

ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A local council for the peoples of Icklesham, Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15 pm on
Monday 3rd October at Winchelsea Beach Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: I McConnochie, T Moore, D Smedley, Mrs J. Stanford (Chair), H. Sutton, Mrs A Thomson and N. Warren.

In attendance: Jenner Sands (Clerk and RFO) and Members of the public were also present.

Before the meeting, the Chair asked everyone present to stand and take part in a minute's silence in a mark of respect to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

22/84 Item 1. The Chair opened the meeting at 7.15 pm. The Chair invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council.

Dave Radford of Winchelsea Beach explained that he was a member of the Committee responsible for running the Winchelsea Beach Village Hall. He said that Fairlight Village Hall are organising a keep warm hub known as 'WUF' (Warm Up Fairlight) starting on 17th November for two mornings a week with the heating on and anybody from the village can go and keep themselves warm. He said there is a Council grant available in the sum of £700 per hall. Mr Radford asked if there is anything they can do here. The Chair confirmed we would look into this and discuss it at the next meeting.

Paul Veys of Winchelsea said that he was speaking on behalf of the Winchelsea Residents Association. He said that they were very pleased to see traffic calming on the agenda again and he said they are very grateful to the Council for providing the preliminary drawings and costings from GTA. He said that the Residents Association felt the plans look doable, and the costings look reasonably affordable. The Chair confirmed that this was based on what residents had voted for.

Alex Justice of Winchelsea Beach asked if anything is being done about the current situation with the tankers. The Clerk explained that she had been in touch with Southern Water and there has been a miscommunication with the tanker company and Southern Water. Southern Water ordered the tankers due to the forecasted wet weather at the weekend and the tankers were still supposed to be using the original location outside of the village hall as they had not yet been through the plans with them. The Clerk has been assured that the traffic lights etc. will not be necessary when the tankers are using the new location.

22/85 Item 2. To receive reports and ask questions of County Councillor Keith Glazier and Rother District Councillors concerning County Council and Rother District Council matters.

Cllr Glazier apologised for missing the last meeting. He confirmed that over the past week the cabinet have agreed to the new Highways Maintenance contract which will run for 7 years, he said there will be a public announcement in a few weeks' time. This is to start in March next year. He said cabinet have started the budget process for next year and that the wage increases for next year is likely to be in the region of 7%. He said that he has been to a meeting today of the Sussex Strategic Partnership in Eastbourne where they were talking about volunteering and all of the work that went on during the pandemic and post pandemic. There is a lot of work that is being written up and he said he will share that with us as and when they

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are published. He said that the Government are making some money available going forward which will follow the same route which the covid money did which will be through the County Council down to the boroughs and district who will then be able to help the voluntary organisations.

22/86 Item 3. Apologies for Absence. Apologies received from Cllr J. Justice, Cllr I Mann, Cllr D Kitteridge, Cllr A Mier, Cllr Mrs. C Rice and Cllr S Tollett.

22/87 Item 4. Disclosures of Interest. Cllrs N Warren and Mrs. A Thomson declared a personal interest in relation to item 6. e).

22/88 Item 5. To consider and approve the signing by the Chair of the attached Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 22nd August 2022. **RESOLVED:** Approved and signed.

Matters requiring a Decision by Council

22/89 Item 6. Financial Matters.

