

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th September at Fairlight Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors – Ms I Horsley, Mr D Greenup, Mr S Leadbetter, Mr D Richards, Mr D Shortman (Chair) Ms C Slack, Mr S Stewart. Also, Parish Clerk Mrs P Collins, Cllr A Mier, Cllr R Bird District Councillors, Cllr C Maynard County Councillor

19177 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr R Foster

19178 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests

None

19179 Public questions in respect of items on the agenda

None.

19180 County and District Councillors reports

Cllr Bird reported that RDC has borrowed an extra £3m for additional homeless provisions. Also, the DaSa inspector's final report is being finalised

Cllr Mier reported that brown garden waste bins are now available. RDC have voted to upon a Climate Change Emergency to make Rother carbon neutral by 2030. RDC are also changing their rule on speaking and recording at Planning meetings – details to be finalised.

Cllr Maynard suggested a village walk-about with the Parish Council in respect of the highways etc. Clerk will arrange with interested parties.

19181 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2019

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.

19182 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None.

19183 Financial matters

(a) To retrospectively approve additional hours for the Clerk for training and additional meetings.

Resolved to approve and pay the additional hours.

(b) To consider and approve the attached schedule of payments and receipts for September 2019.

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments and receipts for September 2019.

(c) To consider monthly budget and sign the monthly bank reconciliation.

The Clerk reported on the budget and the bank reconciliation was signed.

19184 Planning

(a) To receive the monthly report from Cllr Leadbetter (attached).

Cllr Leadbetter presented his report highlighting any issues.

(b) To receive an update on the progress of Country Park Visitors Centre (Haydon Luke)

Haydon reported work is progressing – no straw bales yet

19185 Land Management

(a) To receive the monthly report (Cllrs Richards and Slack)

Cllr Slack reported on Wood Field and footpaths

- The play area wall has been deemed safe by Building Control. It was suggested to remove the damaged fence panels from the wall.
- A temporary fence has been erected to prevent access to the tree stumps in the play area.
- Holes are appearing along the drainage trench which need filling and monitoring.
- Garage has been dismantled and removed. Old benches and concrete were disposed of in the skip at the same time.
- The cricket club were again reminded on a match day to put up signs.
- Cllr Slack has been in discussion with a member of Pett Parish Council to form an informal footpath group to identify any issues.

Resolved to obtain quotes to remove fence panels on play area wall, to contact drainage contractor in respect of holes

Cllr Richards raised the issue of the old footpath on Channel Way

Standing orders were suspended for two residents to speak

Residents in Channel Way had previously been contacted and approved of the re-instatement. ESCC stated it should be re-established. Natural England had been written to in respect of including the footpath in their overall coastal path plan.

Resolved to write to Natural England for an update

(b) To receive a report on Knowle Wood and discuss/approve future plans - previously circulated (Cllr Richards)

Cllr Richards produced a report on the present condition of the wood. He suggested that the current volunteer work should cease, a management plan be drawn up with the assistance of an expert in this field, a new group be formed to re-wild the wood lead by a councillor, and the Wood be allowed rest and regenerate.

Resolved to write to current volunteers to cease further work. To contact the Woodland Trust for advice and to form a volunteer group to re-wild and restore the Wood.

(c) To discuss the verges within the village (grass, wild flower etc)

This was discussed and issues raised - verge ownership, grass cutting contractors and identifying wild verges, types of wild flowers to be used. Residents will need to notify the Parish Council and ESCC if they establish these verges in respect of cutting times.

Resolved to consider wild flower verges in the future as part of land management.

19186 Lower Waites Lane incident report and other water issues

(a) To receive a monthly report of LWL incidents and other water issues (Cllr Horsley)

Cllr Horsley reported on leaks in Sea Road and The Avenue. She is continuing discussions with Southern Water.

The wells on Rockmead are leaking due to a blockage. Cllr Horsley is due to meet with Southern Water to discuss.

(b) Highways issues

Cllr Horsley has reported to ESCC the split tree and vegetation on Battery Hill which needs dealing with.

Parking issues were on going and users of the village hall and the church should be reminded were of no parking areas.

19187 Community Hub (Faircomm.) Steering Group

(a) To receive an update from the last meeting – 12th September 2019 (Cllr Horsley)

Cllr Horsley reported that a meeting with RDC Planning Department has been requested to discuss the site and proposed building.

A joint firework display was suggested with Activate youth club to raise funds. Issues were discussed – insurance, marshals, time and date, neighbours and pets.

Resolved not to pursue a joint firework display this year due to lack of time for planning the event

(b) To consider and approve the setting up of a lottery (Unity Lottery start-up costs £250)

Resolved to apply for a licence to operate a lottery and set up a Unity lottery.

19188 Health and well-being hub

(a) To receive an update on proposed health and well-being hub provision (Cllr Horsley)

Cllr Horsley has met with representatives from Ninfield who run a health and well-being group separate from the parish council including walks and film evenings.

Resolved Cllr Horsley and Cllr Slack would form an informal group unconnected to the Parish Council.

19189 Five-year plan for Parish Council inc communications, action plan for future etc

(a) To receive an update on five-year plan (Cllr Stewart)

The village survey has been delivered to all properties in Fairlight. 900 copies have been distributed and to date 260 have been returned. The data is being input and processing it will take time. An open afternoon was held on 14th September and another is to be held on 28th September to allow residents to meet councillors and return their surveys.

