

ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March 2007 at 7.15pm at The Community Hall, Winchelsea Beach

Present: Councillors M Alford, C Bronsdon, Mrs K Carter, Mrs S Chetwood, R. Comotto, J Horsman, Mrs C Merricks (in the Chair), T Moore, Mrs A Rumsey, H Sutton, B Thompson, S Turner.

In attendance: D Rosewell (Clerk). A member of the public was also present.

07/26 The meeting was opened by the Chairman. There were no questions from members of the public.

07/27 To receive and record any apologies for absence.

The Clerk reported apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. P Hurrell.

07/28 Disclosure of Interests and Code of Conduct.

These were reported as follows:

Cllr. Horsman declared a personal interest in respect of item 7a, Cllr. Mrs Merricks declared prejudicial interests in respect of 7a and 8c, Cllr. Thompson declared a personal interest in respect of item 7a.

07/29 To consider and approve the signing of the Minutes of the Council's meeting of the 12th February 2007 by the Vice Chairman.

The Minutes were considered and **approved**.

07/30 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

07/18, 07/06a Icklesham C/E Primary School Grant Application. Cllr Merricks left the room for this item. After discussion, it was agreed that, as a gesture of support, the Council would provide a grant of up to £1000.00 on provision of specific expenditure requirements. This was proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr. Bronsdon. **Agreed.**

07/18, 07/08c RALC briefing paper and questionnaire. After discussion, it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

The Clerk reported that an initial visit had been paid by the internal auditors as announced in the previous meeting. Their report is awaited. The Clerk reminded Council that there would be a further, internal, audit after the end of the financial year.

07/31 Financial Matters.

a. Receipts and payments report to 28th February 2007.

This had been circulated for councillor's information. The Clerk reported in some detail on the document. There were no questions. **Agreed.**

b. To approve items for payment for March 2007.

The Clerk/RFO tabled items of expenditure totalling £1,316.06 for March which concerned cheques numbered 1732 to 1739 sequentially, plus £730.00 Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr. Horsman and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Carter that the items of payment be approved. **Approved.**

c. Grant application by Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Cllr Mrs Merricks left the room for this item.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Rumsey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Carter that the grant be approved. **Approved.**

d. Tenders/estimates for approval.

The Clerk reported that further to the instruction given at the previous meeting, he had concluded that a padlock with secure, non-duplicable keys, was cost effective and had purchased accordingly at a cost of £70.05 incl. VAT. Cllr. Comotto proposed and Cllr. Thompson seconded that this be approved. **Approved.**

07/32 Correspondence.

- i) Introduction of £50 charge for Parish Tree Warden Support. This was discussed at some length. The Clerk will ask the current tree wardens if they know about this scheme and, if they are using it or are aware that they can use it, the Council agreed we would make a £50 payment. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Chetwood, seconded by Cllr. Comotto. Approved.
- ii) Winchelsea Court Hall – letter requesting for donation. Cllr. Turner left the room at this point due to potential conflict of interests. After discussion, it was decided that the Clerk will write to the Town Clerk & Treasurer of Winchelsea Corporation inviting them to submit a grant application form.
- iii) Local Action Plan – consultation. It was agreed that Patricia Marston from Action in Rural Sussex should be invited to address the APM on May 21st as this a matter for all residents of the parish.

Further items of correspondence received:

- iv) Issue of parking in the vicinity of the school at Winchelsea. The Clerk will write to the Head Teacher of Winchelsea School to invite her to meet with members of the parish council and other appropriate contributors. This was proposed by Cllr. Bronsdon and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Carter. **Agreed.**
- v) Policing arrangements. Cllr. Bronsdon reported that it has been suggested that parish council representatives meet with the District Police Commander to discuss local issues.
- vi) Icklesham Stool Ball Club. Letter asking permission for the Club to hold their annual ladies and mixed tournaments on July 1st and August 5th respectively at Icklesham Recreation Ground and to park their cars on the perimeter. **Agreed.**
- vii) Icklesham Trust Committee. Request to hold their annual village fete at the Recreation Ground on July 14th. They would also like to hold a Youth Football Tournament on the same day. **Agreed.**

07/33 Allotments.

- a) The Clerk asked Council for approval of the principle of letting allotments to non-residents, such as the Unpaid Work Team, in return for maintenance of the allotment site, subject to appropriate termination of the letting in favour of local residents and appropriate supervision. This was proposed by Cllr. Comotto and seconded by Cllr. Turner. **Agreed.**
- b) Field adjacent to Rye Harbour Allotments. The Clerk explained that the field is made up of two allotments, only one of which is let. There is no prospective tenant at present in respect of the vacant plot. It was agreed that the tenant could have use of the complete site until such time as another tenant wants to use that part of the field that is not formally let.

07/34 Rother Parish Conference.

Information was circulated to interested parties. The Clerk also gave details about the forthcoming election, dates of nominations and publication of the various notices involved. He also gave information as to how council members could contact RDC directly for information and nomination packs.

07/35 Date and venue for next meeting.

The next meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday April 10th** at **Rye Harbour Village Hall** commencing at 7.15pm (not Tuesday 9th at The New Hall, Winchelsea, as stated on the agenda).

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.