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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held at Rusper Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs M Cooke (Vice Chairman), V Saunders, V Hanstad-Pilcher, F Maitland-Smith, G Sallows, S White, G Adams, M Fillmore, R Gatt, V Saunders, E Kitchen (HDC).

Absent: T Hogben (HDC), G Fleming, K Nagle (WSCC), G Hussey (Chairman).

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Nagle (WSCC), Cllrs G Hogben (HDC), G Fleming and G Hussey.

2. **Declaration of interests**

Cllr F Maitland-Smith declared an interest in Agenda item 7.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th November 2022. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 15th November 2022.

4. **Open Forum**

There were no members of the public present, and no Open Forum took place.

5. **Report from other Authorities**

- Cllr E Kitchen visited the Weinerberger Local Association Group and was impressed with biodiversity measures and how they are dealing with it. Noted that they also have a very large apprenticeship scheme in place.

6. **Climate Emergency**

To **ACKNOWLEDGE** that there is currently a climate emergency, and to ensure that all decisions made within the meeting have consideration to this.

7. **Active Planning Applications – agree responses to planning applications.**

DC/22/2227 Lower Langhurst Farm, Orltons Lane, Rusper, RH12 4RN – prior notification for the erection of an agricultural barn for the dry storage of hay and straw. It was **RESOLVED** to comment on the application as follows: Rusper Parish Council has no objection to this application.

- 7.1 **DC/22/2227 Gotwick Farm, Orltons Lane, Rusper, RH12 4RN** – Demolition of conservatory to rear elevation. Construction of a single storey rear extension. Construction of glazed first floor link walkway to area above swimming pool. Extension of existing first floor rear dormer window. Relocation of main entrance to front elevation with construction of timber framed open porch. Associated internal and external alterations. It was **RESOLVED** to comment on the application as follows: Rusper Parish Council has no objection to this application.

- 7.2 **DC/22/0553 Wood End Ifield Wood Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LE** – Approval of details reserved by condition 3 to approved application. It was **RESOLVED** to comment on the application as follows: Rusper Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 7.3 **DC/22/1279 Lakeland Lane South of Mount Farm, The Mount Ifield RH11 0LG** – Approval of details reserved by condition 3 to approved application. It was **RESOLVED** to comment on the application as follows: Rusper Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 7.4 **DC/22/2202 Cooks Mead, Millfields Farm, Rusper RH12 4PU** - Approval of proposed 5G mast and associated ancillary equipment. Noted that the application has been approved.
- 7.5 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal Under Section 78** – Emmanuel Cottage, Rusper Road, Ifield RH11 0LN. It was **RESOLVED** to comment on the application as follows: Rusper Parish Council has no objection to this application but will raise a point regarding the trees in the hedgerows.
- 7.6 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Enforcement Notice**
EN/22/0208 Spinroute Ltd - Enforcement Notice.
It was **RESOLVED** to comment on the application as follows: Rusper Parish Council will make a representation by 4th January 2023 based upon the document released prior to the meeting, in addition trading hours to be restricted 0800 – 1800 weekdays, short trading hours Saturday and no trading on a Sunday.
- 7.7 **DC/22/2251 Cooks Mead, Millfields Farm, Rusper RH12 4PU** – Approval H3G 17m Street pole and additional cabinet equipment. Noted mast has been approved but this is for the pole and cabinet. **It was RESOLVED** to comment on the application as follows: Rusper Parish Council objects to this application's location and a preferred location at the end of Cooks Mead would be preferable. The Parish Council would also like to see evidence of a neighbour consultation in connection with this planning application.
- 7.8 **Local Plan** – Council to acknowledge the delay to the Local Plan. Noted that no future date has been released. It was **proposed** that a letter from the Parish Council to clarify the delay and a separate letter already circulated by Cllr Sallows to be sent to HDC. This is to include the biodiversity references made. It was **agreed** that Cllr Sallows would email the draft letters to the Councillors for final agreement prior to the Clerk issuing them.
- 7.9 **Landscape Interim Report Confidential** – the Council accept receipt of the report. It was **agreed** to continue to the next phase of the report. Noted that the report will be kept confidential until the final draft is released.
8. **Reports from representatives**
- Cllr V Hanstad-Pilcher – Old Park Mews, Horsham Road - residents asked for remarking of white lines and a 30mpg zone and hedges to be cut back. Noted that WSCC have programmed white lining, slow signs but the timing of the works is weather and workload dependent. The 30mph zone has been left with Highways for their consideration.
 - An email was received from a resident in Ifield regarding streetlamps being on at 7pm. Noted that WSCC are looking at it. The query about trains to Clapham Junction is outside of the Parish Councils remit. Noted that the removal of HGV signs still has yet to have a response from WSCC.

- It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to WSCC Highways to chase up enquiries dating back to 22nd August 2022.
- Cllr V Saunders reported that the Incinerator has been taken over by QAir.
- Cllr F Maitland-Smith reported that an advert in the Parish Magazine calling for volunteers got one response back. Noted that the next Save West of Ifield public meeting on 21st January 2023 at Rusper Village Hall.
- Cllr G Sallows reported that 2 football team members had agreed to organise some quotes for the repair of the Sports Pavilion. Noted that there is some CIL money available in the budget to carry out repairs.
- Cllr M Fillmore reported that a Gatwick Airport night noise consultation is due in March 2023.
- Cllr M Cooke reported that she attended the HALC meeting and that 2 people have been recruited to assist the community and parishes for cost of living crisis assistance purposes. Noted that Ecology workshops will be taking place on 2nd February 10 – 4 at Country Hall and 9th February at the Ashington Centre.

9. **Clerk's report**

The Clerk has received the original Deeds for Rusper Recreational Ground Lease which will be held in the Parish Council records. The document was handed to Cllr M Fillmore who will return it to the Clerk for filing at the next meeting.

10. **Financial**

- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the report, including the bank reconciliation
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2023/24.
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve that the Precept would be set at £46,619.

11. **Schedule of payments**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Schedule of Payments 20th December 2022 Council Meeting

Payee	Reason	Amount Due
Clerks and Council Direct	Publication annual subscription	£110.00
Leanne Bannister	Adobe Pro renewal	£238.75
Mulberry & Co	Locum Clerk	£167.52
Neil Russell Associates	Landscape report	£3,140.18
Various	Salaries	£1,260.24

£4,916.69

12. **Meetings dates**

Council approved meeting dates for 2023. Noted that new Village Hall roof may mean a meeting will relocate during the Summer.

The meeting closed at 2133hrs.