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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at Fairlight Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors –Ms I Horsley (Chair),Miss C Sharpe, Mr D Greenup, Ms L Cooke, Mr R Fellows-Turnbull, Mr G Smith, Ms D Martin

County and District Councillors –Mr C Maynard (late arrival), Mr A Mier, Mr T Grohne (late arrival) Proper Officer/RFO - Mrs P Collins

ACTION

23122 Apologies for absence (Including resolutions to accept reason for absence by Councillors)

Apologies received from Cllr A Hohenkerk

Resolved to accept the reasons for absence

23123 Chairman's Report

The Chair welcomed members of the Public and reiterated the code of conduct and public participation details. It was also suggested and agreed that item 27 on the agenda be dealt with after the Open Forum.

23124 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests

(a) To receive any disclosures by members, of personal or prejudicial interest in matters on the agenda

No disclosures of interest were declared.

23125 Public questions in respect of items on the agenda

The Public requested to raise questions on agenda items -8(c), 12,14,21 and 22 Questions to be dealt with at the appropriate time on the agenda

23126 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023

The minutes were distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting.

Amendments requested -

23092 and 23093 – votes to be recorded using Councillors initials

23101 – Cllr Sharpe to be removed as a member of the Community Hub Committee

23107 – To add the resolution that the Finance and Administration Committee will review bank holdings and the FSCS limits.

Additional discussions held re staff appraisal – no amendments to be made.

Resolved to approve and the minutes to be signed by the Chairman as a correctrecord once these amendments had been made.

23127 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None

ACTION

23128 County and District Councillors reports

Cllrs Maynard and Grohne were not present at this time

Cllr Mier reported in respect of the training District Councillors are receiving, the RDC Dog Control consultation, his meeting with the Chick Hill residents and his visit to the Market Garden site.

23129 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider and approve schedule of payments and receipts for June 2023 **Resolved** to approve the payments for June 2023.
- (b)To consider and sign the monthly bank reconciliations.

Resolved to note and sign the bank reconciliations as correct.

(c) To consider monthly budget monitoring figures.

Standing orders were suspended to permit a resident to ask questions.

The budget monitoring figures were circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting. It was noted that additional expenditure has been incurred for training of Councillors, the playground equipment has been installed and the RDC grant payment is being sought, income from donation/grants to DISH requires to be recorded for the last quarter and invoices for the Community Hub initial surveys work are being received and paid for from Earmarked Reserves. Other items of income and expenditure are as forecast.

23130 Planning Committee

(a) To receive the monthly report

Details of the planning applications, decisions and comments from the Planning Committee meetings were reported (see below).

23131 Land Management Group

(a) To receive the monthly report

(See reports below)

(b)To receive an update on the Southern Water Pathfinder Project (Cllr Horsley) The date for the next Southern Water Pathfinder meeting is 21st July 2023.

(c)To note the appointment of Cllr Fellows-Turnbull as Parish Council Tree Warden **Resolved** to note the appointment of Cllr Fellows-Turnbull as the Parish Council's Tree

Warden

(d)To approve the storage of additional goal posts on Wood Field by Hastings AthleticFootball Club

Resolved to approve the storage of additional goal posts

23132 Community Hub Committee (Faircomm.)

(a) To receive the monthly report

Mr Stewart has resigned as Chair and a member of this Committee. The Chair thanked Mr Stewart for all his hard work and commitment to the project. Cllr Smith will remain Vice Chair until the next Committee meeting. Work continues on this project and appropriate surveys are being carried out.

(b)To review/approve quotations for asbestos testing on the Activate Youth Club hut **Resolved** to accept the quotation of Summit Environmental.

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23133 Finance and Administration Committee

(a) To receive a monthly report (Cllr Horsley)

No meeting of this Committee was held this month.

Standing orders were suspended to permit a resident to ask a question in respect of why there was not a F & A Committee meeting where residents could raise their questions.

The Chair responded – no business to discuss, residents can ask questions at Full Parish Council meeting, correspondence has been responded to giving appropriate answers, cost saving by holding less meetings.

23134 Drop-In Social Hub Group

(a)To receive an update on the Drop-In Social Hub Group

(see report below)

Discussions were held in respect of a Parish Council surgery being set up on a Monday at DISH.

