



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Rachel Lewis (RL), Iain Turner (IT) and Cllr Bob Standley (ESCC). The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

142. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – the applicant for 147i.d gave information on her application.

A member of the public confirmed that he and Cllr Michaelson-Yeates would be getting together to undertake the work required for the picnic tables to be installed. He highlighted to Cllr Standley the long queues at the A267/A272 junction during the South East Water work and questioned why this couldn't have been done during the school holidays. Cllr Standley agreed to investigate.

Members of the public raised concerns over 147i.b. they advised that the applicant appears to be running a business from the site. The Clerk advised that she had already reported this concern to planning enforcement and updated the meeting on their response. Concern was expressed over the photographs in Appendix A of the application.

143. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies had been received from Cllrs. Wellman, Lunn and Michaelson-Yeates, these were noted.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – no declarations of interest were declared

145. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on 7th and 21st August 2018 were agreed and signed as true records (previously circulated).

146. MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):

- i. Parking and response from Fire Brigade – *Cllr Turner advised that he will continue to pursue.* IT
- ii. Public Space Protection Orders to report on response – c/f DW
- iii. Planning appeal regarding Gate House Farm – to investigate and update – c/f ML
- iv. Judgment regarding People Over Wind – to investigate and report back – c/f ML
- v. Specification for work to closed tunnel – c/f JMY
- vi. Playing Field Committee tree inspection and pavilion risk assessment - Cllr Michaelson-Yeates had reported that these were due to undertaken.
- vii. The Clerks Report was sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on her action points, this included:
 - a. Agenda for SLR meeting issued;
 - b. Response sent to stonemasons regarding proposed memorial;
 - c. GDPR documents sent to Councillors for when they're communicating with members of the public;
 - d. Fingerpost opposite Wheelers Lane should have been installed last weekend, the remaining ones will be installed over the next 2 weeks, weather permitting. From this year's monitoring sheet the loose fingers will be corrected free of charge. If any need replacing he advised a quote would be received prior to 4th September. No quote had been received.
 - e. Cllr Turner advised that he would set up his new email address. The Clerk requested that it appear under IMAP.

147. PLANNING:

i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- b. WD/2018/0535/FR – CARTLODGE, STONEHURST LANE, TN20 6LW – Retrospective application for the replacement of rotten stable and outbuildings. Refurbishment of the track. Four stable/field shelters on metal skids. Storage container. – The Parish Council object to the application for the following reasons:

From local knowledge they do not believe that the photographs in Appendix A are of the site in the application and also the buildings that appear in the photographs do not appear to be stables. We attach photographs from Google Earth from 2015 which question some of the statements being made

in the application;

The Parish Council contest the statement that the land is for private grazing of horses when advertisements have been made showing that a business is being run on the land, see attached document;

As this is plot land and meant to be an open space area there shouldn't be buildings placed on it. (0/3)

- d. WD/2018/1719/LB & 1295/F – COLES HALL, HEATHFIELD ROAD, FIVE ASHES, TN20 6JJ – Construction of single storey glazed orangery extension - The Parish Council support the application as it is in keeping with the surrounding area and doesn't overlook anyone. (3/0)
- a. WD/2018/1589/F – OLD FORGE, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4HS – Proposed extension to rear of property – The Parish Council support the application as they feel that the changes that have been made have taken into account the comments previously made. (3/0)
- c. WD/2018/1542/F – GREY FRIARS, WILDERNESS LANE, TN22 4HT – Demolish garage and form new double storey extension and canopy – The Parish Council support the application. (2/1)

ii. APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a. WD/2018/0120/F – COOPERS FARM, FIVE CHIMNEYS LANE TN22 4DX – Replacement of a temporary agricultural dwelling to a permanent agricultural dwelling.

iii. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. Correspondence regarding land adjacent Cart Lodge – the Clerk had already updated on this at agenda item 142.

148. REPORT FROM CLLR. BOB STANDLEY, ESCC - Cllr Standley commented on recent media reports regarding ESCC's finances, he confirmed that the situation isn't as bad as some are reporting and that they have a plan and are working through it. He advised that 25% of the population in East Sussex is over 65 and there are less businesses than other areas, Government ministers are now more aware of the issues affecting the county and continue to be lobbied by the County Council. The Ofsted inspection of Children's Services has been judged as outstanding. Parish Councillors congratulated Cllr Standley on this achievement.

Cllr Standley advised that he will continue to try to resolve the issue over the damage to the pavement in School Lane.

