

ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 11th April 2011 at 7.15pm at Rye Harbour Village hall, Rye Harbour

Present: Councillors Mrs F Bates, C Bronsdon, B Chishick, B Drew, J Horsman (Chairman), Mrs L Lyward, Mrs C Merricks, A Moore, Mrs J Stanford, H Sutton and B Thompson.

In attendance: Councillor N Ramus, S Foreman (Clerk & RFO), D Rosewell (Temporary Clerk).

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| 11/06 3 | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.15pm and reminded all present the meeting was being recorded. |
| 11/06 4 | There being no members of the public present there were no questions to be tendered. |
| 11/06 5 | To receive reports and ask questions of Councillors K Glazier, N Ramus and P Osborne concerning County Council and Rother District Council matters. Councillors Glazier and Osborne gave their apologies. Councillor Ramus drew attention to the consultation underway to the seashore byelaws (elsewhere on the agenda). Concern had been raised by a number of anglers as to whether this would restrict access but any concerns would be considered as part of the consultation. Councillor Ramus thanked the members of Icklesham parish council for their support during his period in office. |
| 11/06 6 | The Chairman now opened the formal meeting at 7.20pm. |
| 11/06 7 | To receive and record any apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Councillors Comotto and Terry. |
| 11/06 8 | Disclosure of interests Councillor A Moore declared a prejudicial and personal interest in item 14 of the agenda. |
| 11/06 9 | To consider and approve the signing of the minutes by the Chairman of the meeting of 14th March 2011. Approval was proposed by Councillor Bronsdon and seconded by Councillor Mrs Stanford. Agreed. |
| 11/70 | Matters Arising. a/ An item should have been on this agenda concerning the obstruction of Smeatons Lane and the Council's wish to contact the resident concerned. Agree this should be on the following agenda for the meeting on 9 th May 2011. b/ Minute number 11/060 was seconded by Councillor Bronsdon and not Councillor Horsman. |
| 11/71 | Programme of works for March 2011. a/ Smeatons Lane. It was agreed the contractor had carried out the work well but there will be a need to reconsider surfacing in the future. b/ Repairs to Icklesham Bus Shelter. To be discussed at the next meeting. This may include the adjacent fencing. c/ Icklesham Cricket Club Portacabin. Chairman has asked Chairman of Cricket Club for a meeting. |

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| | <p>d/ Flag pole Rye Harbour. Now have a proposed start date subject to weather conditions.</p> <p>e/ Plaque to commemorate Michael Alford had been received, was shown to those present and will shortly be erected in Rye Harbour Village Hall.</p> <p>f/ Pear Tree Marsh Ditch. This was discussed at the meeting on 14th March when Mr Pope the owner of land adjacent attended as a member of the public. This matter to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting to bring this to a conclusion.</p> <p>g/ Basketball area at Winchelsea Beach. Elsewhere on the agenda but the Council expressed thanks to the Deputy Clerk for her hard work in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.</p> |
| 11/72 | <p>Financial Matters.</p> <p>a/ Receipts and payments for the year to 31st March 2011. A paper setting out the transaction was attached to the agenda. Approval was proposed by Councillor Bronsdon and seconded by Councillor Thompson. Approved.</p> <p>b/ To approve items for payment for April 2011. A list of payments totalling £6,808.88 was tabled by the Clerk represented by cheques numbered 2426-2440 sequentially plus a standing order for £230.00. There was a query for the payment of £3.36 to Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board. It was explained this related to drainage of allotments. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Stanford and seconded by Councillor Thompson. Approved.</p> <p>c/ The Clerk sought approval to a change in electricity supplier for Winchelsea Street Lighting to Haven Power which will result in an initial saving of 13 per cent over current costs. Future price fluctuations were discussed and it was agreed that if the cost increases the opportunity could be taken to test the market again. The change to Haven Power, subject to the Clerk completing an appraisal of the contract, was proposed by Councillor Bronsdon and seconded by Councillor Mrs Stanford. Approved subject to the Clerk being satisfied as to the contractual arrangements.</p> |
| 11/73 | <p>Roman Coin Find at Winchelsea Allotments.</p> <p>Councillor Comotto proposed the Council write to each plot holder at the Cricket Field/Hogtrough Lane allotments inviting them to return a Roman coin found on the land and reported to the Finds Liaison Officer to the land owner which is either the Parish Council or the National Trust. There being no seconder for the motion no further action was to be taken.</p> |
| 11/74 | <p>Hogtrough Lane Footpath.</p> <p>The Council discussed the potential liability should any work be undertaken to repair or improve the footpath and whether to close off the gate. It was proposed by Councillor Bronsdon that Icklesham Parish Council do not fund any works but that the Clerk write to East Sussex County Council requesting it inspects the path and carries out any necessary works at its expense. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Stanford. Agreed.</p> |
| 11/75 | <p>Basketball Goal, Winchelsea Beach.</p> <p>The Council were pleased the grant application had been successful. Councillor Lyward reported that additional funding was available from the local group proposing this work. After discussion it was considered best to proceed with the offer of second hand equipment thus freeing resources to ensure an adequate degree of hard surfacing is provided. Councillor Mrs Lyward proposed the Council accept the offer of second hand equipment and the Clerk to bring detailed costings to the meeting on 9th May 2011 for detailed consideration by the Council. This was seconded by Councillor Stanford. Approved.</p> |
| 11/76 | <p>Grant Application from Rye Harbour Youth Group.</p> <p>Councillor Moore disclosed a prejudicial and personal interest in this item and left</p> |