Resolved to set up a new PC surgery and Cllr Sharpe would liaise with Councillors to arrange a rota.

23135 Parish Council Website and Facebook

(a) To receive a monthly report

Both website and Facebook pages continue to be updated.

Standing orders were suspended for a resident to ask a question in respect of the year end information on the website.

Cllr Horsley update the Council that the have been some issues with the current website and a new .GOV site is being investigated. However, this will take time. The year end information for 2022/23 has now been correctly uploaded.

Councillors were also requested to deal with emails appropriately – eg.starting a new email for each subject and to remember civility and respect when corresponding.

23136 War Memorial Steering Group

(a) To receive an update on the project (Haydon Luke)

In Mr Luke's absence, Mr Pulfer reported to the meeting.

(b)To discuss/approve temporary financial support for this project.

Discussions were held and the current shortfall for this project is £5500.

Resolved to provide temporary financial support for this project to the total required.

23137 Hastings Country Park

(a) To receive a monthly update (Haydon Luke)

No items to report this month.

23138 Meetings/training attended

ESALC – Chair reported on this meeting – see below

Parish Councillors Training – All Councillors had undertaken relevant training and have circulated information received.

23139 New Meeting dates for 2023

(a)To note new dates for Parish Council Committees and Working Group meetings (previously circulated)

Resolved to agree the new dates for meetings

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23140 RDC Proposed Grant Application

(a)To discuss/approve the details of the proposed grant submission to RDC for new playground equipment. (Slide and Toddler Swings)

Discussions were held in respect of replacing the slide and toddler swings. Quotations were received and reviewed. CIL monies are available if required for this project.

Resolved to apply for a RDC grant for both the slide and swings. To nominated Wicksteed as the preferred supplier.

23141 Fairlight Pump House and Wells – Electricity Usage

(a)To discuss the provision of electricity by RDC for the Compressor and pumping equipment.

Cllr Horsley presented figures from July 2022 to Jan 2023. RDC did not notify the Council of the price increase of 60% in Oct 2022, therefore budget has not been allocated for 2023/24. Funds will need to be vired.

(b)To approve the payment of the current invoices received from RDC for usage from 1st July 2022 to 31st January 2023.

Resolved to approve the payment of the current invoices

(c)To approve an additional cheque to the current June payment schedule in respect of agenda item 20(b) if the resolution to pay RDC invoices is yes.

Resolved to raise an additional cheque.

23142 Precept/Budget 2023/24 and future years

(a)To discuss the current and future financial years precept and budget.

Cllr Greenup spoke on the precept, its meaning, and benefits.

Standing orders were suspended to permitresidents to ask a questions

The Chair was unable to respond to questions in respect of staff costs, salary and hours of the Proper Officer as this was covered by the Freedom of Information Act. Specific residents had been made aware of this prior to the meeting via email and other correspondence.

The meeting was ceased twice during this item. On both occasions the Chair and Proper Officer left the meeting due to in appropriate discussions/questions from residents re the Proper Officer's salary, hours and contract.

Standing orders were re-instated and no further questions were taken from residents.

Cllr Martin made a statement in respect of what is permissible and appropriate to be disclosed.

Cllr Greenup left the meeting at 9pm.

Resolved the Proper Officer will delegate tasks were appropriate.

23143 Five Year Plan

(a)To review the current Five-Year Plan.

Standing orders were suspended to permit a resident to ask a question in respect of budget allocation for the plan.

The Chair responded stating this plan was a result of the village survey. Items have been and will be carried out. A budget allocated will be made in the appropriate year. A further review of the plan is required.

(b)To consider action required for initiation the new Five-Year Plan 2025 – 2029 Resolved to commence work on a new village survey.

23144 Future Homes Market Garden Development – Street Name

(a) To consider/suggest names for the new road.

The proposed names forwarded by Future Homes were considered and Badger Place was suggested. The Proper Officer will notify Future Homes.

PO

23145 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors and was available to the Public were appropriate.