149. BANK RECONCILIATION: – dated 24th August 2018 was agreed and signed.

150. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS :

- i. Cllr Turner advised that as part of the risk assessments he had checked the telephone box and felt it just needed rubbing down and painting. He highlighted that the light was continually on and suggested an eco-light be installed. As the Parish Council (PC) aren't being invoiced for the electricity cost it was agreed not to take action on this at present. The PC agreed the contractor's quote for cleaning, rubbing down and painting the telephone box. *The Clerk will obtain date for when the work will be undertaken on the village name sign.*

Clerk

151. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES):

- i. Cllr. Lewis updated the meeting on the Village Hall committee meeting and advised that they had received funding which needed to be spent on specific items. Both the Chair and Treasurer of the committee will be standing down at the February AGM.
- ii. In his absence Cllr Michaelson-Yeates had reported that the examination of the ring bolt for the swing rope would happen on 22nd September. The risk assessments for the trees, pavilion and bonfire night would be sent to the Clerk. No changes are planned to bonfire preparation or organization. Work party is planned for the 22nd September at the playing field. He will investigate funding models other councils use for cutting grass on their playing fields and reported that the grass cutting at the play area would be a separate specification to the playing field. *The Clerk will send a copy of the RoSPA report to Cllr. Turner.*

Clerk

152. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE – the Chair advised that work on the planning application is nearly complete, it is being checked that it complies with the Wealden Local Plan. The Clerk advised that with regard to registration of the second Deed of Variation that Sport England are still raising questions and she has responded to the Solicitor. The Chairs of the Playing Field and Community Centre committees have both confirmed that they are willing to be contacted by Sport England if required.

153. WEALDEN LOCAL PLAN – c/f to the next meeting.

154. PLAYING FIELD:

- i. Signage – c/f.
- ii. Play Area – *IT and JMY to visit playing field and consider repairs and replacement of equipment following RoSPA report.*

IT & JMY

A discussion was held on grants available for new equipment, Cllr Lewis was willing to assist with an application for a grant. *The Clerk will send brochures & details of suppliers to the Chair.*

Clerk

155. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY:

- ii. Update from SLR meeting – the Chair updated the PC on the meeting. The ESCC representative has confirmed that they can't approve a vehicle activated speed sign due to the accident record in the village.
- i. To agree definitive statement regarding traffic calming measures. Following the update from the SLR meeting and approval of the statement by the ESCC representative, the PC agreed the statement which *the Clerk will send to villagers who have contacted the PC regarding speeding and traffic calming and will also put it on the website and in the Parish Magazine.* The statement will be reviewed every year by the Parish Council. **Clerk**
- iii. Permanent seasonal closure of byway no. 22 – the PC agreed for the *Clerk to send the same response as they had made in July 2018.* **Clerk**
- iv. Correspondence regarding footpath 29b – the PC had been contacted regarding the impact building works were making to the footpath. They have reported the matter to the ESCC Rights of Way team.
- 156. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
 - i. SALC meeting with Sussex Police Chief Constable – *the Clerk will request that speeding and parking be raised at the meeting.* **Clerk**
- 157. RISK ASSESSMENTS** – Cllr Turner reported on his findings. He advised that the front ridge board of the bus shelter needs repairing, *he will undertake this when the wood is damp.* **IT**
He highlighted the problem of shrubs being planted on graves and the Clerk confirmed that she was aware and will be writing to the owners of the graves to request that they be removed.
- 158. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE** – approved by the PC.
- 159. CLERK'S MATTERS:**
 - i. Hours were agreed and signed.
 - ii. Clerk's review, *the Clerk will email Cllrs Richards and Lewis with dates.* **Clerk**
 - iii. Councillors' emails – the Clerk confirmed that the emails should be set-up with IMAP.
- 160. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** The Clerk confirmed that the information regarding 160i had been incorrect on the agenda and the correct figures appeared below.
The following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
 - i. Helen Johnson. Salary £864.81 includes £13.50 mileage & £4.69 expenses, £750 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £114.81.
 - ii. East Sussex Pension Fund £252.99 pension.
 - iii. Mrs L. McConachie £40.00 play equipment inspection.
 - iv. Europlants £140.30 burial ground maintenance.
 The following payments were also agreed and cheques were signed, these will be ratified at the next meeting:
 G.S. Osborne £1852.50 for grounds maintenance at the playing field & GeoXsphere Ltd £36.00 Parish Online. BT £180.36 for phone and broadband services already paid by direct debit.
- 161. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY** – the Clerk confirmed that the battery had been checked and that there were no issues.
- 162. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA** – Newsletter and elections

The meeting closed at 8:22pm