



A meeting of the Parish Council held in the  
Village Hall Northiam at  
7pm on Thursday 10th AUGUST 2017

## MINUTES

### 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cty Cllr Davies; Cllrs Streatfeild & Johnson

### 2) ATTENDEES:

Dist Cllrs Jenkins (IJ) & Mooney (MM); Cllrs Farmer (PF), Sargent (PS), Maltby (RM), Harding (JH), Sitford (GS) & Wontner-Smith (AWS). 9 members of the public

### 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.

Mr Hayman was delighted to report that contractors were working on the drainage system, to which the Clerk pointed out that there had been a lot of pressure applied by Council.

### 6) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017

Were approved and adopted.

### 7) REPORTS by PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

Cty Cllr Davies submitted a written report that the Clerk read out - a copy is attached to the Minute Book.

MM - reported that RDC had a very good report from auditors; Home is to be re-furbished and the Housing Register will be fully updated by end of December.

IJ - reported that there are currently 1,200 people on the Housing List and that funding of £40,000 for young people and £190,000 local projects have been allocated

### 8) PLANNING:

RR/2017/1536/P - Paxly, The Plat - replace garage & roof extension. - Not supported.

a) RR/2017/1630/P - 3 Sherbourne Place - new timber orangery - No objections

b) RR/2017/1700/P - The Pond House, Beales Lane - extension - No Objections

c) RR/2017/1618/P - Rosebud Farm, Quickbourne Lane - retention of mobile home - No objections

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

### 10) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS :

Listed buildings - it was resolved there be a sub-committee formed in conjunction with the Conservation Society with a view to investigating having further properties listed.

### 11) VILLAGE MATTERS:

a) Gates to Playing Field - there were several quotes considered but Council decided to opt for seasoned timber, so having agreed to go ahead in principal it was resolved to ask for re-quotes.

- b) Finger Post signs - the ongoing saga of the Ewhurst Rd junction signpost was reported and it was agreed to leave matters in the hands of insurers.
- c) Representative to NVHT - GS has agreed to continue being representative for NPC in the short term.

**12) CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:**

Clerk reported on correspondence with residents at Mill Corner regarding overgrown hedges.

**13) FINANCE:**

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

**14) FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:**

- a) Application for an escrow account at Hodge Bank was unanimously approved by Council.
- b) Office lease renewal it was resolved to request break clauses at annual intervals in case we need to relocate.
- c) Crowborough Training Course - Clerk to re-circularise details.

**15) CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:**

As per list provided to Cllrs - Copy attached to Minute Book

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Farmer', written in a cursive style.

**Cllr. Penny Farmer, Vice Chairman, Northiam Parish Council**