(a) RDC Dog Control Consultation

Posters had been placed around the village for residents to respond directly with RDC (b)Freedom of Information Requests

Responses had been sent

23146 Information and/or Future Agenda Items

Confidentiality

23147 Date of next meeting –

The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 7.00pm

Due to the excessive time the meeting had taken at this point the Open Forum was returned to its original placing on the agenda (after the Confidential Item). The Public were requested to leave the Hall and return after the Confidential Item for Open Forum.

23148 Confidential Items

- (a)To resolve that pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings)
 Act 1960 and because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following matters.
 Resolved to accept this item and proceed to discuss the confidential item excluding public and press
- (b)To discuss correspondence, information sharing and Freedom of Information requests This item was discussed including reference to the Parish Council's Bullying and Harassment Policy.

Resolved – Correspondenceand requests will continue to be dealt with by the Proper Officer in consultation with the Chair and Councillors were required.

Vexatious emails/correspondence– sender's emails will be blocked and only correspondence sent to the Chair's home address will be responded to. Individuals will be notified of this Parish Council's resolution. Attendance at Full Parish Council and Committee meetings will be permitted.

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Meeting closed at 9.50pm

23150 Open Forum

No members of the Public remained for the Open Forum

Signed:		Date: 25 th July 2023
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REPORTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

REPORTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27^{TH} JUNE 2023

Agenda item 8(a) Schedule of Payments – June 2023

DIRECT DEBITS						
15/06/2023	01/06/2023	Tesco Mobile	22.54	18.79	3.75	Tesco - Mobile phone inv 134175442619
PAYPAL						
02/06/2023	02/06/2023	Fasthosts	13.20	11.00	2.20	Web hosting inv 72548178
06/06/2023	06/06/2023	Fasthosts	6.94	5.78	1.16	Web hosting inv 72613849
02/06/2023	02/06/2023	Zoom	15.59	12.99	2.60	Zoom meetings INV204760998
23/06/2023	26/06/2023	Viking	98.04	81.70	16.34	Stationery inv 2636180
CHEQUES						
27/06/2022	27/06/2023	Pauline Collins	****	****	****	Salarri, Juna 2022
27/06/2023			****	****	****	Salary - June 2023
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27/06/2023	24/05/2022	Pauline Collins	77.00	75.00	0.00	Expenses - £591.80 Post office Ltd - Stamps
	24/05/2023		75.00	75.00	0.00	Post office Ltd - Recorded delivery
	24/05/2023		2.25	2.25	0.00	Tesco - DISH Food containers
	29/05/2023		5.25	5.25	0.00	Aldi - DISH supplies
	29/05/2023		6.52	6.52	0.00	Aldi - DISH supplies
	05/06/2023		4.23	4.23	0.00	Car Parking - Rother Clerks Meeting
	06/06/2023		3.00	2.50	0.50	Aldi - DISH supplies
	12/06/2023		18.63	18.63	0.00	7.
	12/06/2023		4.00	4.00	0.00	Tesco - DISH supplies
	20/06/2023		472.92	394.10	78.82	Wealden DC - Building Regs Application - Faircomm
27/06/2023	15/06/2023	HMRC	2671.24	2671.24	0.00	Tax & NI 06/04/23- 05/07/23
27/06/2023	31/05/2023	Countrymans Contractors Ltd	438.00	365.00	73.00	Grass cutting inv SI-3863
27/06/2023	30/05/2023	Fairlight Village Hall	54.00	54.00	0.00	PC Hall Hire - May 2023
27/06/2023	30/05/2023	Fairlight Village Hall	196.00	196.00	0.00	DISH Hall Hire - May 2023
27/06/2023	22/05/2023	Ashdown Site Investigation Ltd	4339.44	3616.20	723.24	Ground Investigations Works inv SI- 133830
27/06/2023	31/05/2023	Mulberry and Co	294.00	49.00	294.00	Training for councillors inv 51124
27/06/2023	31/05/2023	Mulberry and Co	108.00	90.00	18.00	Training for councillors inv 51125
27/06/2023	27/06/2023	Activate Fairlight Youth Centre	50.00	50.00	0.00	Use of hut by HFC for June 2023
27/06/2023	11/06/2023	Fairlight Residents Association	400.00	400.00	0.00	Grant payment 2022/23 2nd instalmen
27/06/2023	20/06/2023	AB Fire & Security	103.83	86.53	17.30	CCTV inv 360806

Agenda item 9 - Planning Committee Minutes

1. Planning applications

(a)RR/2023/976/P Land at Bairnsbourne, Sea Road, Fairlight

Erection of single dwelling in the rear garden of existing dwelling Bairnsbourne. Re-submission of application RR/2022/2315/P

Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr Mier and members of the public to speak.

