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The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council (CWRPC) that took place at the Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe on Monday 2nd September 2024 commencing 7 pm.

Present: Cllr J. Ruddock-West (Chair), Cllr C.Hallworth, Cllr N. Hamblin, Cllr A. Harvey, Cllr W. Farrer and Cllr Simon Flint.

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

Members of the public: 12.

129. Attendance and Apologies for Absence - Cllr Bennett (ESCC)

130. Declarations of Interest – None.

131. Resignation of Cllr Bishop

The Council noted the resignation of Piers Bishop from both the position of Chairman and as a Councillor. His contributions to the Council were acknowledged and appreciated during the public session.

132. Election of Chair

Cllr Ruddock-West was elected as the new Chair of the Parish Council until May 2025. The appointment of the Vice Chair will be decided at the next meeting.

RESOLVED - that Cllr Ruddock-West be APPOINTED as Chair of the Parish Council for the remainder of the 2024/2025 Council Year.

133. Approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1st of July 2024 and the Planning Committee Meeting of the 29th of July 2024

The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st July 2024 and the Planning Committee Meeting of 29th July 2024 were approved.

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1st of July 2024 and the Planning Committee Meeting of the 29th of July 2024 be approved and the Chair could sign them.

134. Public Session – Prof Hill Spoke to thank Cllr Bishop for his services to the Parish Council.

135. Report of the Member of Parliament

None

136. Report of the County Councillor

None

137. Report of the District Councillor

Wealden District Council (WDC) Councillor Alison Wilson from the District Council provided an update on changes to the national planning framework. She reported that WDC has arranged a briefing session for Councillors on the proposed changes to the national planning framework.

RESOLVED - That the report of the District Councillor be noted.

138. Planning.

a) Applications.

- **WD/2024/1751/F & WD/2024/1752/LB - Eckington Manor, Church Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AU** - Demolition Of Existing Concrete Block Storage Barn And Shed Building And Construction Of New Brick And Flint And Timber Boarded Addition. Construction Of New Brick Walls To Enclose Reconditioned And Enlarged Swimming Pool. – **Full**

Cllr W. Farrer explained that the application is for a single-story annexe which will replace the existing concrete block barns. The proposed annexe will be a big improvement on the existing barn. The neighbours raised no objections. It was noted that the proposed building will be constructed with brick and flint, in accordance with the listed building consent.

RESOLVED – To support the application.

- **WD/2024/1495/FR - Lovers Farmhouse, Church Farm Lane, Chalvington, BN27 3TD** - Use Of Annex Accommodation For Self-Contained Short Term Lets And Continued Ancillary Residential Accommodation To The Main House.

A letter was received from a resident concerned with this planning application. Members noted that the application relates to a conservation area.

Members noted that the design and access statement in the application stated that the project would go some way in significantly boosting the NPPF supply of homes in the area. Members felt that a studio flat that houses one to two people would have absolutely no impact on the housing numbers and more importantly this is an application for short-let dwellings, aka Airbnb or similar. Therefore there is a compelling argument that there would be zero additional local housing, only short-term visitors along with cars and disruption to this very important part of the conservation area.

Therefore, in light of this, Members proposed not to support this application.

RESOLVED – To object to this application.

- **WD/2024/1784/F - Deanland Business Park, Glyndebourne Productions Ltd, Deanland Road, Golden Cross, Chiddingly, BN27 3RP** - Installation Of An 82kw Solar Photovoltaic System On The Southern Roof Slope Of Part Of Deanland Business Park.

Members noted that the application proposes to install solar panels on storage units, which are actually behind the trees which cannot be seen from the road.

RESOLVED – To support the application.

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

- **ARROVED** - **WD/2024/1194/LB - Chipps Cottage And Pelham Cottage, The Street, Lewes, Ripe, BN8 6DB** - Re-Tile The Existing Roof And Associated Roof Works - **Listed Building Consent**.
- **ARROVED** - **WD/2024/0279/F - Pelham Cottage, The Street, Ripe, BN8 6BD** - Demolition Of Existing Conservatory. Replacement With Single-Storey Wrap-Around Extension To Rear And Side. - **Full**
- **ARROVED** - **WD/2024/0280/LB - Pelham Cottage, The Street, Ripe, BN8 6BD** - Demolition Of Existing Conservatory. Replacement With Single-Storey Wrap-Around Extension To Rear And Side – **Listed Building**
- **ARROVED** - **WD/2024/1272/F - Cart Shed, Church Farm Ripe** - Conversion Of Redundant Cartshed To Residential.
- **ARROVED** - **WD/2024/0446/FA - Land Alongside St John The Baptist's Church, Church Lane, Ripe** - Variation Of Condition 10 Of WD/2022/2721/F (Change Of Use Of Parcel Of Land From Agricultural To Recreational. Landscaping And Planting. Part Open Side Timber Frame Shelter. Boule Pitch. Recreational Facilities) To Enable Changes To Appearance And Location Of Equipment/Facilities.
- **REFUSED** - **WD/2024/1348/FA - Olive Tree House, Ripe Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AR** - Variation Of Condition 4 Of WD/2018/2219/F (One New Guest Accommodation Tree

House) To Allow Holiday Unit To Be Managed And Supervised By Occupier Of Betula Barn.

