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Minutes

A Full Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 19th June 2018 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. K. Jordan (Chairman)
Cllrs. P. Atkins, S. Avery, N. Belcher, E. Berry, M. Cornwall, M Evans, M. Lethem, J. Millam and P Olbrich.

Public present: none

In attendance: Mrs B Newell, Locum Clerk, and Cllr. J. Sheppard.

18/099.Apologies for absence: none.

18/100.Declarations of Interest: none.

18/101.Questions/comments from members of the public: none.

18/102.Items considered as a matter of urgency: none.

18/103.To agree the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15th May 2018: the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/104.To receive and if thought fit approve financial reports for May 2018: receipts for the month totalled £7,357, including a grant of £7,176 to meet costs relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. Payments totalled £29,362, including £22,397 paid to the contractor refurbishing the Sports Pavilion and £3,207 for the annual insurance premium. Cllr. Cornwall proposed and Cllr. Avery seconded a motion that the financial statements be approved and this was agreed.

18/105.To agree the dates in 2019 for meetings of the Full Council and the Planning and Environs Committee: Cllr. Lethem proposed and Cllr. Olbrich seconded a motion that the dates proposed by the Clerk should be approved and this was agreed.

18/106.To receive a report on the Warrs Hill footpath: Cllr. Evans thanked Cllr. Sheppard for being present and for his continued interest in the Parish Council.

The advice from ESCC is that they are unwilling to proceed with the design and the building of the footpath. This is because their assessment is that as the footpath would run on SSSI and common land it would not receive approval from National England or the Secretary of State. Cllr. Evans therefore suggested the Council should consider other projects in the village that require funding for accessibility and

which would meet the requirements of the original Section 106 agreement. He reminded Councillors that the monies will be returned if no project takes place. Various projects were looked at that could fall within the remit of the Section 106 agreement, such as the Mill Lane crossing or improved alternative access to New Heritage.

Cllr. Evans requested that two projects rather than were considered, one being Mill Lane. Cllr. Jordan suggested that this item be deferred to the next Full Council meeting and that the relevant extracts from the 106 should be made available to Councillors.

Further discussion took place. Cllr. Berry said she and the residents of the New Heritage are disappointed that support from ESCC for the footpath has been withdrawn. She suggested that the Council give her and Cllr. Atkins time to talk to the other residents to ascertain other possible projects. Cllr. Berry will be able to raise this matter at the New Heritage AGM meeting on 20th June 2018 where it would be discussed. However, she would also like the opportunity and time to speak with other people who will not be attending the AGM. Cllr. Berry intimated that lack of parking on the New Heritage site is a problem. Traffic calming measures could be considered on Warrs Hill Road. Cllr. Berry acknowledged the issues surrounding Mill Lane but was firmly of the opinion that some of the available funds should directly benefit New Heritage.

Cllr. Berry asked where Council were on the Mill Lane crossing quote. Cllr. Evans reminded Councillors that the suggestion was that Highways for a fee of £500 would offer a consultancy service regarding this. Councillors discussed putting this out to private tender. An idea of cost for the crossing would be helpful at this stage. The Clerk was asked to provide this information at next meeting.

Cllr. Evans agreed to precis the relevant parts of the 106 Agreement and to circulate these before the next Full Council meeting.

18/107.To receive a report on a meeting with interested parties on the future management of Chailey Commons: Cllr. Avery updated Councillors. An interesting meeting had been held with most landowners represented. LDC and ESCC also had representatives present. The future management of the Common was discussed, and the proposal was made that the Parish Council should re-activate the Management Committee as it is constituted under the 1966 and 1968 Local Nature Reserve agreements. He reminded Councillors that a few years ago ESCC tried to dissolve the existing arrangements and had put forward an alternative proposal which had not been agreed. Therefore, the existing agreements are still in force. It was thought that the best way forward would be to re-activate the management committee. Cllr Avery added that there had been some confusion as to why ESCC had declined to accept yearly payments of £9,200 that are supposed to be provided by LDC towards the costs of the management of the Commons. Overall, commons management does not appear to cost ESCC very much money at all, being quite good value for money. North Common freeholders are not part of the management committee but would like a voice: this to be discussed at next Chailey Commons meeting. There will be another meeting of the interested parties in one month's time.

18/108.To receive a report on the Sports Pavilion: the Clerk's report was read out. Most of the work is nearly completed with just painting of the changing room floors to be done together with the fitting of grilles to the windows. The original completion date was mid-April, but Councillors had been sympathetic to one month's delay due to the appalling weather in March. Now, in mid-June, consideration will need to be given as to what penalty can/should be levied. The Clerk has a few matters to sort out, principally the kitchen which he will discuss with the Club. On the future agreement with the Club, the Clerk has tried to answer questions from the Council's Solicitor and is waiting to hear back from him. The Clerk will report further at next month's meeting. Councillors are pleased with the works carried out, although they noted that the turf laid should be watered before drying out too much. Cllr Jordan will raise this with the Clerk.

18/109. To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Jordan reported that in the first week of July there will be an important meeting of the Steering Group and our Consultant. Cllr. Avery asked if this would be a face to face meeting or on skype. Cllr. Jordan was unsure and would inform the Steering group.

Cllr. Berry said that, according to their website, LDC has admitted that they do not have sufficient housing to meet the five year target. Cllr Berry wondered if this would impact on the Neighbourhood Plan, but thought that it may well impact on future planning applications. Cllr. Jordan replied that it would only impact on the Plan indirectly as it is not proposed to allocate sites. If LDC decide that they have to make changes and increase number of houses in Chailey or adding additional allocated sites, then this would affect the NHP.

18/110.To receive verbal report of the Council's participation in a proposed Good Neighbours Scheme:

Cllr. Berry reported that she had attended a meeting at Newick which was run by Action in Rural Sussex. AiRS would be available to do a presentation to Chailey and carry out a survey to decide if Chailey want to run a good neighbours' scheme. This would be a local voluntary run scheme to help vulnerable people needing help with transport, shopping etc. This is not something that the PC could be actively involved with but might be in a position to help with a grant. Cllr. Berry will draft something to go on the website and in Chailey News.

18/111.To receive verbal reports from Councillors on their area(s) of responsibility and/or on their involvement with village organisations:

Cllr. Belcher reported that second round of CPR training will take place in October. The volunteers unfortunately cannot do this any earlier. Cllr. Belcher will secure a date and book the village hall. The session will be open to all for training.

Cllr. Olbrich asked for the football nets at Rowheath to be minuted for the Clerk's attention.

18/112. To note and consider any implications arising from the Council's duty under section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998: nothing to report.

At this point Cllr Sheppard left the meeting.

18/113. Confidential matters: to consider a resolution of exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 in order to discuss items of a confidential or commercially sensitive nature: Cllr. Jordan proposed and Cllr. Berry seconded a motion to exclude the press and public and this was agreed. Councillors discussed a report by a Councillor about his involvement with a local organisation.

18/114. Date of the next meeting of the Full Council: Tuesday 17th July, at 7.30pm at the Reading Room, Chailey Green.

**Signed:
Chairman**

Ken Jordan

Date: 17th July 2018