full time and 1 part time persons and that the total proposed employees is zero. There is therefore no benefit to the local economy of this application

- The Parish Council is further concerned about the business side (equestrian and airfield) developing without proper planning permission being sought and request that a planning officer carry out a site visit to establish the current situation.

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

- **APPEAL ALLOWED** - WD/2020/0361/MAJ - Deanland Wood Park Ltd, Golden Cross, Hailsham BN27 3RN - 105 new dwellings. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey referred to the appeal that both CWRPC and WDC had objected to. She reminded Members of the excellent community support to help object to this appeal; however, she was disappointed with the final decision of the Planning Inspector. Note that although the appeal was allowed (i.e. was successful) costs were refused.

c) Other planning matters - To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey advised that she had attended a WDC/local council cluster planning meeting. She raised the issue of a lack of strategic direction from WDC in regard to multiple solar farm planning applications being received across the South of the District. She reported that the WDC planning officer acknowledged these concerns and agreed that there was a policy vacuum in regard to this matter. He also shared concerns that these developments could have a negative cumulative impact on the landscape.

8. Financial matters.

- a) Authorisation of payment of Accounts** – The Clerk presented the schedule of payments, circulated previously. After review and consideration Members **AGREED** to authorise the payments. The payments schedule is attached at Appendix A.
- b) Noticeboards** - Cllr Pankhurst advised that he had been unable to obtain additional quotes to replace two noticeboards. The Chair reminded Members that 3 quotes had been requested previously but only one quote had been received that was capable of acceptance. After review and consideration Members **AGREED** to authorise the received quote (5 votes to agree and 1 abstention). The Clerk was asked to contact the successful contractor to agree on a start date.
- c) 2022/23 budget and Precept preparation** – The Clerk reminded Members that, at the November 2021 meeting, a draft budget would be presented for review. He asked that Members advise him of any items that might be considered for the new budget.

9. Highways, footpaths and rights of way.

- The Chair thanked the hard work of a local resident in advising CWRPC of issues with the public footpath network; and
- The Chair advised that the CEO of ESALC, had requested support from local parishes in East Sussex in identifying the poor state of the road network across the County. The Chair referred to her list of local issues, circulated previously, and asked that Members advise the Clerk of any other concerns. Cllr Ruddock-West highlighted the narrow road issue on Mill Lane. The Clerk was asked to re-circulate the list. The Chair suggested that, once the CWRPC list had been agreed, the ESALC CEO would escalate the concerns to the ESCC Highways Director for action.

10. Climate and Ecology Bill – the Chair referred to the request from the CEE Bill Alliance to support the Bill. Members requested that the Clerk re-circulate the request and that this matter be discussed at the next meeting. The Chair also referred to the Centre for Climate Excellence and the support made available to local councils. Members **AGREED** that a suitable local meeting

could be arranged to help both the parish and local residents with environmental and 'green' issues.

- 11. **Gatwick Airport** – the Chair referred to a press release, circulated previously, from Gatwick Airport announcing the commencement of a consultation on the proposed second runway. Members noted the announcement.
- 12. **Gifts and Hospitality Policy** – the Clerk referred to the draft policy, circulated previously. Members **AGREED** to adopt the policy.
- 13. **Date of the next meetings** - The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on a 1st November 2021 commencing 7pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:06

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

Appendix A – Payments Schedule

Payments 4 October 2021			
Income since last meeting	Amount		
WDC - second precept payment	£ 6,852.50		
Bank interest	£ 0.76		
TOTAL INCOME	£ 6,853.26		
BALANCES ON ACCOUNT			
Current Account (Community)	£ 14,347.73	as at 27/9/21	
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 28,522.11	as at 27/9/21	
TOTAL BALANCES	£ 42,869.84		
PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED 4/10/2021			
	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
Internet services - Sept 2021	Website	DD	£ 12.00
			£ 12.00
To Pay after this Meeting			
	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
ESALC	Councillor training - Cllr Ruddock-West	101173	£ 48.00
Internet services - Oct 2021	Website	DD	£ 12.00
Paul Richards	Locum Clerk services	101174	£ 1,128.75
			£ 1,188.75
CIL FUNDS		CIL FUNDS	
RECEIPTS	VALUE		
Opening Balance	£	26,346.19	
WDC - CIL Oct20-March2021	£	6,790.11	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£	33,136.30	
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	
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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 on Monday 6th December 2021 commencing 7pm.

