

## **DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Danehill Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, at Danehill C.E. School.

Present: C. Critchley, J. Blake, M. Mockridge, M. Garman, S. Crabb, T. McHattie M. Riminton, A. Garman. Also M. Fishlock (Tree Warden) and PCSO Ian Priddy.

In Attendance: C.W. Gooders (Clerk)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

### **682. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. H. Montagu and Cllrs. R. Galley and P. Roundell.

### **683. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **684. Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The minutes of the Danehill Parish Council meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Mockridge. Seconded Cllr. M. Garman. Voting 7 for. 1 abstention (Cllr. Blake). *(Note: Cllr. Blake had previously drawn to the attention of the Clerk that he had abstained when voting for minute 672. The Clerk's original records recorded a unanimous vote.)*

### **685. Matters Arising**

None.

### **686. Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The minutes of the Danehill Parish Council extraordinary meeting dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Mockridge. Seconded Cllr. M. Riminton. Voting 7 for. 1 abstention (Cllr. Critchley).

### **687. Matters Arising**

None.

### **688. Communications**

A) Communications Relating to Parish Finance and Precept – Cllr. Critchley acknowledged receipt of the following letters/emails.

Mr & Mrs Stott – Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (688A).

Mr C Bradford – Email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016. See attached (688B).

Miss L. Mackinlay – Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (688C).

Mr P. Parsons – Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (688D).

Ms A. Gurr – Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (688E).

Dr M. Wells – Two emails dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (688F).

Mr M. Fishlock – Open letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (688G).

Mr N. Ward – Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (688H).

Cllr. Critchley read allowed a statement relating to the above letters. See attached (688I). The Chairman proposed a workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> February, specifically designed to allow time to address questions/queries raised in the above letters, subject to availability of Chelwood Gate Village Hall. Seconded Cllr. McHattie. Voting unanimous.

B) Email dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – SSALC. Devolution Briefing Event 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016. See file. Cllr. Critchley – Due to overwhelming interest this event has been postponed until May 2016. Will keep fully informed.

C) Letter undated – Lauren Hibbert. See file. Refer to Community Support Grant.

D) Email dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Seaford & District Bus Co. See file. Refer SLR meeting.

E) Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – St Peter & St James. See file.

F) Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Nikkie Morris. See attached. (688J).

G) Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Mrs Y Smith. See file. Refer to SLR.

H) Email dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Cllr. Critchley to Trevor Leggo SALC. See attached (688K).

Trevor Leggo to attend the Annual Parish Meeting (rescheduled to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Chelwood Gate Village Hall) and speak on Localism and Devolution.

I) Email dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Marisa Hayes ESCC. See file. Refer SLR.

#### **689. County and District Councillors' Reports**

There were no County or District Councillors in attendance.

#### **690. Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. A. Garman – Report submitted. See attached (690A).

Cllr. Riminton – Report submitted. See attached (690B).

Cllr. Crabb – Due to family pressures has not been able participate in council activity.

Cllr. McHattie – Report submitted. See attached (690C).

Cllr. Montagu – Report submitted. See attached (690D). Read by Cllr. Critchley.

Cllr. Critchley – Report submitted. See attached (690E). As recommended by the Finance Committee,

Cllr. Critchley proposed a donation of £100.00 to the Open Spaces Society. See file. Seconded Cllr.

Blake. Voting unanimous.

Cllr. Riminton - Is there a recourse to East Sussex County Council to pay for repairs to what would become a dangerous situation (re Marisa Hayes email Communications) School Lane? Cllr. Critchley – ESCC have conducted a survey. Will be referred to SLR.

Cllr. Blake – Report submitted. See attached. (690F). Clerk to install No Litter signs at cemetery.

Cllr. Mockridge - Report submitted. See attached (690G).

Cllr. M. Garman – Report submitted. See attached (690H).

M. Fishlock (Tree Warden) – Three tenders have been received for specified tree works at Chelwood Gate Village Green. The Clerk read out the following:-

Sheffield park Arboriculture £360.00

Robert Symes £700.00

Sussex Trees £1,245.00

Cllr. Critchley proposed that Sheffield Park Arboriculture carry out to work as per specification.

