

MINUTES OF ROTHERWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST 2018

Members: Cllr Hugh Radesk (Chairman), Cllr Lucy Bardwell (Vice Chairman) & Cllr Katy Fox.

Also present: Mrs Susan Richardson, Clerk & RFO to the Council, taking the minutes & Hart District Cllr Jane Worlock.

48/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Daniel Margetson, District Cllr Brian Burchfield & County Cllr Jonathan Glen

49/18 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

50/18 Public Participation

(a) Hart's Joint Chief Executive, Patricia Hughes advised that she has been visiting Town and Parish Councils to meet everyone. Ms Hughes highlighted the new monthly Hart Parish Link e-communication which advertises free training opportunities, discusses local topics as well as encouraging open communication links. Ms Hughes also advised that the Hart Local Plan has been delayed with public examination expected during November and adoption in July 2019.

(b) Two Residents from Newnham attended the PC meeting to update and seek the support of members following the Appeal under Section 78 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to the proposed Owens Farm Development of 700 dwellings. (Appendix Four).

51/18 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Katy Fox proposed that the minutes 32/18 to 47/18 are accepted as a true record of the Council meeting held on the 18th July 2018. Cllr Lucy Bardwell seconded. **It was RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the minutes.

ROUTINE BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION

52/18 Task List Progress Updates (Information Only) - (i) The Clerk updated the meeting on her individual tasks both closed & outstanding. (ii) Each Councillor, present, updated the meeting on their individual tasks both closed and outstanding.

FINANCE

53/18 It was AGREED to Approve

- (i) (a) The payments on account as presented, Appendix One.
- (i) (b) O M Barraclough's Invoice for £216.00. The work inspected by Cllrs Radesk & Bardwell was deemed acceptable.
- (i) (c) The Clerk's Expenses for 16 months recharge of Office 365 in the sum of £63.92.
- (ii) The receipts on account as presented, Appendix One.
- (iii) The Bank Reconciliation to 31st July 2018, Appendix Three. Cllr Bardwell duly signed the Bank Reconciliation and corresponding bank statements as per May Agenda Item 10/18 (i) (d).

PLANNING

54/18 To consider and make comment on the following planning applications received from Hart District Council;

- (i) **18/0132/LBC Old House, Strouds Green Lane, Rotherwick RG27 9BB** to build a boundary wall. **It was AGREED** to offer no objection to this planning application.

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- (i) **18/01558/HOU Woodside, Wedmans Lane, Rotherwick, RG27 9BT** for erection of two storey rear extension, two storey front extension and change of materials from brick to render. **It was AGREED** that the Parish Council would respond as;

The Parish Council requests that a condition is placed on the colour of the render used and the type of bricks to ensure that they are in keeping with the neighbouring properties.

RPC also request the standard conditions restricting parking of contractor vehicles and delivery/storage of materials to within the application site, i.e. not on Wedmans Lane. These measures should be retained throughout the duration of the construction period in the interests of highway safety and to satisfy saved policy GEN 1 in the Hart District Local Plan. The Parish Council also requests a condition to repair any damage caused to the verges in Wedmans Lane as a result of the proposed development. To protect the amenity of nearby residential occupiers and to satisfy saved policy GEN1 of the Hart District Local Plan, we request the standard condition that no development or delivery of materials shall take place at the site except between 07:30 hours to 18:00 hours weekdays or 08:00 to 13:00 hours Saturdays. No development or demolition work or deliveries of materials shall take place on Sundays or Public Holidays.

PROPOSALS & RESOLUTIONS

55/18 To Receive & Resolve

- (i) A proposal to part fund a Traffic Consultant Report relating to 18/00805/PRIOR Agricultural Grain Store, Frog Lane, Rotherwick, Hook. **It was RESOLVED**, that RPC would, in 'principle', be amenable to part fund a Traffic Consultant's Report upon receipt of clearer intentions and timings.

