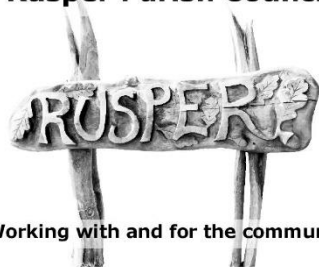


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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held at Rusper Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs G. Hussey (Chairman), M. Cooke (Vice Chairman), V. Hanstad-Pilcher, G. Adams, M. Fillmore, G. Sallows and R. Gatt  
L. Bannister (Outgoing Clerk) A. Neate (New Clerk)  
HDC Cllr Kitchen  
HDC Cllr Hogben

**Absent:** Cllrs V. Saunders F. Maitland-Smith, G. Fleming and C. Hill

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fleming, Maitland-Smith, Hill and Saunders.

WSSC Cllr Nagel also sent her apologies.

### 2. Declaration of interests

None.

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting

**It was RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Open Forum

No comments made/questions raised.

### 5. Reports from other Authorities

Cllr Hogben reported as follows:-

- HDC held the 'Big Conversation meeting' and also held a resident survey. One in six people in the district received this. The feedback from the survey in respect of Rusper was disappointing as satisfaction has gone down by 6% and is the lowest in the district.
- HDC are suffering with rising costs due to inflationary pressures. HDC have ringfenced £1m to move into salaries as there are big demands for pay rises from staff due to the inflation in the economy. One area HDC is exploring is regional weighting for staff salaries.
- HDC ended with a surplus at the end of the financial year.
- Various refurbishments are taking place in Horsham town including the fountain near KT Maxx in order that children can play in it.
- HDC have announced plans to recycle coffee pots to fund battery and textile recycling.

- HDC have voted to approve a carbon neutral policy and are looking into biodiversity net gain. Both of these initiatives will use external consultants and will explore what other councils are doing in these areas.
- Adam Chalmers, Director of Community Resources has resigned.
- Cllr Hussey has had problems trying to contact the Planning Compliance team by telephone. Cllr Hogden explained that staff are doing a combination of working from home and in the office and that telephones should divert to mobiles or voicemail if the colleague is either working from home or in a meeting.
- HDC are waiting for a report to understand how many megalitres of water they can use as a district in order to progress the Local Plan. The plan is expected in the late summer.

*HDC Cllr Kitchen arrived*

Cllr Kitchen raised a few planning compliance concerns in the parish.

*HDC Cllr Hogben left the meeting*

## **6. Climate Emergency**

It was acknowledged that there is currently a climate emergency, and all decisions made within the meeting will have consideration to this.

## **7. Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**

**It was RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Alison Neate as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer as recommended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and outgoing Clerk.

## **8. Appointment of roles**

**It was RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Gatt to the role of Village Hall Committee representative.

## **9. Street light contract**

**It was RESOLVED** to appoint Streetlights as contractors at a cost of £368 plus VAT per year. This will be reviewed after a year and a plan will be put in place to remove streetlights in that time.

## **10. Playground**

Cllr Sallows reported that there are two dead elm trees in the playground which he will look at to see if a quote is needed to remove them. There is no immediate risk posed to the public due to their location.

The fallen wall bordering the playground will be finished as soon as possible, there are just some issues with the contractors/insurance.

## **11. Gatwick**

- a. Cllr Fillmore will draft a response to the Northern Runway Consultation.

- b. Council would like to know who will be eligible for the noise insulation scheme and would like this extended to anyone affected by aircraft noise in the parish. Cllr Fillmore will speak to the Gatwick Airport representatives.

## **12. Police**

**It was RESOLVED** to approve the Police Liaison Document. This will be published on the website and Facebook page. Councillors were encouraged to talk to their neighbours about this.

## **13. Correspondence/Consultations/Reports/Meetings**

- a. An informal meeting was held with Colgate Parish Council to discuss the Land West of Ifield strategic site.
- b. The email regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund was noted. The following items will be reported to them: Rusper Village Hall needs renovation including a new roof and insulation, the sports court at the Rusper Recreation Ground needs replacing, there is a plan to calm traffic in the High Street in Rupser which needs funding.
- c. The attendees for meeting Cllr Chowen on 4<sup>th</sup> July will be Cllrs Hussey, Sallows and Maitland-Smith.
- d. The attendees for meeting with Horsham District Council regarding golf provision will be Cllrs Hanstad-Pilcher and Maitland-Smith. The Captain of Ifield Golf Club will also be invited.
- e. Cllrs Hussey and Hanstad-Pilcher will be meeting the Highways Area Manager to review and log all of the road issues.

## **14. Reports from representatives**

To **receive** verbal reports from Councillors on their various responsibilities.

- Cllr Sallows reported that the pavilion has now been cleaned and tidied. They are waiting for glass for the front door.
- Cllr Hussey reported that there has been graffiti under the slide. This was dealt with by Cllr Sallows. Some anti-graffiti paint will be bought.
- Cllr Fillmore has a number of Gatwick meetings coming up. He is working with the Chairman of the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign to put together detailed statistics to refute what Gatwick Airport are saying about night flights.
- PCSO Erica Baxter will attend the October meeting.
- Cllr Cooke attended the Horsham District Older People's Forum.

## **15. Clerk's report**

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- A meeting with Emma Parkes, Head of Planning and Development at HDC will be confirmed for 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- The legionella risk assessment is still required for the pavilion. Cllr Hill is getting quotes for this.
- The Air Ambulance sent thanks for the donation.
- The Clerk thanked all councillors for their support to her over the years.

## **16. Financial**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the report for May 2022.

**17. Schedule of payments (document circulated separately)**

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason for payment</b>	<b>Amount due</b>
Various	Salaries	1,564.40
6-10 Traffic Management	Traffic management	402.00
Countrymans	Grounds maintenance	352.53
Roland Allen	Website support/maintenance	90.00
Cerda	Planning consultancy	1,898.76
Mulberry & Co	Training course	48.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,355.69</b>

Cllr Hussey will authorise these payments.

The meeting closed at 9 pm