

## ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October 2007 at 7.15pm at Icklesham Memorial Hall

**Present:** Councillors C Bronsdon (in the Chair), R Comotto, J Horsman, P Hurrell, Mrs S Lyward, Mrs C Merricks, T Moore, Mrs J Stanford, H Sutton, M Terry, B Thompson.

**In attendance:** Cllrs. N Ramus and P Osborne (RDC), D Rosewell (Clerk). Members of the public were also present.

**07/124** The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting at 7.15 p.m.

**07/125** The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. There were no questions from the public.

**07/126 To receive reports and to ask questions of Cllrs. K Glazier, N Ramus and P Osborne concerning County Council and Rother District Council matters.**

Cllr. Ramus reported on the issue of rogue traders and drew the meeting's attention to the recent successful prosecution of an unlicensed ice cream salesman in Rye. Cllr. Lyward raised issues of non-collection of refuse and confusion over green bin provision. Cllr. Osborne undertook to investigate the issues raised. Cllr. Hurrell asked for reassurance that reports in the national press of charging for rubbish collection would not be applicable in Rother. Cllr. Osborne said that the contract, which had just begun, was for 8 years and there was no expectation of change during that period.

PC Andy Henson reported on the work of PCSOs in the parish. He reported that he, and his colleagues, were going through speed gun training at the moment as this would be used by police officers. Offences would be enforceable and offenders would be subject to fines of £60.00 and 3 points on their driving licence. He reported on Operation Temptation dealing with anti-social behaviour. A new round of this will be carried out later this month. He also reported that new powers in respect of drivers causing a nuisance by reason of speed and noise mean that they have power to seize vehicles in appropriate circumstances. The Chairman thanked PC Henson for his report. The meeting now formally opened for Council business.

**07/127 To receive and record any apologies for absence.**

The Clerk reported apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. B Chishick. The Clerk announced, with regret, the receipt of Cllr. Carter's resignation from the Council due to pressures of work. He informed Council that the legally required notice would be placed on notice boards the following day which would mark the beginning of the 14 working day period of notice required for parish electors to call for an election, should they so wish. This period would end on the 29th October. If no call for an election has been received, the Council should then move to co-opt.

**07/128 Disclosure of Interests and Code of Conduct.**

There were none.

**07/129 To consider and approve the signing of the Minutes of the Council's meeting of the 10th September 2007 by the Chairman.**

Two amendments were requested: Item 07/114d, the words 'in accordance with the financial regulations' to be inserted after the word 'work'. Item 07/114e(ii), after 'bin' at the end of the paragraph should be inserted a semicolon and 'if not, the Council will proceed to purchase one'. With these amendments, it was proposed by Cllr. Hurrell, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Lyward, that the Minutes be approved. Agreed.

**07/130 Financial Matters.**

Receipts and payments report for year to 30th September 2007. Cllr. Comotto proposed, Cllr. Thompson seconded, that these be approved. Agreed.

**To approve items of expenditure for October 2007.**

Proposed by Cllr. Comotto, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Stanford, that these be approved. Agreed.

The Clerk seeks approval by Council to employ The Play Inspection Company to carry out the annual inspection of playgrounds. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Merricks, seconded by Cllr. Comotto, that this be approved. Agreed.

**7/131 Correspondence.**

Council discussed the issue of correspondence handling and it was agreed that the Clerk should have responsibility for deciding when correspondence was either completely inappropriate, in which case it would be disposed of, or that it was highly relevant, in which case it would be copied to councillors, or not. Other correspondence would be brought to meetings for interested councillors to examine. This would be brought as a formal proposal to the November meeting.

**07/132 Winchelsea Post Office.**

Cllr. Bronsdon said that the consultation period on the proposed closure of post offices in Sussex was due to begin on the 1st November and said he felt that the parish council should write to Post Watch, urging them to press for the retention of the post office service at Winchelsea. Ward councillors for Winchelsea undertook to draft an appropriate missive. This was proposed by Cllr. Bronsdon, seconded by Cllr. Terry. Agreed.

**07/133 Parish Notice Boards - policy on content.**

There was a long discussion on this subject whereby the Clerk sought councillors' views on what a notice board content policy should contain. The Clerk will now draft a policy, based on his understanding of councillors' views, and circulate prior to the next meeting with a view to formal adoption at the next, or a subsequent, meeting.

**07/134 Budget 2008/9.**

The Clerk asked for input from councillors on proposed expenditure. He will write a letter to go on notice boards inviting the public to submit ideas for next year's budget. Winchelsea ward councillors have already produced such a letter.

**07/135 Quality Council Status - update.**

The Clerk reported.

**07/136 Parish Office - review.**

Deferred to next meeting.

**07/137 Reports from Council Representatives.**

Cllr. Bronsdon reported on a recent SALC meeting.

**07/138 Date and venue for the next meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 12th November at Rye Harbour Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.