

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th August 2018 at Fairlight Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Mrs J Annetts, Mrs C Gallagher, Ms I Horsley, Mr N Jones, Mr T King, Mr S Leadbetter, Mr A Mier, Mr D Shortman (Chair). Also, Parish Clerk Mrs P Collins and Cllr R Bird

18149 Apologies for absence: Cllr Derek Greenup and Cllr Saint

18150 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests
To receive any disclosures by members, of personal or prejudicial interest in matters on the agenda
There were no disclosures of interest.

18151 Public Questions
A resident referred to item 13 New Community Clubhouse. Response within agenda item.

18152 County and District Councillors Reports
Little progress has been made with Southern Water and the Environment Agency since the meeting with the District Councillors. Cllr Saint and Cllr Bird are holding a meeting with Amber Rudd in September 2018.

18153 Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 24th July 2018
The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the public at the meeting, were approved, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18154 Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda: None

18155 Financial Matters

- (a) **To retrospectively approve training courses in September for the Clerk – £240 (Budget Planning and Precept, Health and Safety and Risk Assessment, Legal and Finance)**
Resolved to approve expenditure for training courses.
- (b) **To consider and approve the attached schedule of payments and receipts.**
Resolved to approve the schedule of payments and receipts for August 2018
- (c) **To consider monthly budget and sign the monthly bank reconciliation.**
The Clerk reported on the budget up to the end of August and the bank reconciliations for July 2018 were signed. The Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk still needed to meet and discuss the current budget and budget for 2019/20 and report back to a future meeting.

18156 Planning

- (a) **To receive the monthly report from Cllr Leadbetter (attached)**
Cllr Leadbetter presented a report and highlighted any issues.
- (b) **To receive an update on the progress of Country Park Visitors Centre**
Hayden Luke informed the meeting that the Visitors Centre still had no start date. The area is being cleared of overgrown vegetation.

18157 Land Management

- (a) **To receive the monthly report from Cllr King (verbal)**
The tree overhanging no3 Meadow Way has been cut back. The Wood Field garage roof repairs are pending. Cllr King will be contacting the captain of the cricket club in respect of the play area and an issue on match day. Also trampled undergrowth near the tennis courts.
Cllr Mier had received correspondence in respect of an oak tree overhanging a property in Woodland Way from Knowle Wood. This tree is scheduled to be crowned/felled in phase 3 of the Knowle Wood tree cutting plan.
Resolved Cllr Mier would clarify with the resident what action is required and at what cost. The Clerk to contact Rother DC re the tree preservation orders on the trees in Knowle Wood for permission to deal with the oak.

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- (b) **To receive quotes for resurfacing the entrance to Wood Field**
A third quote was received from R&N Building Services Pett Ltd
Resolved to accept the quote from R&N Building Services Pett Ltd.
- (c) **To approve location of a defibrillator on Activate hut in Wood Field**
The Emergency Responders requested that a defibrillator be placed on the Activate Hut in Wood Field. They would provide the defibrillator and signage. Also arrange attachment to the hut.
Resolved to approve the location of a defibrillator on the Activate Hut in Wood Field.

18158 Lower Waites Lane Incident report

- (a) **To receive a monthly report of LWL incidents from Cllr Horsley (verbal)**
Cllr Horsley reported one incident on Mon 13th Aug – several emails re the lifted manhole cover on Clinton Way. Noted a water leak on The Broadway which was supposed to have been repaired but the road surface is very soft and water is leaking from the repair. Reporting detail posters need to be put in Clinton Way. Cllr Bird to send Cllr Horsley email contact details for Southern Water.

18159 Highways

- (a) **To receive a monthly report from Cllr Jones (verbal)**
Cllr Jones commented on the potholes in the road towards Hastings. ESCC highways stewards regularly check the roads for necessary repairs. Cllr King reported that the hedge at Bonito, Commanders walk is becoming overgrown again. Cllr Bird reported the footpath over the hedge from Hawthorn Ridge along the Fairlight Road required attention.
Resolved the clerk would write again in respect of Bonito. Cllr Bird and Cllr Jones would meet to discuss the footpath maintenance.

