

ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To all members of the Parish Council

All members of the Parish Council are summoned to a meeting of Alfriston Parish Council to be held in the War Memorial Hall, Alfriston on Monday 20th November 2006, commencing at 7.30pm, preceded by Public Questions from 7.15pm.

The shield for the Best Kept Allotment 2006 will be presented by the Chairman prior to the commencement of the Council meeting.

Philip Ayers,
Clerk to the Council.

A G E N D A

1.0 Apologies for absence.

2.0 Minutes.

- 2.1 To agree and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th October 2006 – circulated separately.

3.0 Report from County Councillor.

4.0 Report from District Councillor.

5.0 The Tye.

- 5.1 Display of Bye-Laws.
- 5.2 Fence posts on Tye.
- 5.3 Chains along Tye road.
- 5.4 Drinking fountain.
- 5.5 Damage to Mine.
- 5.6 Resident's request for parking.
- 5.7 Request for new bench.
- 5.8 Any other Tye matter.

6.0 Tourism.

- 6.1 Car Park map display.
- 6.2 Any other tourism matter.

7.0 Allotments.

- 7.1 Any allotment matter.

8.0 Coach and Car Parks.

- 8.1 Proposed revision to 'A' permit system - update.
- 8.2 Dene Spaces – posts.
- 8.3 Lighting for attendants' hut.
- 8.4 Any other coach and car park matter.

9.0 Finance.

- 9.1 Invoices for payment – November 2006.
- 9.2 Further requests for discretionary payments.

- 9.3 Statement of Finances.
- 9.4 Arrangements for payments in December.
- 9.5 Meeting of Finance Committee.
- 9.6 Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank.
- 9.7 Any other finance matter.

10.0 Highways & Twittens.

- 10.1 Directional sign to Tye and Churches.
- 10.2 Policy on use of 'A' boards.
- 10.3 New brick paviers.
- 10.4 Speed management in East Sussex.
- 10.5 Management of Twittens.
- 10.6 Any other highway matter.

11.0 Outside Bodies.

- 11.1 Alfriston and Cuckmere Valley Partnership
- 11.2 Cuckmere Community Bus.
- 11.3 Cuckmere Flood Forum.
- 11.4 Festival.
- 11.5 HeartStart.
- 11.6 Safer Wealden Partnership.
- 11.7 Village Hall Committee.
- 11.8 Wealden District Association of Local Councils.
- 11.9 Any other outside reports.

12.0 Parish Clerk.

- 12.1 South Downs Joint Committee Parish tour – 3rd November – report.
- 12.2 Local Government White Paper.
- 12.3 Amplification equipment.
- 12.4 Any other matter.

13.0 Parish Plan.

- 13.1 Progress report.

14.0 Planning.

- 14.1 To receive Minutes from the Planning Committee meetings on 16th October and (draft) 25th October and note their decisions:
 - WD/2006/2616/F 2, Gwynne Gardens, North Road: proposed alterations and additions to include two dormers to side elevation and front entrance porch. *The Parish Council objects to this application as the resultant alterations would make the house a mis-match with the three identical neighbouring properties.*
 - WD/2006/2752/F White Lodge Hotel, Sloe Lane: change of use from hotel (class C1) to luxury residential care home (class C2). Conversion of garage/stores to new bedrooms. Rebuild flat roof extension to rear. Remodel fire escape and extend west wing pitch roof to create link corridor to rear. Additional dormer to second floor. Infill to rear elevation to provide new first floor accommodation. Remove timber staircase and brick up existing external first floor access to staff flats. *It is anticipated that the village will become the focal point of the eastern end of the proposed National Park and that consequently there would be an increased demand for accommodation in the area. The loss of a high-class hotel during the interim period would have an irreversible detrimental effect on the Parish of Alfriston, the Cuckmere Valley and the county tourist industry, including Glyndebourne. The economy and lifeblood of Alfriston depend upon the tourist industry. It is appreciated that efforts to sell the hotel as an hotel have failed, but the market could pick up with the granting of National Park status. However, it is recognised that the above must be balanced against the advantages of the proposal to convert to a luxury residential care home. The hotel and gardens are in a very run down state of disrepair. The proposal would restore and improve the buildings external appearance and the restoration of the gardens to their original splendour would be welcome. There would be job opportunities locally and some benefit to the local economy.*

In view of the importance of this application to the village, the Parish Council paid a site visit and Chanctonbury Healthcare Ltd. Were invited to have a public display of their proposals. Subsequently the Parish Council held a Public Meeting, the general feedback was that they preferred White Lodge to remain an hotel, but would welcome the restoration of the site as a care home if the hotel option was impossible.

If the application is granted, a condition preventing building development of the extensive grounds should be included, as this is a prominent site overlooking the Cuckmere Valley in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

On balance, the Parish Council considers that the application should be granted.

14.2 Matters for consideration by Planning Committee this evening.

Any application received.

14.3 Decisions notified.

WD/2006/1065/LB The Chaise House, West Street: alteration to replace bay window to east elevation. *Granted with conditions.*

WD/2006/2155/F 2, Deans Road: conversion of one dwelling into two dwellings.

Granted with conditions.

WD/2006/2393/F land adjacent to 3, Kings Ride: erection of new dwelling. *Refused.*

14.4 Enforcement action to be reported (if any).

14.5 Progress with Appeals (if any).

14.6 Liquor licence applications (if any).

15.0 Public Transport.

15.1 Any public transport matter.

16.0 Recreation Ground.

16.1 Pavilion - lease.

16.2 Leak around water meter.

16.3 Any other recreation ground matter.

17.0 Rights of Way & Countryside.

17.1 Post on glebeland.

17.2 Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions half marathon – 3rd June 2007.

17.3 Any other Rights of Way matter.

17.4 Any National Park matter.

17.5 Horse Chestnut in Market Square.

17.6 Any other report from Tree Warden.

18.0 Correspondence.

18.1 Affordable Housing.

18.2 Community Champions Initiative.

18.3 NHS re-organisation.

18.4 Wealden DC – working in partnership with the Probation Service.

18.5 Any other correspondence received by Clerk.

19.0 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 15th January 2007 at 7.30pm in the War Memorial Hall, preceded by Public Questions from 7.15pm.

A meeting of the Planning Committee will be held in the War Memorial Hall, immediately following the close of the Council meeting to consider any applications received.