(b) To consider and approve the provision of a Parish Council website (Vision ICT quote)

The proposed website was discussed. A resident questioned what would happen to the current village website. It was felt more information was needed before a decision could be made. Clerk to source information from other Parishes on their providers etc.

Resolved to defer a decision to a future meeting

(c) To consider and approve the setting up of a Parish Council Facebook page

Resolved this could not be considered as it maybe linked to the proposed new website.

19190 Speedwatch

(a) To consider and approve the purchase of 20 mph, 30mph or 40mph bin stickers for residents (£62.50 per 50)

Resolved to await feedback from RALC Speeding event on 26th September 2019 before considering the purchase.

19191 Feedback from meeting/events attended

(a) Rother Neighbourhood Watch – 17th September 2019 (Cllr Stewart and Clerk)

Details of the meeting/presentation were reported

Resolved the Clerk to contact the Rother Neighbourhood Watch team for a meeting to discuss setting up a scheme in Fairlight.

19192 Robertsbridge and Salehurst Helping Hands

(a) To discuss the possible provision of a similar service (Cllr Slack)

Information was presented by Cllr Slack. It was felt that similar work was being done on an informal basis in Fairlight.

Resolved a similar project could form part of the proposed informal health and well-being group in the future.

19193 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

19194 Information

(a) Budget 2020-21 (Clerk)

The Clerk requested that Councillors provide any items for 2020-21 budget as soon as possible for consideration and inclusion in next year's budget

19195 Future agenda items

Budget 2020/21

Proposed Website and Facebook page

Five-year plan

Highways

19196 Close of meeting - Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

19197 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 22nd October 2019 - 7.00 pm at Fairlight Village Hall

Open Forum

Discussion were held in respect of ESCC road sweeping, Wakehams Farm planning application – doctor's surgery provision, current village website, highways issues and Knowle Wood

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chair)

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

PAYMENTS	Date	Payee	Gross	Net	VAT	Details
DIRECT DEBITS						
DD	10/09/2019	EE	21.88	18.23	3.65	Mobile phone inv V01664752258
CHEQUES						
Cheque no						
2283	24/09/2019	Pauline Collins	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	Salary - September 2019
2284	24/09/2019	Pauline Collins	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	Mileage - September 2019
2285	24/09/2019	Val King	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	Salary - September 2019
2286	24/09/2019	Tony King	87.14	87.14	0.00	Salary - September 2019
2287	24/09/2019	HMRC	1352.52	1352.52	0.00	Tax and NI 06/07/19 - 05/10/19
2288	24/09/2019	Tanya Robertson	30.00	30.00	0.00	Bus Shelters September 2019
2289	24/09/2019	Fairlight Village Hall	43.00	43.00	0.00	Hall hire August 2019
2290	24/09/2019	Tim Jordon Grounds Maintenance Ltd	200.00	200.00	0.00	Grass cutting Aug 2019 inv 4726
2291	24/09/2019	Hastings Voluntary Action	750.00	750.00	0.00	Village surveys inv no 2942
2292	24/09/2019	Viking payments	39.62	33.02	6.60	Stationery inv 131198
2293	24/09/2019	SSALC Ltd	84.00	70.00	14.00	HR training inv 13497
2294	24/09/2019	Autela Payroll Services Limited	47.08	39.23	7.85	Payroll services July - Sept 2019 inv 2603
2295	24/09/2019	Viking payments	38.40	32.00	6.40	Stationery inv 193609
2296	24/09/2019	Value Products Ltd	30.84	25.70	5.14	Signs inv 2152778
2297	24/09/2019	R & N Building Service Pett Ltd	920.00	920.00	0.00	Removal of garage Wood Field inv 957
2298	24/09/2019	Pauline Collins	xxxx			Expenses - September 2019
				xxxx	xxxx	H&S signs direct inv 270240
				xxxx	xxxx	Jempsons refreshments
				xxxx	xxxx	Post Office Stamps
				xxxx	xxxx	Fastprint & Design Ltd Banners x 2
				xxxx	xxxx	MW signs inv 23846
				xxxx	xxxx	Screwfix Barrier fence and posts inv A5576848024
				xxxx	xxxx	H&S signs direct inv 274465
		TOTAL	5880.86	5810.02	70.84	

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Member of Public – re Volunteer services
 Wealden DC – Complaint about a high hedge
 Resident – Letter re condition of highways
 RDC – Extended Closing Date for Housing Allocations Policy

CORRESPONDENCE SENT

Paine & Sons – acceptance of quotation
 Various agencies – Fairlight Stream Survey
 Resident – damage to fence on Wood Field
 Owner of Stonelynk re Dog waste bin emptying agreement
 Building control – Damage wall in village
 ESCC – condition of highways

Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2019

1) Planning Applications

Planning reports week 34

Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report week 35

Nothing for Fairlight

Planning report weeks 36

RR/2019/1970/P

22 Waites Lane - Land adj, Sunningdale, Fairlight TN35 4AX

Sub-division of plot and construction of new 3-bedroom chalet bungalow.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council.

RR/2019/1942/P

Torleys, Fyrsway, Fairlight TN35 4BG

Proposed rear extension, alterations, roof dormers to front and rear, and new car port.

Parish Council comments: Not yet considered by Parish Council.

Planning report weeks 37

Nothing for Fairlight

2) Planning Decisions

None.