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**Minutes**

**A Meeting of the Full Council was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green, commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr. M Evans (Chairman).  
Cllrs. P Atkins, S. Avery, R Barnard, K. Jordan, K Matthews, J. Millam,  
P.O'Conor and P Olbrich.

**Public present:** None

**In attendance:** S Treharne (Clerk) and Cllr J Sheppard

**16/193.Apologies for absence:** none.

**16/194.Declarations of interest:** none.

**16/195.Questions/comments from members of the public:** none.

**16/196.Items considered as a matter of urgency:**

**Broadband box at Chailey Green:** Cllr. Evans reported that he had been contacted by a resident of Chailey Green about the works currently under way to install a new box at Chailey Green. Two concerns had been raised and the Clerk reported that he had met a representative from BT Openreach and the resident concerned. It had been explained that BT had permitted rights to install such boxes as long as they had comply with a code of conduct and all necessary consents from the relevant planning and highways authorities were in place. The Clerk had been assured that all such consents are in place for the Chailey Green box. The second concern, the possible blocking of sight lines by the box, had been discussed by BT with the resident who could, if she thought fit, take the matter further with ESCC Highway. It was agreed that no further action was required on the part of the Parish Council.

**Parking in the layby opposite the former St Mary's Church:** the Clerk reported that his attention had been drawn to two white box vans which park in the layby, sometimes overnight. It was agreed that the layby was intended for short term use only, for example by school buses and related traffic. The Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the vans and to ask that they are parked elsewhere.

**16/197.To agree the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016:**  
the minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

**16/198.To consider and if thought fit approve financial reports for November 2016:** receipts in November were £32 and payments £3,275. Receipts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (excluding the precept and support grant received of £55,022) total £1,637 and payments £43,388. Councillors' attention was drawn to the analysis of payments by category shown in the financial reports, to the detailed breakdown of the receipts and payments for the month and to the bank reconciliation attached.

Cllr. Olbrich proposed and Cllr. Jordan seconded a motion that the financial reports be approved and this was agreed.

**16/199.To consider the provision of defibrillators in the Parish:** in Cllr. Belcher's absence further consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

**16/200.To receive a report on the progress made with the Sports Pavilion:** the Clerk reported that there has been an exchange of emails about the electrical works (which have been completed) and the Sports Club's need for power to be reinstated to the kitchen. He reminded Councillors that the forthcoming refurbishment works would lead to alterations in the kitchen and Cllr. O'Connor reported that the electrician had effectively condemned all existing equipment. It was agreed that no further electrical works would be carried out at this time. The Clerk also reported that Lawson Queay had approached Lewes District Council about whether or not planning permission would be required and had received a number of questions in reply which had now been answered.

Cllr. Olbrich reminded Councillors that it had been thought sensible for there to be just one contact point at the Sports Club with whom the Council could liaise. The Clerk was asked to arrange this and to enquire about the Club's attempts to obtain FA or other funding.

**16/201.To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Jordan outlined the background to the recent decision by the Secretary of State to allow building to take place on a site which the Newick Neighbourhood Plan had excluded from the list of locations where villagers thought that building could take place. Cllr. Sheppard filled in further background for Councillors and the general consensus was that the decision threw considerable doubt on the concept of localism and the effectiveness of neighbourhood plans generally. A number of meetings were being held and other contacts made with a view to deciding whether and by whom any application for judicial review should be made. The cut-off date is 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

In the meantime work on the Council's own plan would proceed and Cllr. Jordan thought that there are lessons arising from Newick's experience that could be learned by Chailey. Meetings would be held in late February and early March to look at the plan's specific objectives. A decision had been made about the funding to be sought and Cllr. Evans agreed to pass details to the Clerk for him to prepare the application. The future role of the Consultant was discussed and Councillors were advised that she would only be used on specific projects and paid out of funding obtained for that purpose.

Cllr. Sheppard left the meeting at this point.

**16/202.To receive verbal reports from Councillors on their area(s) of responsibility and/or their involvement with village organisations:**

**Windmill:** Cllr. Avery reported that correspondence about the stoolball bats continued.

**Chailey Youth Group:** Cllr Olbrich advised that a call for new volunteers to come forward had not succeeded in identifying anyone willing to take over running the Group.

**Bonfire Society:** Cllr Atkins reported that the recent celebrations had passed off successfully. Thoughts were now turning to 2017.

**Allotments:** the Clerk reported that two tenants had left and were being replaced by people on the waiting list. It was agreed that, because the waiting list is now short, this would be mentioned in Chailey News.

**16/203.To consider items of correspondence for noting and response:** the Clerk drew Councillors' attention to correspondence which had been received, a list of which was circulated. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the list of electors.

**16/204.To note risk implications:** none to note.

**16/205.Confidential information – exempt matters:** Cllr Evans advised that it was not necessary to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2).

**16/206.Next Full Council meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Next Planning & Environs Committee meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. Both meetings will take place at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Chailey Green.

**Signed:** *Mark Evans*  
**Chairman**

**Date:** *17<sup>th</sup> January 2017*