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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 7pm. This meeting was held at Rusper Village Hall.

Present: M Cooke (Chair), Cllrs G Hussey (Vice Chair), G Sallows, M Fillmore, F Maitland-Smith, R Gatt, S White, District Councillor Liz Kitchen.

Also present: There was 1 member of the public.

Meeting commenced 1900hrs

67-24 **Apologies**

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from District Councillor Tony Hogben, Cllr G Adams, Cllr G Fleming, Cllr M Fenton.

68-24 **Declaration of Interests**

Members were reminded to make any declarations of a personal and/or pecuniary interest that they may have in relation to items on the agenda. Cllr F Maitland-Smith declared an interest in Agenda item 9.

69-24 **Climate Crisis**

The Council **acknowledged** that there is currently a climate crisis, and to ensure that all decisions made within meeting have consideration to this.

70-24 **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the previous combined Council meeting held on 26th March 2024 with an amendment on minute 57-24 to word changed from medial to medical and the APM Minutes 19th April 2023.

71-24 **Open Forum**

Introduction of the new prospective County Councillor Damian Stuart for the Parish. County Councillor Katie Nagel is standing down next May. The County Councillor is a Conservative Councillor who is also a Barrister – his mantra is to try to introduce measure to control addiction within families which will hopefully benefit the wider community working alongside children and adult services.

72-24 **Reports from other Authorities**

District Councillor Liz Kitchen – HALC meeting was well attended on 29th April 2024 but there are no further reports to the Council.

73- 24 **Planning**

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. The Council to note the up-to-date planning log attached. Planning response will be issued with the accompanying

statement as agreed by Council. It was **noted** that a resolution was passed to use the phrase as part of all planning responses: *"In the event that the officers are minded to propose the acceptance of this application, Rusper Parish Council would ask for it to go to full committee and that the Parish Council is allowed to speak to their objections at the meeting."*

74-24 Noted planning log issued in advance of the meeting. The Clerk made an amendment to one entry which was marked as permitted incorrectly.

75-24 DC/24/0519 Crooked Chimneys Wimland Road Faygate RH12 4SR
Erection of a two-storey rear extension (Revision of DC/21/1700).

It was RESOLVED no comment to this application.

76-24 DC/21/1427 Land North of Horsham - Rm Area 7 Horsham

Application for approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Condition 5 of Outline Planning Permission reference DC/16/1677 for RM Area 7 comprising 221 (Class C3) residential units, car and cycle parking, new landscaping, drainage, access and internal roads, and associated infrastructure. Relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

It was RESOLVED to object to this application as, although the water neutrality statement is below the minimum of 85 litres per day, it is unenforceable and untraceable at source. The statement needs to include an effective way to measure and enforcement of the actual water usage at each phase of the development, including the offsetting. The application must show they are drawing the amount they say they are going to and if they don't there should be penalties in place. If they fail to meet the targets for any phase of the development, then all future development should be stopped, until the stated levels are met for what has been completed.

77-24 Proceed - Six Acre View

To review the attached email and consider a response. ([Document 5](#))

It was RESOLVED to respond to the developer that the Council notes your email, but were concerned that this did not seem to reflect our earlier comments and discussions during the recent visit. The comments made previously about reducing the development to the existing brown field area, excluding the sand school, are still relevant to the application. The new entrance for the residential access appears to have poor sight lines and is close to the current dwelling, it is going across a usable field and the Council consider that it would make more sense to leave the access point where it was originally proposed.

78-24 Agree responses to planning applications received since publication of the Agenda.

79-24 LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 19

- a) During the recent HALC meeting it was noted that there were 1700 responses to the Local Plan, most of responses are in relation to one of the allocated sites. Members were told about the timetable for the examination of the Local Plan, expectation is that responses and evidence to be submitted to Planning Inspectors in June. Hearings will take place in November/December, modification to the plan in February/March 2025 to be adopted in late Spring early Summer 2025.
- b) It was reported to Council that there is a possibility that HE will put a Hybrid outline planning application for most of the proposal including the link road and for infrastructure in advance of the Local Plan. It is suspected that this will be sent to HDC in June. If it is considered as a whole it will go to full Committee, but if it is in piecemeal it will be an Area 1 Planning Committee but there will still be an opportunity to speak at the public session.

- c) Noted that a lot of work is already in place following the objection made by the Council on the LP proposal and that should carry weight with the inspector.
- d) It was **considered** that the Council should form an informal working group to work on a response or whether the Council may need to hold an extra meeting should their be a consultation that falls outside of a planned public meeting. The Clerk will add this to the Planning agenda as a regular agenda item to monitor any progress of a hybrid application. Noted the Clerk has asked Cllr John Milne to let the Council know if the plans are imminent.
- e) It was **proposed and agree** that a representative should come along to the next NPSG on 28th May 2024 or another meeting date during the day from HDC Planning to talk about HE either in person or via Zoom. Clerk to request the attendance of a Planning Officer at the next NPSG meeting on 28th May 2024.