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

In attendance: ESCC Cllr Bennett and Paul Richards (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public: 8.

1. **Apologies for absence** – WDC Councillor Watts.

2. **Declarations of interest** – None.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th October 2021.**

Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey proposed that the draft minutes, circulated previously, be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Dashfield. Members **AGREED** that the minutes be accepted and that the Chair could sign them.

4. **Matters arising** – none.

5. **Public Session.**

A resident, who had received a request from National Highways for access to survey his property, requested that the Parish Council take a firm stance against the proposed off-line A27 bypass proposals, and support the option to upgrade the existing road network. The Chair advised that Cllr Ruddock-West had agreed to take the lead on this matter on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Ruddock-West advised that National Highways were developing options regarding the A27. Once their surveys and analysis had been completed, an options appraisal will be issued for consultation. He asked that Members decide now if they support the call to oppose the off-line proposal. He also noted that the leader of Lewes District Council had announced that he was against an off-line proposal.

6. **ESCC and WDC Reports.**

a) WDC Cllr Watts had sent his apologies.

b) ESCC Cllr Bennett had no update. Cllr Ruddock-West asked him for his views on the A27 bypass options. ESCC Cllr Bennett confirmed that he is against all off-line options and questioned much of the evidence presented to date e.g., crash data. He agreed that no formal proposal had been put forward by National Highways to date.

7. **Planning.**

a) **Applications - none**

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

- **APPROVED** - WD/2021/2155/F - Eckington Lodge, Ripe Lane, Ripe - Extend Existing Garden Studio; and
- **APPROVED** - WD/2021/2156/LB - Newhouse Farm, Chalvington Road, Chalvington - Remove Existing Window. Remove Brickwork Below Window. Rebuild Reveals and Install Pair Purpose Made Door.

c) **Other planning matters**

Councillor Dunbar-Dempsey reported on the following:-

- **Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)** - Wealden District Council (WDC) is in the process of assessing all sites put forward by landowners for development; the assessments will determine if the sites are suitable for housing. Sites have been put forward over a number of years since 2019. The WDC website has details. (<https://maps.wealden.gov.uk/webmap/>). For Chalvington with Ripe Parish, the sites are:
 - Land at Mill Lane/Firle Lane, Ripe;
 - Roseneath Farm, Mill Lane, Ripe – planning permission granted for 3 new dwellings on the site;
 - Land between Pepperham and Rosings, Mark Cross Lane, Ripe;
 - Follengers Field, Church Lane, Ripe; and
 - Deanland Wood Park, Deanland Road, Ripe – planning permission granted for 105 new dwellings.

As the SHELAA assessments are finalised and WDC start to make decisions about the potential inclusion of sites in the local plan, planning officers are keen to know as much about the sites as possible. They already know the obvious constraints like the AONB boundary, position of listed buildings and conservation areas etc, but they are keen to hear about anything else that residents think is important but that might not be as clear cut. She advised residents to email her with any information. The WDC deadline for responses is 5th January 2022.

- **Pollards Solar Farm** - The Parish Council expects the planning application for Pollards Solar Farm to be available soon. It had been lodged with WDC and is in the process of being validated. Once it is live, we will schedule it for discussion at our next Parish Council meeting. Members are very keen to hear all residents' views on this planning application.