Cllr Mier reported that he had called this application in to the RDC Planning Committee for further deliberation. Members of the Public raised their concerns and these were taken into consideration when formulating a Parish Council response to this application.

Following discussions, the Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee agreed the following comments:

To strongly object to this application for the following reasons:-

- a) Due to the property's proximity to the 50m coastal buffer a geological survey is suggested
- b) The immediacy to neighbouring property boundaries and overlooking issues should be considered
- c) The current sewerage structure is overloaded and an additional property would add more pressure to the system.
- d) The private access road is narrow and unstable requiring constant repair will not accommodate large or small construction vehicles.
- e) The access road is a dead end and provides no space for a turning circle for vehicles of any size. Damage to the stream and surrounding banks, roads etc could be cause by vehicles manoeuvring in this area.
- f) Contamination to the stream and nearby water course could occur from this development during the construction and from ground water run-off of hard standings. This stream is already under threat from another large development on Lower Waites Lane.
- g) No garage facilities are being considered and only two parking spaces have been allocated for a three-bedroom property. It would appear that inadequate parking is being allocated as none is being allotted for visitors etc. Any parking on the approach road would block access to other properties if utilised for parking or unloading of goods/equipment and other deliveries.
- h) A construction plan is required, and all materials and vehicles will need to be stored on site. Small vehicles to be used for waste removal and deliveries. Any large deliveries to be off loaded and transported on small vehicles. Consideration should also be given to the size of plant used and the quantity of materials stored to prevent excessive weight being put on this sensitive area.
- i) A permeable drive and a channel drain (which is not connected to an outlet) could prove to be an issue as the new property will be on the edge of the Article 4 area and coastal buffer zone
- j) A soakaway has been requested on the plans. It is advised that this would be inappropriate for the location of the property and is also considered to be unsuitable for Fairlight.
- k) Disturbance of wildlife and protected species in the area has raised concerns. Also, this property is located near National Trust land.
- 1) Existing established trees and hedging should be maintained.
- m) The orientation of the proposed property does not match any other property within the area.
- n) Reference should be made to the Rother District Council decision notice for planning application RR/2022/2315/P
- o) Finally, can one assume that there will be additional toilet facilities in the property as these are only shown in the en-suite bathroom and not elsewhere.

(b) RR/2023/1135/P Draycott, Primrose Hill, Fairlight TN35 4DN

Construction of single storey double garage on new concrete foundation slab within existing front garden; Construction of surface water drainage to direct water to local stream from the new garage.

Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr Mier and members of the public to speak. Following discussions, the Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee agreed the following comments:

- a) The Parish Council had no objection to this application
- b) A porous surface should be used were possible instead of concrete.
- c) Drainage to the stream should be prohibited as there could be issues with contamination
- d) The building should not be available for habitation.
- e) The use of the building should be restricted to domestic rather than commercial use.
- f) A construction plan is required, and all materials and vehicles will need to be stored on site. Small vehicles to be used for waste removal and deliveries. Any large deliveries to be off loaded and transported on small vehicles.

2. Market Garden Site Update

Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr Mier and members of the public to speak. A resident raised a question and suggested a liaison link between residents and the site to assist with any questions, issues etc.

Resolved - Cllr Hohenkerk as Chair of this Committee to be appointed liaison link between residents and the Site Manager of the Market Garden Site. Residents can visit DISH to discuss or email Cllr Hohenkerk with their concerns.

There were several rumours currently circulating re the moving of the badger sett, the stream culvert and possible additional builds. Cllr Mier confirmed he had spoken to the RDC Planning Officer and no further planning applications had been made. It was requested that RDC Enforcement Officers feedback to residents etc. In addition, due to recent rainfall it was noted that the stream was flooding the site. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the site.

Resolved - Cllr Horsley to contact Natural England re the licence for the badger sett.