Seconded Cllr. Blake. Voting unanimous.

#### **Meeting was opened to the public to express a view and/or ask a question.**

There were 32 members of the public in attendance.

A lively debate took place relating to presentation of the budget and the draft precept proposals A, B, C and D (see minute 690I).

Those speaking against the presentation of the budget to parishioners and a raise in the precept to allow continued funding for certain services for 2016/17 included Dr M. Wells, Mr P Parsons, Mr R. Miles, and Mr M Fishlock. Those supporting the need to increase the precept in order to maintain certain services included Mr A. Beckman and Ms. Wigley.

Cllr. Critchley – To fully explain the accounts, budget and precept calculations, please try to attend the council workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> February (see minute 688I).

#### **691. Proposed Young Councillor**

Cllr. Critchley read email dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016. See attached (691A). Cllr. Critchley proposed that a role of Young Councillor be created, with Cllr. Montagu assigned to defining the role and advertising (via the Clerk) for candidates. Seconded Cllr. McHattie. Voting unanimous.

#### **692. Community Warden Update**

Cllr. Critchley read letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 from Assistant Chief Constable of Sussex Police. See file. Also, Neighbourhood Policing in the new Policing Landscape by Chief Inspector Bruce Matthews. See file. Danehill Parish Council have been successful in their application for a grant of £30,000 towards a Community Warden. By June/July 2016 the PCSO role will be reallocated. A Community Warden employed directly by the parish would maintain and increase a uniformed presence within the community.

PCSO Ian Priddy – All PCSO's will be requested to reapply for their jobs in February 2016. Half will go and those remaining will take on a different role to what they currently do. They will be more front line crime orientated rather than crime prevention.

#### **693. Proposed Solar Energy Project Update**

Cllr. Riminton – Provide an update regarding the proposed solar energy project. See attached (693A). All councillors have been supplied with a copy of the completed feasibility study, which is also available for public view on the website.

#### **694. Finance**

A) Cllr. Mockridge – Following on from advice given by SSALC, the Finance Committee is recommending an amendment to the Danehill Parish Council Finance Regulations, to allow the payment of allowances to councillors. Such payments for child care and adult care should assist anyone wishing to stand as a councillor. Cllr. Mockridge proposed an amendment to Section 7 of the Danehill Parish Council Localised Financial Regulations. See File. Seconded Cllr. Crabb. Voting unanimous.

B) Cllr. Critchley – The Finance Committee recommends amending the Danehill Parish Council Localised Financial Regulations, to allow the Clerk to invite tenders for maintenance contracts for a four year period, or the remaining term of the council and/or annually. Cllr. Critchley proposed an amendment to section 11 of the Danehill Parish Council Localised Financial Regulations. See file. Seconded Cllr. M Garman. Voting unanimous.

C) Precept options A, B, C, D and E (see attached 694B) were discussed and debated. Cllr. Critchley proposed council accept precept option E. Seconded Cllr. McHattie. Voting 5 for, 3 against.

Cllr. A. Garman left the meeting 9.21pm.

D) The Month End Movement report for November 2015 was approved and adopted. It was noted that the bank reconciliation as at November 2015 was £85,962.70 and it had been signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer. The Month End Reconciliation report for November 2015 was approved and adopted and signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer. The Balance Against Budget report for November 2015 was approved and adopted. See attached. (694C). The Month End Movement report for December 2015 was approved and adopted. It was noted that the bank reconciliation as at December 2015 was £82,345.52 and it had been signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer. The Month End Reconciliation report for December 2015 was approved and adopted and signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer. The Balance Against Budget report for December 2015 was approved and adopted. See attached. (694D). Proposed Cllr. Blake. Seconded Cllr. Mockridge. Voting unanimous.

**695. Date of Next Meeting**

25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, Chelwood Gate Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.44pm

Chairman..... Date.....

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