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## **ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th October 2009 at 7.15pm at the Community Hall, Winchelsea Beach**

Present: Councillors Mrs F Bates, C Bronsdon, B Chishick, W Drew, J Horsman, Mrs S Lyward, T Moore, Mrs J Stanford, H Sutton, M Terry, B Thompson.

In Attendance: Cllrs. N Ramus (RDC) and K Glazier (ESCC), D Rosewell (Clerk). Members of the public were also present.

**09/190 The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting at 7.15pm.**

**09/191 The Chairman now invited members of the public to comment or ask questions on any matters they wish to raise, relating to today's business of the Council (15 minutes).**

Mr P Turner raised various procedural points, querying the publication and distribution of minutes and documents accompanying meetings. Also procedure in respect of confidential business. The Clerk replied that there was no history of accompanying documents automatically being made available to members of the public prior to the meetings. With regard to minutes it was not his practice to distribute or to make these public until they were agreed by Council at the meeting following that which they referred to. Mr Patrick Cox-Smith raised issues concerning agenda item 13. He informed the meeting that he lives opposite the Robin Hood Pub, that the Beer Festivals held there have coincided with a considerable increase in anti-social behaviour by people, particularly at closing time. He suggested that the licence conditions in respect of the festivals be varied and that police should be present for one hour on either side of closing time. He also raised concerns about road safety during the holding of Boot Fairs in the village of Icklesham. The traffic levels, he stated, become seriously excessive and very dangerous.

**09/192 To receive reports and ask questions of Cllrs. K Glazier, N Ramus and P Osborne concerning County Council and Rother District Council matters.**

Cllr. Glazier reported on footway issues. Other issues were queries from Winchelsea Beach residents about speeding traffic and also in respect of the final stages of the cycle track in Harbour Road; this work is still planned for completion and the processes to achieve this are underway.

Cllr. Ramus referred back to the previous report and suggested that with respect to the Beer Festival at Icklesham, IPC should write to the licensing committee of Rother District Council. He went on to say that the public toilets in Winchelsea are due for major refurbishment. He also continues to pursue the matter of waste bin problems in that area.

Cllr. Mrs Stanford said she had spoken to Cllr. Ramus about locating an alternative recycling site for the bins in Sea Road, Winchelsea Beach, in order to remove the fly tipping problem, and also in Winchelsea. Cllr. Ramus said he would make enquiries.

**09/193 The Chairman now opened the formal part of the meeting at 7.41p.m.and reminded all present that recording of the meeting would commence from this point.**

**09/194 To receive and record any apologies for absence.**

These had been received from Cllrs. Comotto and Mrs Merricks.

**09/195 Disclosure of interests.** Cllr. Sutton declared a personal interest in item 11.

**09/196 To consider and approve the signing of the enclosed minutes by the Chairman of the meeting of the 14th September 2009.**

Cllr. Chishick raised an issue with para 09/180(e) and asked that the work 'available' be changed to 'secured'. With this amendment, Cllr. Bronsdon proposed and Cllr. Moore seconded the approval of the minutes and this was agreed.

**09/197 Matters arising.**

a) Programme of Works. Previously circulated. The Clerk went through the various items on the list. Cllr. Mrs Stanford gave the Clerk the date of July 2008 to be added to the Rye Harbour sign item, expressed concern at the delay in dealing with this item and also mentioned that it was important that items were dealt with in some sort of order.

b) Vandalism on Pound Field. Cllr. Bronsdon took the view that the notice (which has been delayed whilst the roof is treated with anti-climbing paint) should be erected to warn that intent on causing damage may result in the shelter being removed. He also pointed out that the notice would need to have a warning about the anti-climbing paint as this can affect people's clothing.

c) Tree Survey. The Clerk updated the meeting on this. He passed on some information from Houlbec Forestry that it may not be possible to complete the entire survey this autumn, in which case it may have to be suspended until spring when leaf growth re-emerges.

d) Cllr. Mrs Stanford informed the meeting that we were unaware that there was a meeting on the Friday following the Monday meeting and the Clerk had not informed HORAC In time that the council had approved her representing them, thus she had not been appointed to HORAC.