Planning decisions

RR/2023/620/P - Coppercoin, Fyrsway, Fairlight TN35 4BG

Proposed conversion of existing attached garage into studio with new entrance door and 2 No. new Velux windows. Internal alterations to the dwelling. Proposed decking area to the front, erection of a pergola and new 1800mm close boarded fence with planting. Proposed french doors to front and rear elevation in place of existing windows. Removal of chimney.

APPROVED CONDITIONAL

Agenda item 10(a) – Land Management Steering Group – Monthly Reports

- Cllr Smith

Wood Field

The field has stood up well with the usage of Hastings Athletic FC. As mentioned on their commencement of use the field would be inspected regularly and any problems occurring through use when wet will have to be addressed by them.

The new equipment in the swing park has been received very well. However, after comments on Facebook I have been enquiring users about the present slide. It seems there is no support from users for its replacement. This slide is greatly loved and is regarded as an attraction as these older fashioned slides are rare and virtually impossible to replace like for like. On the recent inspection it was not condemned, the step has been repaired and the repairer has said that if the platform ever fails an inspection, it is also easily replaceable. At present the underside of the platform shows signs of corrosion but it is mainly superficial, non-structural damaging and can be treated and repainted. These repairs when and if needed will be a fraction of a match funded replacement for something not wanted. I have therefore informed the Proper Officer of these findings. I find little point in spending £1000s for something not needed.

I have requested to speak with or meet the grass cutting contractor of the field. The standards of cuts seem to be getting worse and worse on each visit. The swing park is very over grown and missed last time and the edges of the field are encroaching as the strimming is so random.

Knowle Wood

Without a doubt Knowle Wood is starting to look better and better, it is widely used and commented on. Sue Clark and her lovely band of volunteer's are finding the perfect balance of keeping the woods accessible with attention to conservation and habitat.

Village Assets

I would like to have control of the village assets. Hardly anything has been addressed for two or three years. The bus stops are in need of refurbishment and most benches require attention, re-staining, repairs or replacement. There is money in EMR to address this along with a budgeted amount on this year's precept. These work needs to get addressed once and for all.

Highways

I haven't dealt with any direct complaints regarding highways this month.

I have received a reply from Keith Glazier's office after enquires regarding Pett Level Road and have been informed that there will be pothole repairs carried out imminently and another spray patching programme will commence early Autumn. There stills appears to be no long-term plan for this surface. So, the fight continues. Time allowing, I will try and contact the Environment Agency to see if they will consider addressing the parking surfaces.

I am now in the process of trying to get the ditches on Peter James Lane addressed. These have not been tackled for over 15 years and all have collapsed causing regular flooding.

I am still reporting potholes etc when I notice them and monitoring the surface/conditions of the roads serving the Market Garden Site.

Although it is early days. I cannot say much about ESCC Highways latest contractors Balfour Beatty. Their website is more user unfriendly than before. The pothole repairs I have seen so far, seem worse than the last contractor and that's when they are done. Communication is no better. I hope things will improve over time.

- Cllr Horsley

- Notice Boards were discussed. In view of the Post Office and shop closing, the notice board there might not be needed. Proposal to site a board within the bus stop on the corner of Waites Lane and/or at Stonelynk Organics entrance. The style subject to permissions.
- The need for a caretaker was discussed and that is in hand
- Woodfield We will organise a working party, probably in August to clear round the new hedge.
- The bench outside St Peters needs to be replaced. We will need permission form the church. This is in hand
- Playground The toddler swing needs to be replaced. Also, the slide is now need of more maintenance, should we apply for a grant towards the cost of replacing both as it is felt the slide may well have a limited life and could cost more to maintain over the next few years until it does have to be replaced. We are looking to match fund with some CIL money.
- There are minor repairs needed to the small slide.
- Signs for the Play area fence to remind users the no dogs (and dog poo) are allowed in the play area are going to be put up.

Agenda item 11(b) - Quotations for asbestos testing on the Activate Youth Club Hut

Quotations have been received from:

Summit Environmental £200 Park Surveys £250 Amstech £350

The Community Hub Committee have recommended to use Summit Environmental. This cost forms part of the new community hub project and approval is sought from the Parish Council to pay for this testing.

Agenda item 13 - Drop In Social Hub Group

DISH continues to be popular and useful.