18160 Speedwatch

- (a) **To receive an update on the co-ordinator position**
A new co-ordinator for Fairlight, Pett and Guestling has been appointed – Liz Green. Liz attended the meeting and introduced herself. She will be contacting the volunteers and arranging update training for them etc.

18161 New Community Clubhouse – Wood Field

- (a) **To discuss the potential of a new clubhouse**
The current Activate hut on Wood Field is reaching the end of its life and monies are not available to continue to maintain the hut. A new community hall would be beneficial to other groups such as the village playgroup, player and panto group etc.
Resolved the Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss the feasibility of the project.

18162 Correspondence (see attached list)

All correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting and was available to the public at the meeting

18163 Information and/or Future Agenda Items

- (a) **End of WW1 celebration**
Rev Richard Barron spoke about the potential events in November. Further information will be provided once decided – venues, dates etc
- (b) **Quarterly meeting with Pett and Guestling Parish Councils**
It has been suggested that Chairs, Vice Chairs and Clerks from Fairlight, Pett and Guestling Parish Councils meet on a quarterly basis to discuss informally shared issues/solutions.
Resolved the Clerk would contact the other Parishes to arrange the first meeting.

18164 Close of meeting at 7.55 p.m.

18165 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 25th September – 7.00 pm at Fairlight Village Hall

18166 Open Forum

- (a) **Speedwatch - Battery Hill** is a prime site. Comments were made in respect of the tunnel of overhanging trees and the lack of use by drivers of the headlights through this section of Battery Hill.
- (b) **Memorial Plaque at Fairlight Church** - The plaque to commemorate the loss of a resident appears to have gone missing. Noted and may need replacing.

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- (c) **Lighting of the Beacon** - A resident enquired if the village beacon would be lit to mark the end of WW1 and volunteered to check and light the beacon if required.
- (d) **Correspondence received** - A resident requested to know the contents of the reply from Amber Rudd. This was read out to the public.
- (e) Issues were raised in respect of grit bin, Meadow Way and Lower Waites Lane man hole covers.

Signed _____
(Chair)

Date _____

Payment Schedule for August 2018

PAYMENTS	Date	Payee	Gross	Net	VAT	Details
DIRECT DEBITS						
Direct debit	02/08/2018	EE	27.47	22.89	4.58	August charges inv V01520069207
Direct debit	17/08/2018	Public Works Loan Board	1236.51	1236.51	0.00	1st payment 2018/19
CHEQUES						
Cheque no						
2066	28/08/2018	Pauline Collins	***	***	***	August Salary
2067	28/08/2018	Pauline Collins	***	***	***	July Mileage claim
2068	28/08/2018	Pauline Collins	***	***	***	July/Aug Expenses Stamps Computer Maintenance
2069	28/08/2018	Val King	***	***	***	August Salary
2070	28/08/2018	Val King	***	***	***	Refuse sacks for Wood Field
2071	28/08/2018	Tanya Robertson	30.00	30.00	0.00	Bus shelters August 2018 2018/08
2072	28/08/2018	AB Fire & Security	49.39	41.16	8.23	CCTV maintenance Inv no 328868
2073	28/08/2018	Viking	36.97	30.81	6.16	Stationery Inv no 715384
2073	28/08/2018	Viking	-17.98	-14.98	-3.00	Stationery Credit note no 634535
2074	28/08/2018	Fairlight Village Hall	41.00	41.00	0.00	Hall hire July 2018
2075	28/08/2018	Rother Ass of Local Councils	35.00	35.00	0.00	Subs for RALC Inv no 14/2018
2076	28/08/2018	Fairlight Property Maintenance	89.90	89.90	0.00	Replace fence post Inv no TK/FPC024
2077	28/08/2018	D Shortman	8.00	8.00	0.00	July Mileage claim
		TOTAL	2588.05	2572.08	15.97	

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- ESCC – Older people’s day
- Resident – Local Bus Service
- Rother District Council – Response to development questions
- Rother District Council – Response to Wakehams Farm letter
- Resident – Notification o beach clean-up dates
- Rother Environmental Group – funding for environmental projects
- Resident – Overhanging trees from Wood Field
- Fairlight Building & Decorating Co – garage Wood Field
- A Rudd response to questions re development

