



**A meeting of the Parish Council held in
the Village Hall, Northiam at
7-00 pm on Thurs 7th JUNE 2018**

MINUTES

- 1) **APOLOGIES:**
Cty Cllr Davies & Cllr Wontner-Smith
- 2) **ATTENDEES:**
- 3) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
There were none
- 4) **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS** - To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Clerk by 9:00am on the day of the meeting:
There were none
- 5) **REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: - Maximum of 15 minutes**
 - a) Mrs Biggs asked for confirmation that the 3rd bank account was open - Clerk confirmed
 - b) Library - Janet confirmed she has contacted ESCC about book supply, this is being set up
 - c) Sarah Giles introduced herself as the new Chairman of the Conservation Society
 - d) There was a question as to when the Sect 106 monies will be released for the recreation ground works; the Chairman clarified that it was dependent on ESCC/RDC - watch this space!
 - e) Carolyn queried hedges at Thyssell Lane and sunken graves in the cemetery, to be addressed.
- 6) **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 10th MAY 2018:**
Were approved, adopted and signed.
- 7) **REPORTS BY PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**

PS reported on a meeting with Blue Cross and the surgery regarding the car park, both items are ongoing.
JH had attended a meeting at the Pretious Sports Hall, ESCC have ordered some new equipment and it would appear the hall is currently financially viable.
DJ reported that all waste bins are now being emptied.
JS reported he had made contact with various bodies responsible for the Mucky Duck who advised him the property is being prepared for disposal.
AD submitted a written report a copy is attached to the Minute Book.
MM submitted a written report a copy is attached to the Minute Book.
IJ offered support to the Clerk when corresponding with RDC
- 8) **PLANNING:**
 - a) RR/2018/940/P & 941/L - Fig Tree Cott, Dixter Rd - Replace extension & windows. **Support Approval.**
 - b) RR/2018/1059/P - Whitfield House - Extension & new garage. **Support Approval.**
 - c) RR/2018/1243/L - Domens - replace rotten window. **Support Approval.**
 - d) RR/2018/1330/P - Little Court, Fullers lane - Alterations & extension. **Support Approval.**
 - e) RR/2018/1337/P - Donsmead - Replace marketing suite with 2 detached dwellings. **Support Approval.**
 - f) RR/2018/1354/P - Rother Valley caravan site - erect toilet block & provision for additional caravans. **Support approval with respect to the enforcement request. However, we would like to ensure that the 50 week only occupancy is upheld is line with similar local holiday businesses.**
 - g) RR/2018/1453/P - Newlands - Demolition of existing, erect 3 No 5-bed dwellings & garages.
We have refused to support this application because the limited net gain of three, FIVE BEDROOM DWELLINGS in the countryside would only provide limited economic benefit to enhance or maintain the vitality of the village of Northiam. Furthermore, it has not been demonstrated that the proposal is for one of the special/limited circumstances for allowing new dwellings in the countryside, as set out in paragraph 55 of the NPPF and at Policy RA3 (iii) of the Rother Local Plan Core Strategy. As a consequence the proposal does not represent a sustainable form of development in a rural area.

The application site is located in the countryside and the High Weald AONB, which national and local policies seek to protect from inappropriate and intrusive new development. The more exposed nature of this part of the village fringe and elevated landscape position of the site, means that the proposed development would undesirably extend built from beyond the more developed part of the village (marked Dixter Lane), ending the rural nature of the area and cause harm to the intrinsic natural beauty of this part of the countryside where the designation as an AONB ensures the highest status of protection in relation to its landscape. This application also has a considerable history of refused applications and TWO appeals previously dismissed by the Inspector.

RR/77/1218 - Refused Two Dwelling Development

RR/88/2654 - Refused Four Dwelling Development

RR/89/1347/P - Refused Three Dwelling Development - Appeal Dismissed

RR/2016/1839/P - Refused Eight Dwelling Development - Appeal Dismissed

Finally we have requested that this application be 'called in' to the planning committee via DC's Jenkins and Mooney

9) ALL PLANNING DECISIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS:

10) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :

11) VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a) Surgery Car Park - Chairman & Clerk had met with surgery and it would appear that nothing is going to happen rapidly. IJ tried to ascertain NPC's attitude to our taking it over and Clerk pointed out that an offer of the freehold is not yet on the table. Chairman did point out that the actual running costs are in the region of £3,000 per year.
- b) War Memorial - we are still awaiting formal approval from RDC
- c) Playground - New equipment is to be obtained at a cost of £18,000 and we are investigating match funding from RDC
- d) Cold Calling Consultation - As a result this will be carried forward with the installation of signage.

12) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

Clerk reported he had to write to parties about loose dogs and unprotected rat poison being laid down.

13) FINANCE:

All financial information has been previously circulated to all Councillors & is available on the web site.

14) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:

- a) Approval of Internal audit & report - previously circulated - proposed by PS and seconded by RM it was unanimously resolved they be formally adopted.
- b) Football club & lease - it was resolved to grant a new licence, with revised rentals, for a further 21 years

15) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20-15



Cllr. Penny Farmer, Vice Chairman, Northiam Parish Council

PAYMENT LIST 7th JUNE 2018

Payee	Amount	Cheque No
NVHT (room hire)	84-00	646
NVHT (annual contribution)	1,500-00	647
Royal Mail (reply service)	0-98	648
J O'Conner (grass cut x 2)	1,782-92	649
Cartridge King (ink)	66-22	650
D Johnson (litter pick)	200-00	651
Auditing Solutions (Int'l audit)	384-00	652
RDC (dog bins)	2175-20	653
Mrs V Aides (locum clerk Mar '17)	130-50	654
HMRC (PAYE)	610-20	655
Clerk (salary)	1,200-37	656

Direct Debits

G C I (Broadband)	13 June	£40-82
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Receipts

Burslem	4 June	£60-00
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