I mentioned last month that we had a new supporter who came to us from the Big Help Out that we hosted in one of the May sessions.

Claire Whetstone from the RDA (Riding for the Disabled) has been bringing us regular basic food supplies, and she says she will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Over the past month we have seen a number of people popping in for the first time. One lady came because her husband was away and she didn't want to eat alone. She quickly made new friends and promised to bring her husband with her next time.

Our local PSCOs try to pop into our sessions as often as they can and spend time chatting to our visitors. It's this kind of thing that has been one of our main aims, to create an informal space for people to pass on their concerns or get help with their issues.

Our PSCOs don't usually sit down for lunch, they say they wouldn't feel right about it without giving a donation. Well, a couple of weeks ago, they came and stayed for lunch, and gave us a donation of £500 for which we are very grateful.

When we started this project, Issy and I both had ideas of what we wanted it to achieve, and DISH grew from a combination of those ideas. I'm proud of what we have achieved, not just because of what it does for our community but also because of how our Parish Council, our community groups and our residents have all come together to make it work.

Agenda item 15 – War Memorial Steering Group

The last few months have been very frustrating for the WMSG which met most recently on 19th June. Fund raising has tailed off though donations, some quite large, are still being received. Funds raised so far total £12,800 which would have been close to sufficient on the original estimate.

However, EB, the contractor, has had to increase the cost of creating and installing the memorial as a consequence of general price rises in the sector and the delay caused first by Covid then by the protracted difficulty of sourcing a large enough piece of granite. Overcoming this particular problem necessitates a more expensive 'work around'. This involves using two separate pieces of granite but engineered in such a way as to look like one – thus staying within the original design specification which gained RDC planning approval and the necessary approval of the 'faculty' from the Chichester Diocese.

As the Proper Officer can report, funds raised so far fall short of the final total required by £5600. The WMSG continues to explore new funding sources including Trusts and organisations and will vigorously renew local fundraising activities. However, if we want the memorial to be in place by Remembrance Day this November EB's production deadline will require us to pay 50% of the cost soon. There is no difficulty with that because monies so far received total much more than that. The problem is further down the line. Although the WMSG is confident that the overall total will be reached the PC would need to cover the eventuality that, if further fund-raising were to fall short of the target, the PC would make up that shortfall. This might be done by, for example, viring to the War Memorial fund any underspends in other areas of the PC budget or by a direct donation to the WM fund. Any such actions would require the minuted agreement of the PC.

The WMSG requests that the PC agrees to do this.

Agenda item 17 – ESALC Chairs meeting

Resilience plans were discussed they need to be up to date and if possible tested.

Police -There was a discussion about interacting with local PCSOs and encouraging residents to report incidents either via 999 if urgent or 101 or on line if not. The number of reports of incidents in an area is important for the police to build up a picture of where they are happening so they can plan their patrols. Following the elections, the need for and method of co-option was discussed.

Agenda item 20 - Fairlight Pump House and Wells - Electricity Usage

The PC has now received the electricity bills for the Compressor House for the period July 2022 to January 2023. These are sent from Rother DC and the Parish Council pays half as agreed when the Compressor House was installed.

The costs went up in October partly due to the increase in electricity prices nationally but partly because Rother DC changed their supplier. This has resulted in a much larger standing charge.

These invoices will not be paid until we have a response from Rother DC. The problems are not that the costs have risen but the extra costs due to the inflated standing charge. Also, the fact that Fairlight Parish Council was not informed before the budget for 2023/4 was set. The Parish Council made provision in the 2023/24 budget for double the previous costs. However, based on current invoices received to date this year's budget allocation will not cover expected future overheads and unless the unit cost of electricity comes down significantly, funds will have to be utilised from other budget headings or reserves.

Agenda item 23 - Future Homes Market Garden Development – Street Name

Future Homes have contacted us in respect of the proposed new street name for the Market Garden site. Rother Council have advised that the suffix will be 'Place' and Future Homes suggestions are as follows:

Elizabeth Place - Lady Elizabeth Roberts previous of Fairlight Hall

St Andrews Place - name of Fairlight local church

Quarry Place - from the history of sandstone quarries in Fairlight until 1960 – now Fairlight Country Park

The PC can decide to recommend an alternative if necessary. One local proposal received is Badger Place.