- **REFUSED** - WD/2024/1349/F - Cherry Cottage And Betula Barn, Ripe Lane, Ripe, BN8 6AR - Reconfiguration Of The Boundary And Change Of Use Of Betula Barn From Holiday Let To Residential Dwelling.

139. Other planning matters

None

140. Application for Tree Preservation and Hedge Protection Orders –

The Tree Warden (Cllr Hamblin) provided an update on his efforts regarding Tree Preservation and Hedge Protection Orders for Follengers field. Members discussed the conservation efforts and highlighted concerns related to utility issues for the sale of plots in Follengers Field.

Members were told that the seller of Follengers field were not revealing the full facts and that they failed to point out that it's a conservation area

RESOLVED: - Noted

141. 20 mph Speed Limit for Ripe

Cllr Ruddock-West provided an update on the 20mph speed limit proposal, At the May meeting, the Parish Council agreed to apply to East Sussex County Council for matched funding towards the introduction of 20mph speed limit in The Street and Church Lane Ripe. Cllr Ruddock-West reported that he had a meeting with Speedwatch and they will conduct surveys to help support the application as the Parish Council needs to show that the average speed is less than 24mph. Members also had discussions on other traffic calming measures that may help reduce speed.

142. Highways, Footpaths, and Rights of Way – none

143. Update on The Community Field –

Members were updated on the progress made on the Community Field Project. The project has progressed to Phase 1 approval. Planning for Phase 2 is ongoing, and funding opportunities are being explored. *The Parish Clerk will provide an update on the remaining funds for the community space CIL commitment.*

RESOLVED – Noted.

144. Financial matters –

- a. Bank reconciliation statement and Budget Monitoring Report for Months 4 and 5 - The Council took note of the Bank reconciliation statement and Budget Monitoring Report for Months 4 and 5.

RESOLVED – To note and accept the Bank reconciliation statement and Budget Monitoring Report for Months 4 and 5.

- b. Authorisation of payment of account

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

145. Correspondence -

Correspondence regarding Follengers Field was discussed. A thank you letter from the village hall committee for a grant received was also noted.

RESOLVED: - Noted

146. Urgent Items - none

147. Dates of next meeting - The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on 7th October 2024 commencing at 7 pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.54 pm

Signed..... Chairman

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APPENDIX A – Payments

Payments July 2024

Income since last meeting	Amount
Bank Interest	£ 26.72
Prehall (Half)	-
TOTAL INCOME	£ 26.72

BALANCES ON ACCOUNT	
Current Account (Community)	£ 7,208.41
Deposit Account (Business Premium)	£ 11,018.33
TOTAL BALANCES	£ 18,226.74

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PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED	Invoiced Services	Folio number	Chq Nos	Amount
				£ -

To Pay after this Meeting	Invoiced Services	Folio number	Chq Nos	Amount
IONOS	Web Domain (DD)	25		£ 1.80
Chichester Payroll Services	Payroll Company working out Clerk's May salary	26		£ 15.00
Sam Adeniji	Parish Clerk Net Pay For May	27		£ 507.17
HMRC	Tax & NIC On Parish Clerk Salary May	28		£ 126.80
Hugo Fox	Web Host Hugo Fox (DD)	29		£ 11.99
Chris Butler Archaeological Services Ltd	Preparation of desk based assessment report for RACCA	30		£ 420.00
				£ 1,082.76

CIL FUNDS		CIL FUNDS	
RECEIPTS	VALUE		
Opening Balance	£ 26,346.19		
WDC - CIL Oct 2020 to March 2021	£ 6,790.11		
WDC - CIL Oct 2021 to March 2022	£ 1,966.67		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 35,102.97		
EXPENDITURE (net - before VAT)	VALUE		
ESCC - Licences - posts	£ 445.50	Bike	
Costain - Install bike posts	£ 1,013.00	Bike	
Zara - Island designs	£ 795.00	Island	
SH Solicitors - CIL advice July	£ 75.00	Island	
SH Solicitors - advice	£ 1,350.00	Island	
Costain - abortive visit	£ 294.11	Bike	
Architect fees - design and tender process	£ 1,744.63	Island	
ESCC - S171 fees	£ 295.00	Island	
Island 1 refurbishment	£ 14,060.00	Island	
Legal advice - CIL (August 2020)	£ 125.00	Island	
CIL island cleats (Christmas tree)	£ 327.92	Island	
Electrical connection	£ 600.00	Island	
Extension lead (Christmas tree)	£ 21.45	Island	
Abortive community space costs	£ 1,344.00	Community space	
50% payment for bench	£ 4,445.00	Bench	
RISE JOINERY LTD second payment	£ 3,111.50	Bench	
RISE JOINERY LTD final payment	£ 1,333.50	Bench	
RACCA	£ 2,236.37		
RACCA (2024)	£ 954.00		
RACCA (2024)	£ 293.00		
RACCA (2024)	£ 420.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE as at 01/07/2024	£ 35,283.98		
COMMITMENTS (net - before VAT)	VALUE		
Community space commitment (approved)	£ 2,406.00		
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	£ 2,406.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 35,102.97		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£ 35,283.98		
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	-£ 2,406.00		
BALANCE	-£ 2,587.01		

Balance excluding commitments -£ 181.01