ADMINISTRATION

56/18 General Council Administrative Matters

- (i) HMRC Real Time - **It was NOTED** that, RPC have no obligation to enter the Clerk's salary into the HMRC's Real Time system as the £116.00 per week level is not reached.
- (ii) Co-Option Councillor Vacancies - **It was AGREED** to launch a recruitment campaign for the two Co-Option positions utilising Mail Chimp, Rotherwick News, display posters in public areas as well a flyer being inserted into the RN. Costs involved in advertising in other publications will also be investigated. Local 'Artistic' assistance with the posters and flyers will be sought.
- (iii) Fracking - As members of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England - www.cpre.org.uk) Rotherwick Parish Council received an email advising;

Recent government proposals to fast-track fracking are getting closer to reality.

The government want to make it possible to drill test wells for non-hydraulic fracking without needing to apply for planning permission, using planning tools intended to approve low-impact developments like conservatories – not fracking.

They're proposing that fracking decisions can be forced through from national government – disregarding community opposition and overstepping local councils' autonomy.

*The proposals are being consulted on right now. Will you **help us make sure your local council knows the impact of these proposals** and urge them to raise concerns with your MP?*

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It was **AGREED** (a) to offer our support in upholding the requirements for planning permission by writing a letter to our Local MP & Local Council Leaders. (b) to MailChimp Rotherwick residents as well as providing details and links on our website at www.rotherwick.org.uk

- (iv) New Service for Rural Crime Reporting - The National Farmers' Union has launched a new service for farmers and the public to give information anonymously about rural crime, in partnership with the charity Crimestoppers. It was **AGREED** to upload the following link to the Parish website. For more details: <https://www.nfuonline.com/news/latest-news/nfu-and-crimestoppers-launch-new-rural-crime-reporting-line/>
- (v) Policing Priorities Quarterly Meeting - It was **AGREED** that Cllr Katy Fox would also attend the quarterly meetings on behalf of Rotherwick Parish Council. A physical representative would provide mutual benefit rather than a written update. The next meeting 30th October 2018.

57/18 PAVILION, PLAYING FIELDS & PLAYGROUND

- (i) Inspection - It was noted and recorded that, during the last Pavilion inspection a broken window was noted as well as main windows and bar gate having not been locked causing security risks. Following the new veranda flooring being fitted it is also disappointing to note that, it is covered in 'stud holes' from cricket shoes. The Cricket Club have been contacted. Also noted was a fallen branch along the left-hand side near the perimeter which we will arrange to be removed. The playground equipment has a few loose connections which will be dealt with immediately. The annual playground inspection is due in September.
- (ii) Pavilion Works - No further quotations were available.
- (iii) Walking Upright Station - No quotations were available to discuss.

58/18 HUDSON COPSE

- (i) Inspection - It was noted and recorded that, during the last inspection on Wednesday the 15th August no areas of damage or concern were noted.
- (ii) Fencing - No quotations were available to discuss.
- (iii) Pathways - It was **AGREED** to approve the additional wood chipping cost, which remains the same as last year. To achieve optimum support & success the Hudson Copse Lead Cllr, will identify a suitable weekend date and arrange the call for volunteers. Once established the wood chippings will be ordered for delivery.

59/18 VILLAGE AMENITIES

- (i) Defib Inspection - It was noted and recorded that, the defibrillator during the last inspection on Wednesday 15th July, was in good working order. A quotation has been obtained for a replacement cabinet sticker in the sum of £46.62 inclusive of VAT. It was **AGREED** that we would revisit to remedy ourselves as this price was disproportionately expensive.
- (ii) Telephone Box - Repainting/Box Exchange
All paints and consumables are now with the Village Residents who have kindly offered to undertake the repainting over the next couple of weeks.
Discussion took place regarding the intention of the Telephone Box as a Book Exchange. The expectation is that, books will be taken and not necessarily returned but may find themselves in other Book Exchanges at railway stations, churches, village halls etc. Items are left in good faith, with this intention, and its difficult to monitor alternative intentions.

60/18 **HIGHWAYS** - No further updates other than to say that our next meeting with Highways is

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scheduled for early September. Members acknowledged the positive relationship enjoyed with Highways.