CORRESPONDENCE SENT

- Rother District Council – Removal of obsolete telephone boxes
- Fairlight Gardening Club – Wildlife verge adoption
- Resident – Overhanging trees from Wood Field
- Satswana – returning an incorrect invoice

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Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 28th August 2018

1) Planning Applications

Planning report week 30

Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 31

Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 32

RR/2018/1975/P

22 Rockmead Road, Fairlight TN35 4DJ

Proposed replacement garage and domestic workshop.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) The proposed development is not contentious other than because of its location.
- 2) Due to the proximity to a vulnerable cliff top careful consideration needs to be given to the potential impact on the cliff.
- 3) The report on land stability from Gabriel Geo Consulting should be referred to East Kent Engineering Partnership, the acknowledged experts on this location, by Planners, for independent review and comment.
- 4) Consideration should be given to imposing conditions such as digging foundations by hand and delivering materials using light vehicles to avoid any impact on cliff stability.
- 5) Comments from neighbours and the Fairlight Preservation Trust, if made, should be taken into account.

Planning report week 33

RR/2018/2042/P

Greenrose, Channel Way, Fairlight TN35 4BP

Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2016/1122/P to allow changes to the windows, doors roof lights and materials.

Parish Council comments:

- 1) The Parish Council has no objection to the proposed changes
- 2) Any comments from neighbours should be taken into account.

RR/2018/2054/P

33 Waites Lane, The Oaks, Fairlight TN35 4AX

Proposed two storey rear/side extension

Parish Council comments:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to the proposal.
- 2) The location of the property on Waites Lane is on a sweeping bend and parking outside on the road creates a traffic hazard.
- 3) It should be a requirement of any consent that an off-road compound within the curtilage of the property be required for the storage of building materials, plant and contractors' vehicles. There is sufficient space for this.
- 4) Any comments by neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 34

RR/2018/2085/P

31 Meadow Way, Stanat, Fairlight TN35 4BN

Ground floor extension at the rear of the property to accommodate a bedroom and a utility room with external door on the side elevation. Loft conversion extension with dormer to provide a master bedroom suite and en-suite bathroom. Internal alterations to include removal of the existing chimney.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council

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2) Planning Decisions

RR/2018/1412/P

The Anchorage & Carley Cottage - Land to Rear of, The Avenue, Fairlight TN35 4DE

Erection of bungalow - alteration of design from approved bungalow and correction of site boundaries.

Decision: Approved

RR/2018/1234/P

83 Battery Hill, April Cottage, Fairlight TN35 4AL

Temporary accommodation in an existing shed whilst new dwelling is built. (Retrospective)

Decision: Approved for a maximum of 2 years or when the new dwelling is occupied – whichever comes first.

RR/2018/1548/P

16 The Close - land adj, Fairlight TN35 4AQ

Outline: Erection of detached bungalow.

Decision: Refused for the following reasons.

- 1) The site is located within the countryside, outside any development boundary as defined within the Rother Local Plan Core Strategy (2006). Within such areas the NPPF and Local Plan Core Strategy contain a strong presumption against residential development unless there are special circumstances. The proposal would not meet any of the special exceptions provided for within either national or local policy. Moreover, the site is not in a sustainable location for new residential development in terms of access to services and facilities to meet daily living, as a result there would be conflict with the underlying sustainable intentions of the NPPF. As a consequence, the proposal does not represent a sustainable form of development in a rural area contrary to the national policies in paragraphs 8 and 79 of the NPPF, and Policy RA3 (iii) of the Rother Local Plan Core Strategy.
- 2) The provision of a dwelling (as borne out by the indicative layout) on this restrictive plot would represent a cramped form of development which would not relate well to the existing pattern of development and would not reflect the established character of the locality. As such the proposal is contrary to the objectives of Policies OSS4 (iii) and EN3 (i) (ii) of the Rother Local Plan Core Strategy.

RR/2018/1713/P

Kettlenets, Gorsethorn Way, Fairlight TN35 4BQ

Proposed loft conversion including dormer extension forming additional bedroom and bathroom accommodation.

Decision: Approved

Stephen Leadbetter
Planning Committee Chairman
23rd August 2018