80-24 **NPSG**

To **receive** an update on the last meeting. No update and the group have not met.

81-24 **Enforcements**

Nothing to report.

Close the Planning Section of the meeting.

82-24 **Rusper Sports Club Management**

- a) The Council require a tenure for the current Sports Club this has been carried to the next meeting but Cllr Fillmore to meet with Cllr Sallows to put together a proposed document.
- b) Noted that the Sports Club tennis court works are under way and Cllr George Sallows will project manage each stage and report back to Council. It is expected that the project will finish around the end of May 2024.
- c) The Rusper Sports Club Committee made a **recommendation** to Council to consider stage payments for the works as agreed. The project is being funded by a Section 106 grant along with a grant from Courage Dyers. The Clerk reported payments would deplete the reserve funds the Parish Council hold for a short period of time between project completion and S106 releasing the funds back to Council. A full spreadsheet outlining the costs and the monies available to the Council was issued to the Councillors in advance of the meeting. It was **proposed** that the payments as scheduled within the report was accepted and the Council agreed to the stage payments with Cllr George Sallows project managing the project. It was **RESOLVED** that the payments are made but the 50% payment would be issued upon the commencement of the works for the final 25% payment.
- d) The Council **acknowledged** the grant award of £4050 for the maintenance of the second tennis court and marking out of the basketball area **agreed** works can commence and a time schedule for this depending in Agenda item 11.2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Martin Gurr will commence this as part of the project works but must invoice the Council separately for each section of the works. Clerk to contact Martin Gurr to instruct the Courage Dyers section of the works and to ask for a project plan completion date. The Council expressed its gratitude to Courage Dyers in their support to complete this project for the Rusper community.

83-24 **GATWICK**

The Council noted the Gatwick report sent in advance of the meeting. DCO hearings are currently on and Cllr Fillmore is attending them to observe on behalf of the Council. Noted that there is a S106 agreement which says what Gatwick has to do with regard to Local Authority interests but it is unclear if that will include Horsham District parishes. On 2nd May 2024 there is an open hearing with all MPs. Action Cllr Fillmore to ask about the S106 to see if Rusper are going to get any recompense from it. Noted all DCO hearings are uploaded on the website shortly after the meetings. Noted that the Council should respond to Department of Transportation Night Flights consultation. It was

agreed that Cllr Fillmore will circulate the response in advance of sending it. Noted Cllr Fillmore has been asked to join the GACC committee as a Councillor. Action Clerk to contact SSALC to double check the conflict of interest if Cllr Fillmore were to join as a Councillor.

84-24 **Playground Inspection Report**

To **receive** an update on improvements to the playground - this was carried to the next meeting.

85-24 **Streetlights**

Cllr Marion Fenton consulted with the residents of Cooks Meadow and it was **agreed** that the residents wanted the new LED version of lights rather than to replace the older style lights. The quotation issued in advance of the meeting by Streetlights Ltd was accepted by Council. **Action** Clerk to enquire if the outstanding CIL money can be applied for to replace the lights. Carry to the next meeting.

86-24 **Reports from representatives**

- a) Cllr Simon White – update on 20mph speed consultation - everything is in place to support the reduction in speed through Rusper village but the Council needs the support from the Police. Cllr Hussey give Cllr White a contact at the Police.
- b) Cllr Fenella Maitland-Smith – HALC report noted and distributed to the Council via email. Noted the The Capitol is going to shut for 18 months so HDC want to offer venues to performances. Cllr Gatt to let the Village Hall committee know.
- c) Cllr Geoff Hussey – the flooding at The Mount due to a storm drain has now been planned for repair on 15th June 2024. Noted new PSCO is due to start soon.
- d) Cllr Gatt – North Horsham Liaison Group meeting – there are going to be 600 houses to finish phase one and works will start on A261 again with one lane closed from new roundabout up until Christmas, some works will start next week.

87-24 **May Day**

It was **noted** that the road closure application on behalf of the May Day Committee has been applied for along with the road closure signage. Noted that in recent years the Council has received the money back for the road closure.

88-24 **Grant/Funding Applications**

- a) Air Ambulance requested a grant – carried to May.
- b) Citizens Advice Bureau requested a grant – carried to May.
- c) May Day Celebrations requested a grant – this application was **refused** as the Committee are supported by the Council with the road closure signage.

89-24 **Financial**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the report, including the YE bank reconciliation.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to **note** the CIL and S106 report action required. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire about the Streetlights against the CIL. The Clerk to obtain quotations for VAS and SID's for the Village. Carry to next meeting.
- c) **Noted** that the preparations for the annual accounts for 2023-2024.
- d) **Noted** the external audit communication.

91-24 **Schedule of payments**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve schedule of payments. Agreed.

Next meeting is the AGM and Parish Council meeting on 14th May 2024 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closes 2029hrs

Signed.....

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