

Rusper Parish Council



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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held at Rusper Village Hall.

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

Absent: Cllrs G Hussey (Chairman RPC), G Fleming, Vic Saunders, G Sallows, T Hogben (HDC).

Meeting commences at 1930hrs

1. **Apologies**

Cllrs G Hussey (Chairman RPC), G Fleming, Vic Saunders, G Sallows, T Hogben (HDC).

2. **Declaration of interests**

None.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th March 2023.

4. **Open Forum**

No members of the public were present at this time, it was reported that there is a dumped oil tank along Capel Road, RH12 4PY, a 'summerhouse' has been erected in the woods a few yards from Carrick Corner in Capel Road, rubble pile on the pavement in the High Street, Rusper and flooding at Dial Post/Ashfold which should be reported as a water leak to water board. Clerk to issue reports to the relevant bodies.

5. **Report from other Authorities**

Cllr E Kitchen had nothing to report but congratulated SWOI group for doing a great job. A question was asked about the lack of leafletting from candidates for the upcoming election. Noted that largely people do postal votes well in advance of any campaigning so it is only used when it is felt necessary.

Katie Nagle WSCC – a resident from Lamb Greens reported that the surface of the road needed attention. This is to be continued as a complaint via the Clerk. Potholes in other locations are also to be reported. It was **agreed** that a poster should be reissued on the website, Facebook and the parish magazine reminding residents on how to report a pothole and how to make a claim for damage to vehicles. **Action** Clerk.

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**

Cllr R Gatt Vice Chair of the Planning Committee chaired this section of the meeting.
The planning meeting has been combined with the full parish meeting. In lieu of the planning meeting, Council is asked to agree responses to the following planning applications:

DC/23/0669 Oaklees, Ashmore Lane, Rusper, West Sussex

Surgery to 1x Hornbeam the development type is TPO Tree application.

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows:-

Rusper Parish Council does not object to this application. The Parish Council defers to Mr Bush at HDC in connection with the future management of the tree.

DC/23/0153 The Lamb Inn, Lambs Green, Rusper, West Sussex

Change of use of existing public house to form 4no. self-contained apartments and associated alterations.

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows:-

Rusper Parish Council objects to this application.

- Loss of local amenity - The pub forms an important focal point for the hamlet of Lambs Green and would result in a significant change of character for the area.
- Loss of local employment - The Neighbourhood Plan encourages and supports employment in this rural area and the loss of this pub would have a significant impact.

8. **Public notice - licensing application - Licensing Act 2003**

An application has been received from Harry William Albert Slade for a new Premises Licence for Ashfolds, Horsham Road, Rusper, HORSHAM, RH12 4QX. The application proposes to apply for the following licensable activities, on Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September 2023.

The Parish Council discussed the objections sent in advance of the meeting along with an email of support from the organiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will response on the form as follows:

- The prevention of public nuisance – 2am on 2 consecutive nights is too late for residents local.
- The Parish Council insists on environmental monitoring as well during the event.

9. **Procurement**

- 1) **Sports Ground** Grant application - Cllr White will obtain a copy of the third bid.
- 2) **Transport Consultation** the chosen supplier has been contacted and the signed PO has been received back to the Clerk. The consultation is due to be received in a month.

Noted Clerk to meet with Cllr V Hanstad-Pilcher to collate and update paperwork.

10. **Rusper Sports Clubs Terms of Reference/Lease**

- 1) Lease was discussed with the Solicitor but further meetings are planned. Item carried to the next meeting.
- 2) The Clerk has contacted one landlord with regard to payment of rent following written advice from the Solicitor. No response was received so a further attempt via recorded delivery has been made. Clerk to issue payment via the Solicitor if

contact cannot be made directly with the owners.

11. **Highways**

A report was issued in advance of the meeting, the Council accepted the report. Further updates on progress will be issued at the next meeting.

12. **Reports from Representatives**

- **Cllr Hanstad-Pilcher** - attended 2 Police meetings one with the Inspector for the region; and has 2 meetings with the Police Crime Commissioners coming up.
- **Cllr Maitland-Smith** – Litter Pick 2nd April 2023 was a success there was a good turnout of 25 people with 40 bags of litter collected.

Cllr Fillmore – a planning enforcement report was distributed in advance of the meeting. Gatwick meeting coming up in the next 2 weeks and a report will be issued for the next meeting.

13. **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)**

The NPSG met twice at The Plough, Rusper – there are 3 members of the public who currently attend with a further 4 interested in taking part following the session at the APM. A working plan is in place to make sure the NP is written in line with the new LP. 2 public events have been organised to gather public opinion; one was via the APM the other will be during the Coronation Street Party in May. Noted all Councillors are welcome to attend the NPSG meetings, next meeting is on 17th May 2023.

14. **Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2023**

About 40 people came to the event, there were 3 speakers HDC Wilder Horsham, David Bridges Wild about Warnham, SWOI Cathy Durrant and Cllr G Sallows spoke on behalf of the NPSG.

15. **Clerks Report**

No report.

16. **Financial**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the report, including the bank reconciliation.

Date	Payee	Invoice no./ reason for payment	Total	VAT/ deductions	Amount due
28/02/2023	The Play Inspection Co	Outdoor annual inspection	100.00	20.00	120.00
31/03/2023	Sheridan Brooks	Professional fees	1150.00	230.00	1380.00
01/04/2023	Countrymans	Grass Cutting	149.83	29.87	179.80
24/04/2023	Various	Salaries	1195.40	0.00	1715.78
		TOTAL	3115.61	279.87	3395.58

Meeting ends 2120hrs