8. Highways, footpaths and rights of way.

- **Speedwatch and Quiet Lanes update** – Cllr White asked the Clerk to add additional locations to the Speedwatch sites namely Mill Lane & Ripe Lane. Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey also requested that the site between the Pepperham Island and The Street be included. Members reviewed the previous actions in regard to the Quiet Lanes and **AGREED** that a working party be convened to take this forward.
- **A27 Survey** – Cllr Ruddock-West referred to his comments made in the public session and proposed that CWRPC resolve to oppose an off-line route, and that any improvements between Lewes to Polegate be made along the line of the existing route. Members **RESOLVED** to support that option and asked Cllr Ruddock-West to draft a suitable letter to National Highways.

9. Defibrillator training.

Cllr Ward provided an update on a very informative and well attended training session. Members suggested that another training session should be planned in March 2022. Cllr Ward confirmed that the Ripe Village Stores look after the maintenance of the device. The Clerk was asked to write to the shop to confirm this.

10. Queen's Jubilee.

The Chair referred to a letter from WDC, circulated previously, requesting support for the lighting of beacons to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in 2022. As the parish council own no land suitable for such a beacon, it was **AGREED** to not participate in this specific event. The Chair was asked to the contact the PCC to gauge support for any parish celebrations for the Jubilee.

11. Climate and Ecology.

The Chair referred to a presentation, at the last ESALC Chair's forum, by the Centre for Sustainable Energy. As many local parishes have declared a climate emergency, she wanted to hear Member's views on this matter. Cllr White asked the Clerk to obtain more information from the organisation mentioned. After review and discussion, Members voted to **NOT APPROVE** the declaration of a climate emergency at this time but would revisit this issue at a later date. Members did **APPROVE** that the Clerk write to the Centre for Sustainable Energy to enquire if they would provide a local briefing to residents regarding steps that they might take to help the environment.

12. Financial matters.

- a) **Authorisation of payment of Accounts** – The Clerk presented the schedule of payments, circulated previously. After review and consideration Members **AGREED** to authorise the payments. The payments schedule is attached at Appendix A.

2001 - The Chair proposed a resolution to exclude the public as per Standing Order item 2c (by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons) – to discuss staff costs for the 2022/23 budget.

It was **RESOLVED** by the Members to exclude the public. The members of the public and the Clerk were asked to leave.

- b) **2022/23 budget and Precept preparation** – The Chair presented the 2022/23 budget, circulated previously. After a review of options, Members **AGREED** the 2022/23 budget which is attached at Appendix B.

2021 - As the confidential nature of the business to be transacted had been completed, the Chair asked that the members of the public and Clerk be re-admitted to the meeting. No members of the public were present.

The Chair advised the Clerk that the Members had **AGREED** to appoint him as the Clerk, on a fixed term contract, until 31st March 2023. The Clerk thanked the Members and accepted the position. Members also **AGREED** to commence the process to replace clerk process during the 2022/23 financial year.

Members also **AGREED** to a 2022/23 precept request of £19,693.51 to WDC. It was noted that the precept will rise by £6,618.51, 46% of which relates to the recovery of 2021 election costs (£3,051.73). This equates to a 28p per week increase for an average band D Council Tax Payer (13p for elections costs and 15p for other costs).

Members noted residents’ concerns about the availability of financial information prior to parish council meetings. The Clerk was asked to ensure that all relevant financial information was posted on the parish council website in advance of any meeting. Members confirmed their desire to be open and transparent with the residents in regard to all aspects of parish council business.

13. Date of the next meetings - The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on a 10th January 2022 commencing 7pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:29