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| | <p>the room while it was discussed and a decision made by the Council. An application for £350.00 towards the purchase of sports equipment was submitted to the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Bronsdon and seconded by Councillor Mrs Stanford that a grant of £350 is made to the Rye Harbour Youth Group. Agreed. Councillor Moore returned to the meeting.</p> |
| 11/77 | <p>Rother District Council Consultation for revised Promenade and Seashore Byelaws This was noted with interest.</p> |
| 11/78 | <p>Reports of Councillors Representing Icklesham Parish Council and attending Outside Bodies. a/ Councillor Mrs Stanford attended a meeting of HORAC on 2nd march 2011. Rye has been awarded Eco Port Status due to the high standard of the Port. Only 3 English ports had been successful among 80 in the EU who had applied. Mr Bagwell, the current Harbour Master retired on 8th April 2011. A new Harbour master has been recruited. There is no increase in Harbour charges and there are no proposals from Government to change administrative arrangements until a review in 2014. b/ Councillor Mrs Stanford attended a meeting of Exercise Watermark on 5th March 2011. This was organised by Anthony Kimber to discuss the risk of flood and was attended by Rother District Council and The Environment Agency. Good quality published information is available from the Environment agency and it would benefit residents of Rye Harbour and Winchelsea if these could be promoted by the Council and entered into the local action plan. c/ The Chairman attended a meeting of Winchelsea Little Shop Association Ltd (an Industrial and Provident Society). The meeting had considered and discussed the accounts, re-elected four officers, 2 officers had resigned and it had offered a loan to the trustees of Winchelsea New Hall which was refused. The Clerk will be writing to the Secretary of the Association requesting a copy of the constitution and adequate notice of meetings to enable the Council's representative attending meetings to obtain Council instructions prior to attending meetings where this is necessary.</p> |
| 11/79 | <p>Matters to be referred to the next agenda. As discussed in the items above: a/ Smeatons Lane obstruction b/ Basketball Goal, Winchelsea Beach c/ Pear Tree Marsh Ditch There were no other items to be referred to the next agenda</p> |
| 11/80 | <p>Date and venue for next meeting. The date of the next full Council meeting which will also be the Annual General Meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th May 2011 at the New Hall, Winchelsea commencing at 7.15pm.</p> |
| | <p>In closing the meeting the Chairman thanked Councillors Mrs F Bates, B Drew and B Thompson who were not standing for re-election and who had worked hard on behalf of the Council. He also expressed his thanks to all his fellow councillors for their work over the past Council year and thanked Derek Rosewell for acting as Temporary Clerk for the past few months. Thanks were expressed from all other councillors present to the Chair for his work during the year and to the Deputy Clerk for her support and assistance. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.</p> |
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