61/18 FOOTPATHS & VERGES - It was noted that **(a)** tree debris has been discarded in the verge along Hook Road. We will, as the first call, report via Fix My Street. **(b)** the damage between the footpath & fence by the school, which the Parish reported via Fix My Street, has been repaired. **(c)** It was noted that there is a lot of rubbish and debris scattered along Rotherwick Lane leading to Frog Lane for which we will look to clear under the Lengthsman Scheme.

62/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 19th September 2018, Rotherwick Village Hall, The Street, Rotherwick, RG27 9GB at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 21.18

Post Meeting Update

50/18 (a) After the meeting Patricia Hughes circulated, to all local Parish Councils, Hart's publication – A guide to Hart District Council Services (Who we are What we do.....) 'Residents' Guide' which is now on our website at www.rotherwick.org.uk

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APPENDIX ONE - Agenda Item 53/18 (i)

PAYEE	Nett £	VAT £	Gross £	Details	Payment
Premier Ground & Garden Maintenance	520.00	104.00	624.00	Grass cutting, strimming & boundary weed management	Transfer
O A Barraclough Limited	1451.00	290.20	1741.20	New Pavilion veranda flooring. 11/18 (iv)	Transfer
O A Barraclough Limited	127.00	25.40	152.40	Fit Pavilion window locks. 11/18 (iv)	Transfer
O A Barraclough Limited	180.00	36.00	216.00	Anchor Memorial Bench & Renew Plank Bench. 53/18(i)(a)	Transfer
Mrs S Richardson	63.92	0.00	63.92	Office 365 recharge for 16 months @ £3.99. 53/18 (i) (b)	Transfer

APPENDIX TWO - Agenda Item 53/18 (ii)

PAYER			Gross £	Details	Payment
Rotherwick ITW Cricket Club			625.00	Second payment for Cricket Ground & Pavilion Hire	
SE Water Choice			17.85	Refund at Account Close to new supplier	Statement 9

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APPENDIX THREE - Agenda Item 53/18 (ii)

BANK RECONCILIATION

To 31/07/2018

Lloyds Bank

Current Bank Account 43763468

Balance per statement number 9 £ 35,810.62

Natwest Bank

Business Reserve Account 86551256

Balance per statement number 60 £ 63,148.28

Less unpresented cheques as at 31/07/2018

Cheque numbers 33 £ -14.04

Error Cheque 000020 against what was debited £ 5.00

Total cash at bank £ 98,949.86

Susan Richardson

Responsible Financial Officer to Rotherwick Parish Council

Dated 19/08/2018

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APPENDIX FOUR - Agenda Item 50/18

Overview & Update

Appeal Under Section 78 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 - Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook, Hampshire EG27 9NG. Outline permission for the development of 700 dwellings, a 2hs site for primary school, a 0.5ha site for a nursery, a 245m2 retail facility, a 284m2 community facility together with associated vehicular access, pedestrian and cycle access, open space and landscape works. All matters other than access are reserved for consideration at a later date.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Hart District Council to Refuse Planning Permission. The appeal will be determined on the basis of an inquiry. It should be noted that, if members wish to attend the Inquiry to give evidence, a cost may be incurred towards legal costs and cross examination by a Barrister should be expected.

Further comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so on line at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or emailing Helen Skinner helen.skinner@pins.gsi.gov.uk who will receive all previous representations made to review. **The deadline for submission to the appeal is 11th September 2018. Ensuring the Appeal Reference is quoted APP/N1730/W/18/3206951.**

Hook Action Against Over-Development Group (Hook Action Group) have committed to 'vigorously challenge and oppose the unnecessary and unwanted application' which is outside of the Hart Local Plan. The material submitted by the developer is over 400 pages long. Hook Action Group will be carefully evaluating the developers' case and will come back with advice later this month. Cllr Worlock said that Hook Action Group were actively working on a response to the Appeal, which they will share with RPC as soon as it is crafted. They also plan to host a meeting where Newnham, Old Basing and Rotherwick representatives would be invited.

In April 2018 Rotherwick Parish Council submitted their objection to the Planning Application. **It was AGREED** to reaffirm the contents of that objection to the Planning Inspectorate, as well as highlighting this requirement to the Rotherwick residents, who previously lodged an objection, via a MailChimp and the parish website.