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

Appendix A – Payments Schedule

Payments 6th December 2021			
Income since last meeting	Amount		
None	£ -		
TOTAL INCOME	£ -		
BALANCES ON ACCOUNT			
Current Account (Community)	£ 11,772.30	as at 26/11/2021	
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 28,522.11	as at 26/11/2021	
TOTAL BALANCES	£ 40,294.41		
PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED 6/12/21	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
None			
			£ -
To Pay after this Meeting	Invoiced Services	Chq Nos	Amount
ESALC	Training - Cllr Dunbar-Dempsey		£ 48.00
WDC	Recharge for May elections		£ 3,531.98
Paul Richards	Clerks's payment Nov 2021		£ 1,106.00
John Ward	Expenses		£ 16.84
Ionos	Website - Cdec 2021		£ 12.00
			£ 4,714.82
CIL FUNDS	CIL FUNDS		
RECEIPTS	VALUE		
Opening Balance	£ 26,346.19		
WDC - CIL Oct20-March2021	£ 6,790.11		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 33,136.30		
EXPENDITURE (net - before VAT)	VALUE		
ESCC - Licences - posts	£ 445.50		
Costain - Install bike posts	£ 1,013.00		
Zara - Island designs	£ 795.00		
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APPENDIX B – 2022/23 Budget and Precept.

CHALVINGTON WITH RIPE PARISH COUNCIL		DRAFT BUDGET 2022/23	
	2021-2022	2022-2023	COMMENTS
Income	BUDGET	OPTION 2	
Precept	£ 13,075.00	£ 19,693.51	
Other income	£ -	£ -	None forecast
TOTAL	£ 13,075.00	£ 19,693.51	
Expenditure			COMMENTS
ADMIN			
Clerk Salary/Nl/Tax	£ 4,506.76	£ 11,760.00	Appointment of an experienced Clerk working longer hours
Overtime	£ 53.64	£ -	No allowance
Expenses	£ 450.00	£ 350.00	Office equipment, postage
Hall Hire - meetings	£ 160.00	£ 163.20	Same as last year plus 2% inflation
Conf/Course fees/travel	£ 100.00	£ 102.00	Same as last year plus 2% inflation
Insurance	£ 310.00	£ 350.00	Increased policy costs generally
CIL project maintenance	£ -	£ 400.00	Bike posts £150 and Islands £250
Audit/Prof Fees	£ 500.00	£ 510.00	Same as last year plus 2% inflation
Elections	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	Fund building for May 2022
Sundry	£ 100.00	£ -	In 'expenses' above
TOTAL ADMIN	£ 6,680.40	£ 14,135.20	
SUBSCRIPTIONS			
SSALC	£ 380.00	£ 387.60	Same as last year plus 2% inflation
Wealden Dist ALC	£ 24.00	£ 24.48	Same as last year plus 2% inflation
ICO	£ 35.00	£ 40.00	Actual cost
TOTAL SUBS	£ 439.00	£ 452.08	
GRANTS/SUBSIDIES			
CWRPC land	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	£500 for mowing and £250 for repairs
Trustees - H-B Hall	£ 350.00	£ 350.00	Same as last year
Cuckmere Comm Bus	£ 100.00	£ 150.00	Commitment from Sept 2021 meeting
Remembrance Wreath	£ 45.00	£ 45.90	Same as last year plus 2% inflation
Villages Music Festival	£ 750.00	£ -	No provision
TOTAL GRANTS	£ 1,995.00	£ 1,295.90	
PROJECTS			
Website	£ 144.00	£ 75.00	Website is free now but nominal sum included for domain name
Parish Emerg Plan	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	Fund building
Public space field	£ -	£ -	Will be via CIL Money
Noticeboards	£ -	£ 400.00	No provision in 2021/22
Fingerpost signs	£ 180.00	£ 183.60	Same as last year plus 2% inflation
Recovery of 2021 election costs	£ -	£ 3,051.73	Recovery of 2021 election costs
Income Over Expend	£ 2,000.00	£ -	No provision
TOTAL PROJECTS	£ 2,424.00	£ 3,810.33	
Other	£ 1,536.60	£ -	No provision
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 13,075.00	£ 19,693.51	
Variance to 2021/22		£6,618.51	
Precept 2021/2022	£ 13,075.00		
Tax base (2020-21 figures)	£ 449.80		Final figure from WDC
Estimated precept 2022-23 (Band D)	£ 43.78		
Precept last year (Band D)	£ 29.04		
Difference pa	£ 14.74		
Difference per week.	£ 0.28		
Increase percentage	50.77%		