## **09/198 Financial Matters.**

a) Receipts and payments report for year to 30th September 2009. Cllr. Stanford asked if payments such as the churchyard payment could be split out under different ward headings to give a better idea of spending in each ward and raised the issue of there being no separate Winchelsea Beach grouping of payments. The Clerk said that he would do his best to make sure that spending was shown by ward but this was not always practicable. Proposed by Cllr. Thompson, seconded by Cllr. Terry, that the report be approved. Agreed.

b) To approve items of payment for October 2009. The Clerk tabled items of expenditure totalling £6,942.80 for October which concerned cheques numbered 2166 to 2178 sequentially, plus £730.00 Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr. Bronsdon, seconded by Cllr. Moore, that the payments be approved. Agreed.

c) Budget 2010-11. The Clerk reminded councillors of the approaching budget discussions in November, and onwards, and the need for councillors to remind him of any particular projects they had in mind. Staff Salaries. It was proposed by Cllr. Horsman and seconded by Cllr. Bronsdon that these be taken under confidential business and this was agreed.

## **09/199 Correspondence.**

a) Reply from Highways re speeding issues at Icklesham (circulated). It was noted that no immediate improvements are in prospect. However, the Highways Agency is currently carrying out a speed limit review on the entire A259. Any improvements will need to wait for the conclusion of the review.

b) The Clerk drew particular attention to a response from the East Sussex Highways Agency about the free car park sign at Rye Harbour. He will discuss further with Cllr. Mrs Stanford.

c) SALC Annual General Meeting 2009. A reminder that this meeting takes places on 6th November.

d) Concerns had been raised about the use of Icklesham Recreation Ground on Sundays by a Hastings Youth Team. Cllr. Mrs Merricks said she had not been at the meeting but had emailed the Clerk with background information to the council's original agreement with the team. The Chairman said he thought it had been agreed that the Clerk would write to the club. The Clerk said the item had been raised under Correspondence and, as the team were effectively in contravention of an agreement agreed by Council, it needed to be brought back as an agenda item for further action. Cllr. Mrs Merricks said she thought this was how it had been left, that it would be brought back as an agenda item.

e) Council was also updated in respect of the petitions submitted by ward councillors in respect of the Remembrance Day wreath laying ceremony. The meeting was advised by ward councillors that the number of signees was now 125.

f) Finally, the Clerk raised the issue of local action plans. He had received an email from David Young (Chairman of RALC and also the Rother Local Action Plan Support Programmes Steering Group) offering a significant degree of help with the drawing up of local action plans. The Clerk advised the meeting that, although the help was likely to be extremely valuable, it would require ward councillors to act as leads in respect of liaison on the part of IPC. It was agreed that this matter be brought back to the November agenda. In the meantime, councillors are asked to consider whether they wish to play a part in this process.

**09/200 Winchelsea Beach Community Association seek permission to hold their annual bonfire and firework event on Harbour Field on the evening of Sunday 25th October.**

Cllr. Sutton reminded the meeting of his declaration of interests. It was proposed by Cllr. Bronsdon, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Stanford, that this be approved. Agreed.

**09/201 Pear Tree Marsh allotments - water supply.**

Cllr. Bronsdon reminded Council of the background to this. He understands that Southern Water do not have to be the contractors to lay piping from the nearest water connection point in Tanyard Lane and suggests that the Clerk gets a quote from an alternative source to do this. He then discussed potential solutions for pumping water from the river to the site. He had obtained indicative costs for installing a petrol pump and associated equipment. It is believed this would cost less than £1000 to install. He also discussed solar pumping solutions. These had the disadvantage of only operating efficiently in bright sunlight although he is informed they will work, albeit if inefficiently, in ordinary daylight. There would be a cost of between £2500-£3000. Cllr. Terry said that Winchelsea ward councillors were getting quotes for solar solutions. He expressed some concern about fire risk with a petrol pump but agreed the need to compare solutions and prices. Councillors were asked to submit all data to the Clerk to collate. Council will then seek to include indicative costs of any agreed solution in the budget for 2010-11.

**09/202 Boot Fairs.**

Cllr. Thompson said that Patrick Cox-Smith had already outlined the issues. The Boot Fairs at alternative ends of the village, and the Bonfire Celebrations, contribute to major traffic, parking and behavioural problems. Cllr. Thompson queried whether the Robin Hood needed specific licensing for the events that they held. The Clerk was instructed to write to Rother District Council in respect of planning issues and for effective marshalling of traffic. He was to write similarly to the police and Highways Agency. It was proposed by Cllr.

Mrs Stanford and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Lyward that this be done and approved.

**09/203 Reports from Council Representative.**

Cllr. Moore reported briefly from the last meeting of the Rye Harbour Youth Forum. Cllr. Mrs Stanford reported on recent meetings of the SALC Committee and RALC.

**09/204 Matters to be referred to the next agenda.**

There were none.

**09/205 Date and venue for the next meeting.**

This was confirmed as Monday 9th November at Rye Harbour Village Hall, commencing at 7.15p.m., preceded by a Police Priority Panel meeting at 6.45p.m.

Approved