

RUDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Rudgwick Hall, Bucks Green, Rudgwick at 7p.m.

Present: Councillors: R Landeryou (Chairman), R Bookham, R Brown, D Buckley, V Davis, M Ellis, K Gilmour, I Maclachlan, R Wild  
Mrs B Kenward, Clerk

In attendance: 8 members of the public were present.  
District Councillor J Bailey

167/16. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Dove(business) and Haynes (medical) and the reasons for absence were approved.

168/16. There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS on any matters to be considered at the meeting or notifications of changes to members Registers of Interest.

169/16. It was resolved that the MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (previously circulated) be signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Davis seconded by Cllr Brown and unanimously agreed.

170/16. Public participation.

Agenda Item 5 Planning

Planning Application DC/16/2284

A neighbouring resident strongly objected to the application.

The plot was one of 60 or 70 that had been sold and HDC had issued an Article 4 directive to restrict development. If approved this would set a precedent for development of the large number of plots that had been land banked. Access was already sub-standard and via a single track that was not easy to negotiate.

Agenda Item 14 School Crossing Patrol – update

Three residents who were also parents of children attending the Primary School expressed their great concern for the safety of the children crossing Church Street, with the speeding traffic, following the retirement of the lollipop lady and the decision of WSCC not to fund a replacement. The situation had not been too bad for the first week of term but now that Pennthorpe School had resumed it was extremely truly hazardous. Older children would no longer be able to walk to school unaccompanied with vehicles travelling too fast in Church Street. A permanent crossing was suggested.

171/16. PLANNING

The following current Planning Applications were considered for comment to Horsham District Council:

DC/16/2489 MORELANDS BARN, NALDRETT'S LANE, RUDGWICK

Conversion of barn to two bedroom dwelling

No objection unanimously agreed to the proposed conversion but permitted development rights to be restricted.

DC/16/2637 HONEYWOOD HOUSE, HORSHAM ROAD, ROWHOOK

Erection of four x 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings with detached garages, demolition of outbuildings and creation of 25 space car park

Objection. The proposed development would be contrary to Policy 26 of the Horsham District Planning Framework. A vote was taken and 8 members objected to the application and 1 member abstained.

DC/16/2284 GUILDFORD ROAD, RUDGWICK (OFF BOWCROFT LANE)

Retrospective application for works to turn the neglected and overgrown plot of land into a smallholding for growing fruit and vegetables and keeping bees including construction of two semi-permanent timber structures and replacement of existing site entrance (damaged) gate with a wooden gate

Objection unanimously agreed. The Article 4(1) direction was placed on this and the other plots to restrict its use and the introduction of features that would be detrimental to the visual amenities and character of the area. Granting permission for the application would set a precedent for further plots to be developed and increase the activities and vehicle movements to this rural area only accessible via a single track.

District Councillor Bailey arrived at the meeting at 7.20pm.

172/16. There were no MATTERS ARISING from the previous meeting and the Action Point List was reviewed.

154/12/15-117 – the Traffic Calming working group need a meeting with WSCC to discuss the relocation of the 40mph signs away from the Downslink on the A281. Cllr Bookham would speak to Chris Stark, Area Highway Manager and would also mention traffic calming for The Haven and Loxwood Road.

43/6/16-1 – Cllr Bookham would follow up the progress with the new website.

54/6/16-2 – interviews were being held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for a new Clerk.

99/916-6 – the Clerk would follow up previous correspondence and discussion with Southern Water with regard to the foul water drainage for the Summerfold development.

140/11/16-11 – Fields in Trust(FIT) had refused the request to allow ORCS to relocate their storage building to the playing fields. ORCS to be notified and the Clerk to contact FIT again.

159/12/16-10 – 30mph wheelie bin stickers had been ordered and, when they were in place, it was agreed to review the 40mph areas.

173/16. Chairman's announcements.

The Chairman had received a letter of thanks from Rudgwick Primary School for the Parish Council contribution to the purchase of a defibrillator. Cllr Buckley had contacted the school about the location of the defibrillator and the Head would consider this.

174/16. Reports from District and County Councillors (for information only).

### County Councillor Report

Cllr Kitchen was unable to attend the meeting and had sent her apologies.

### District Councillor Report

Cllr Bailey had nothing to report. Cllr Ellis asked Cllr Bailey about the planning application for an incinerator at North Horsham. Cllr Bailey explained that the application was for the site adjacent to the area in North Horsham proposed for housing and was causing a great deal of controversy. The planning decision was a County and not District council decision.

175/16. There had been no decisions made by the Clerk under delegated powers.

176/16. Clerk's announcements.

The Clerk had no announcements.

177/16. Reports from Parish Council representatives on outside organisations:

Horsham Association of Local Councils (HALC) – the next meeting would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Age UK Horsham. Cllr Landeryou would be unable to attend but all members were welcome.

Youth Centre – the next meeting of the Management Committee would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Rudgwick Brickworks Liaison Group – the next meeting would be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and Cllr Maclachlan would report back at the February Parish Council Meeting.

RSCC – nothing to report.

CAGNE – the minutes of the Parish Councils Forum held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 had been circulated to members.

178/16. Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan update.

The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 had been circulated.

There had been a lot of discussion at the meeting on the number of houses to be included in the neighbourhood plan. Cllrs Landeryou and Maclachlan had been looking into this and would present at the next public meeting scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The answers to the queries that councillors had raised with regard to the consultants had been circulated. The service level agreement had been referred to a legal person and would be finalised for the next meeting.

Cllr Maclachlan and another member of the Steering Group would attend the HDC Neighbourhood Planning Conference on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

179/16. Annual Parish Meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The date of the meeting was confirmed and it was suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting be incorporated in the agenda as this was of importance to the parish at this time.

180/16. School Crossing Patrol – update from the Clerk.

WSCC had advised that it is not obliged to offer the service but will provide training and equipment. The site had been assessed, which is normal practice when a School Crossing Patrol person retires, and it had not met the criteria for a replacement. Volunteers were being

sought to man the crossing but no one had come forward to date. The Headmaster of Pennthorpe School had offered to help and the Clerk would contact him. A permanent crossing could be an option if funds were available and the site was suitable. Section 106 funding from the Summerfold development had been allocated for safer routes to the Primary School and the Clerk would take this up with WSCC.

The school crossing warning lights had been out of action for some time but this had been reported to WSCC and they were now working. Parents were being advised to contact WSCC if they ceased to work in the future.

181/16. There were no items received after publication of the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting was of the opinion should be considered because of the special circumstances.

182/16. Accounts.

The following accounts had been paid:

K Isaaks – wheelie bin stickers	172.00
SSE – JH electricity	36.03
Salaries – December	1899.23
Post Office Ltd (HMR&C) – IT and NI contributions Dec	414.83
Weald Cleaning Services – cleaning and halls checks	<u>306.00</u>
	£2828.09

It was proposed by Cllr Wild seconded by Cllr Ellis and unanimously agreed to pay the following accounts:

PCC Rudgwick - RYC insurance contribution	255.21
Big Sticky – signs for Rudgwick Hall	1026.00
Netcom IT Solutions – Office 365 and anti-virus licence	66.24
National Playing Fields Association – consent for easement charges	243.60
Chubb Fire and Security Ltd - extinguishers rental and service	423.77
TMS Ltd – replace faulty timer for external light RH	<u>111.40</u>
	£2126.22

183/16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.