

PEVENSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 2nd October 2018 at St. Wilfrid's Church Hall, Pevensey Bay, commencing at 6.45 pm

Present: Councillors, Lowton, Beaney, Slater, Pursglove, MacKinnon, Howard, Burton, Scott, Peasgood, Rabbits, Withey and Pursglove.

Apologies Cllr Beck

Motion to Suspend Standing Orders

It was proposed Cllr MacKinnon, seconded Cllr Slater. All agreed

It was agreed to suspend the Standing Orders.

Publication of the Wealden Local Plan – Our response to the consultation

Cllrs Slater, MacKinnon and Scott updated Council on their findings from reading the latest version of Wealden's new Local Plan. The Councillor's advised that ESCC are objecting to the plan due to growth of housing provision and it would have a considerable impact on highways, education and surrounding authorities. Councillors also put their concerns across that the increasing development would potentially have a significant impact on the one sewage outfall in Pevensey Bay.

It was proposed that Cllr Scott draft the response back to Wealden expressing the view that the necessary local infrastructure should be in place before any developments are agreed, and to highlight concerns that more development will increase the flood risk in Pevensey Bay's outfall.

Proposed by Cllr MacKinnon. Seconded Cllr Slater. All agreed.

Employment and Health & Safety Consultant Support (See attached Paper)

Cllr Mackinnon summarised the paper which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. She explained by appointing a legal firm to deal with employment and Health and Safety would benefit the Council as they would be able to update and create policies that are still required by law, comply with the current law and deal with the legalities that could arise. Cllr Lowton asked Council for the reviews and feedback on Cllr MacKinnon's paper.

The general consensus from some Councillors was that this is a good move for the Council with regards to employment but felt that the Health and Safety accept could be done as lower cost and more locally. Cllr Howard advised she can get the Health & safety done through her old contacts.

Cllr Peasgood asked if any other Parish's have done this, to which Cllr MacKinnon advised she has researched but has been unable to find any information with regards to Employment or Health and Safety. Cllr Beaney advised he couldn't agree to the paper as felt that Wealden District Council can deal with these matters. Cllr Lowton asked him whom at WDC provided these services as he nor the Clerk were aware of this facility. Cllr Beaney was unable to elucidate further. Cllr Pursglove felt that this was 'jumping the gun' as we do not know the outcome of Brexit. Cllr Lowton thanked him for his comments and said that if anything Brexit might bring changes in employment law and practice so having professional support would be more important.

Cllr Lowton explained we have four options to which Council can choose from:

- Remain as we are
- Use Croner for Employment support only
- Use Croner with Employment support and H&S
- Use Croner with Employment support and H&S Check.

From this Cllr Lowton Proposed that Council uses option 2 to use Croner for Employment Support only. Cllr Burton asked for a slight amendment that we pay for the H&S check so we are covered to start with. Cllr Lowton accepted the suggested amendment. This was seconded by Cllr. Scott and carried 9/2. Cllrs Beaney and Pursglove were against the proposal.

Agree dates for Council and Committee Meetings next year.

The Clerk circulated the dates to Councillors. The dates were proposed by Cllr MacKinnon, seconded by Cllr Withey. All agreed.

Motion to Reinstate Standing Orders

Proposed Cllr Withey, seconded Cllr Burton that standing orders be reinstated. All Agreed.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm