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Minutes

A Full Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 19th February 2019 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. K. Jordan (Chair)
Cllrs. P. Atkins, S. Avery, M. Cornwall, M. Evans, M. Lethem, J. Millam,
P. Olbrich and J Tregenza.

Public present: one.

In attendance: S Treharne, Clerk to the Council and Cllr. J Sheppard.

19/021.Apologies for absence: Cllrs. N Belcher and E. Berry.

19/022.Declarations of interest: none.

19/023.Questions/comments from members of the public: with the agreement of the member of public present, this item was deferred (see 19/025 below)

19/024.Items considered as a matter of urgency:

Lewes DC: Cllr. Jordan advised that he proposed to raise at a forthcoming meeting of the Lewes District Association of Local Councils the difficulties being experienced by residents and the Council when trying to make contact with the District Council. Councillors were asked to advise Cllr. Jordan of any instances of difficulty.

19/025.To receive a report on the Sports Pavilion: by agreement this item was moved up the agenda.

The Chairman of Chailey Sports Club spoke to give an update and to identify works that need to be completed. He stressed the Club's desire to get the works done and its willingness to help, including with funding.

The Clerk circulated a note of the current position, including the outstanding works, which was considered by Councillors. Actions to be undertaken by both the Council and the Club were agreed.

Cllr. Cornwall reported that he had attended a meeting at the Pavilion with the Club, accompanied by Cllrs. Atkins and Lethem and by the Clerk. This had helped to identify the outstanding issues. The opportunity had also been taken to consider whether it would be possible to reinstate a working bar at the pavilion.

Cllr. Evans proposed and Cllr. Olbrich seconded a motion that a further one year licence for the Club to occupy the pavilion from 23rd March 2019 be agreed by the Council on the same terms as the licence currently in force. This was agreed. It was also agreed that Cllrs. Atkins and Cornwall should sign the new licence on behalf of the Council.

19/026.To agree the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22nd January 2019: the minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

19/027.To receive and if thought fit approve financial reports for January 2019: receipts for the month were £613 and payments totalled £9,697. The Clerk drew attention to payments made to Chrysalis Construction (£2,477), Chailey Parish Hall (£1,569), Barcombe Landscapes (£1,380) and UK Debt Management (£2,097).Cllr. Avery proposed and Cllr. Lethem seconded a motion that the financial reports be approved and this was agreed.

The Clerk advised that he had received notification from Lewes DC that the figure for the number of Band D households in Chailey, as previously notified by Lewes DC, had been overstated by about 5 households. Other Parish Councils had also been given incorrect figures. The difference was not material and did not affect either the agreed budget for 2019/20 or the amount of the precept to be raised. However, it did have a small affect on individual households, in that the annual amount to be paid by a Band D household would increase

by 13 pence (from £47.10 to £47.23). This meant that some of the information published by the Clerk about next year's precept and Council Tax was now marginally inaccurate and he proposed to post an explanation on the website. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Lewes DC expressing its disappointment at Lewes DC's error.

19/028.To receive a briefing on the forthcoming Parish Council elections: the Clerk introduced a briefing paper prepared by him in advance of the forthcoming elections about the mechanics of the elections and the work of the Council during and after the election period. The paper will also be of use to those considering standing in the elections and who are not currently a member of the Council and it will be posted on the website.

19/029.To receive a report on report on possible projects (the crossing in South Chailey and play provision in the village): the Clerk reported that he had heard from ESCC who are still to obtain the documents from the previous feasibility study.

19/030.To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Jordan reported that it was hoped that the finalised draft plan will be available for scrutiny by the Council in March. The intention is to start the regulation 14 consultation at the Annual Parish meeting.

19/031.To receive verbal reports from Councillors on their area(s) of responsibility and/or on their involvement with village organisations:

Cllr. Olbrich reported that the tree on Cinder Hill had not been removed. The Clerk would contact the contractor.

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about a damaged post at the western pinch point on Beggars Wood Road.

Cllr. Evans reported that the Friends of Chailey Windmill are looking into the options and costs of replacing the back door to the windmill as it leaks badly.

Cllr. Lethem advised that he and Cllr. Olbrich would be attending the meeting of the Planning Applications Committee of Lewes DC on 20th February 2019 at which the Kings Head planning applications are to be considered.

19/032.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.

19/033.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. Olbrich seconded a motion that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting. This was agreed. Councillors considered matters relating to the performance and pay of employees.

19/034.Date of the next meeting of the Full Council: Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm at the Reading Room, Chailey Green.

Signed: *Peter Olbrich*
Chair

Date: *19th March 2019*