- a) To receive the list of items paid to date in August and September and items for payment to date. **RESOLVED:** Approved
- b) Receipts and Payments report (budget vs actual). **RESOLVED:** Approved.
- c) To receive and approve the second quarter bank reconciliations. **RESOLVED:** Approved.
- d) Update on banking arrangements. The Clerk explained that now the second precept payment has been paid into the Lloyds account we are now over the protected limit in this account. There is also £73,581.11 in the Unity Trust Account. The Clerk recommended opening a 35-day business savings account with Nationwide which has a 1.5% interest rate **RESOLVED:**. This was agreed.
- e) To consider Grant Applications received from the following:-
 - a. Rye Harbour Village Hall - £1,725 for annual assistance with running costs. **RESOLVED:** Approved.
 - b. All Saints with St Nicholas, Icklesham PCC - £600 towards churchyard maintenance. **RESOLVED:** Approved.
 - c. Icklesham Youth Club - £1,000 for assistance towards contract with Sussex Clubs for Youth Leader and weekly meeting overheads. It was confirmed that this was on offer to all youth in every ward. **RESOLVED:** Approved.
 - d. Rye Harbour Sailability - £3,400 for assistance towards the purchase an RS Venture Connect, at a cost of £17,400.00, which is an adapted sailing dinghy to take people with disabilities sailing at Rye Harbour. **RESOLVED:** it was agreed due to the lack of funding money available to Grant Rye Harbour Sailability £500.
 - e. Rye & District Community Transport - £4,000 to support Dial-a-Ride Service. **RESOLVED:** it was agreed to Grant Rye & District Community Transport £2,000.
 - f. Winchelsea Beach Community Association - £15,000 towards extension to front of village hall to add disabled access and toilets, baby change facilities and a rentable meeting room. **RESOLVED:** it was agreed to bring this item back to the next meeting. Clerk is to look into funding options for this i.e. CIL income and PWLB.

To consider the letter received from Cllr Kathy Harmer regarding the Rother Rural Trust. **RESOLVED:** the letter was noted. The Council will bear the trust in mind and will refer any residents in need as identified.

22/98 Item 15. ESALC AGM & Conference

To elect two representatives to attend the ESALC AGM and Conference due to take place on Wednesday 30th November at 1.00 pm at Uckfield Civic Centre. The representatives will have voting rights. The clerk reported that from a carbon footprint and cost saving point of view she had asked whether we could dial into the meeting but ESLAC, rather surprisingly in this day and age, said this was not possible. **RESOLVED:** No Councillors would attend, and we would wait for the Minutes.

22/99 Item 16. Open Spaces Committee

- a) To note the draft Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting on 26th September. **RESOLVED:** Noted.
- b) Item 6 - To approve the Open Spaces Committee recommendation to choose option 2 – extra verge cuts from ESCC at a cost of £1,605. **RESOLVED:** Approved.
- c) Item 10 - To approve the Open Spaces Committee recommendation to purchase 4 extra brackets and 3 extra straps for the Black Cat Radar devices at a cost of £166 plus VAT. **RESOLVED:** Approved.
- d) Item 13 - To approve the Open Spaces Committee recommendation that the Clerk is to send the football clubs an estimated invoice based on previous usage in the hopes this will encourage them to engage with us and sign the hiring Agreements sent to them. There was consternation that they have failed to do this. **RESOLVED:** Approved.

Matters for Information or Noting

22/100 Item 17 Programme of Works. Consider and update where necessary. **RESOLVED:** Noted.

22/101 Item 18. Correspondence.

- a) Email received from Winchelsea Beach resident regarding the use of Harbour Field. **RESOLVED:** Noted. Clerk is to raise this with Rye Bay FC when she sends them the invoice.

22/102 Item 19. Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended.

Cllr Warren confirmed that he is still waiting to hear back regarding a possible site visit to the new housing development. He said that everyone has now moved in, but it may be that some of the residents would give permission for Councillors to go and look round. Chair felt that when she had requested this before the houses were occupied would have been better as she felt that now they are occupied it was not appropriate. Cllr Mrs. Thomson raised that she had heard that some were occupied by people outside the parish. Cllr Warren confirmed that all residents had a connection with the parish.

Cllr Smedley confirmed that he attended a memorial service for the late HM Queen Elizabeth II on behalf of the Parish Council at St Thomas' Church.

Clerk is to enquire of the Winchelsea Little Shop Association regarding the extra meeting that was meant to take place in September.

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22/103 Item 20. Items for Consideration for Future Agendas.

- Warm hubs in Village Halls
- iPad for Councillors to access meeting papers
- Winchelsea Beach Village Hall Grant

22/104 Item 21. Date and venue for next meeting.

Monday 24th October 7.15 pm at Icklesham Memorial Hall (budget meeting)

Monday 14th November 7.15 pm at Icklesham Memorial Hall

Agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed

***Cllr Mrs. J Stanford
(Chair)***

Dated 24th October 2022