Chalvington with Ripe

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OCM MINUTES 07/09/2026

Present: Cllr S Flint (Chair), Cllr J Ruddock-West (Vice Chair), Cllr N Hamblin, Cllr C Hallworth, Cllr W Farrer
In attendance: Stephanie Dubas (Parish Clerk)
Members of the public: 2

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	
74. Attendance & Apologies for Absence	**To resolve to note apologies from** Cllr A. Harvey due to work commitments. Cllr M Lonsdale-Cleeve due to personal commitments.
75. To receive any declarations from Members concerning items on the agenda	**Resolution**: To note that no declarations were received
76. Approval of the OCM Minutes	**Resolution: Approved** Ordinary Council Meeting 29/06/2026
77. Public Session	**The Public did not participate in this meeting.**
78. Report of the Member of Parliament:	**Resolution**: **to note a report from the MP for Sept 2026** uploaded on the website
79. Report of the County Councillor:	**Resolution**: **to note apologies** from the ESCC Councillor
80. Report of the District Councillor:	**Resolution**: **to note apologies** from the WDC Councillor
81. Planning Applications	**Resolution**: **to note no planning applications**
82. Planning Approvals	**Resolution**: **to note the following approvals from Wealden Council:** a. WD/2025/1791/F Head of Planning and Environmental Services DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONCRETE BLOCK STORAGE BARN AND SHED BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL OUTBUILDING. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRICK WALL TO ENCLOSE RECONDITIONED AND ENLARGED SWIMMING POOL. ECKINGTON MANOR, CHURCH LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AU https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/1791/F b. WD/2025/1790/LB for ECKINGTON MANOR, CHURCH LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AU DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONCRETE BLOCK STORAGE BARN AND SHED BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL OUTBUILDING. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRICK WALL TO ENCLOSE RECONDITIONED AND ENLARGED SWIMMING POOL. ECKINGTON MANOR, CHURCH LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AU https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/1790/LB c. WD/2026/0967/MFA: KITTYHAWK AERODROME, DARP LANE, RIPE, BN8 6BB VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2, 5 AND 7 OF WD/2025/0984/MAJ (PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF FUEL TANK FOR THE RECEIPT, STORAGE AND SUPPLY OF AVIATION FUEL INCLUDING ANCILLARY VEHICULAR PARKING, ACCESS, TURNING, LANDSCAPING AND DRAINAGE) TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM. KITTYHAWK AERODROME, DARP LANE,

	RIPE, BN8 6BB https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2026/0967/MFA
83. Planning Refusals	**Resolution**: **to note the following refusals from Wealden Council:** a. WD/2026/0758/FR PART RETROSPECTIVE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL WEATHER TRACK Wealden Council has decided to REFUSE the above application on 3 August 2026. The applicant was sent a 14-day intentions letter. https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2026/0758/FR b. WD/2026/0588/F LAND AT WESTLYN (SOUTH OF POUNDFIELD ROAD) AND DAIRYLANDS (NORTH OF POUNDFIELD ROAD), CHALVINGTON BN27 3TQ DEMOLITION OF DWELLING AND ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING AT WESTLYN. DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUSINESS UNIT ON LAND KNOWN AS DAIRYLANDS AND ERECTION OF NEW SELF-BUILD DETACHED DWELLING. BOTH SITES TO INCLUDE LANDSCAPING WORKS. https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2026/0588/F
84. Planning Withdrawn	None
85. Other planning matters	None
86. To receive outside body reports	a) Wealden District Association of Local Councils: Vacant b) Tree Warden: Cllr N Hamblin: One application was approved c) ESALC AGM: Cllr Simon Flint: No meeting to attend and report on yet. d) Hayton Baker Hall Trustees: Cllr Charlie Hallworth: To note the Nursery is renewing their contract and the title deed will be discussed in Oct 26. e) Highways, footpaths and rights of way: Cllr Joe Ruddock-West: Nothing to report.
87. To discuss and agree policies and standards	**Resolution**: **to approve the following policies:** a) Accessibility statement: Website b) Data Protection Policy
88. Financial matters	**Resolution**: **to approve the following**: a) **Appendix A** To approve the payment schedule July 26 b) **Appendix B** To approve the Bank Reconciliation July 26
89. Grants	**Resolution**: a) To move the consideration of the grant budget for 26/27 for RACCA to Oct 26 b) To move to fund 2 books from the Grant Application of £200 from Citizens Advice Bureau (2 books @ £46.33 each)
90. Footpaths	**Resolution**: **to note the updates from the** Parish Clerk: a. CHV/22/1 and CHV/23/1 & ROW336: A request has been submitted for a creation agreement to reroute the public footpath. The landowners agree with the proposal and once a final map is agreed ROW will progress the order. **Resolution**: **to note the progression of the Order by ESCC ROW** b. CHV/18/1: 01/12/25 The Parish Council were consulted and raised NO Objections. The Order will divert part of public footpath Chalvington with Ripe A copy of the Order and Order Map and can be inspected free of charge at East Sussex County Council, and at Lewes Council, BN7 2AD. Copies may be purchased from the County Council (£1.00). Any representations about or objections may be sent to East Sussex County Council or by email row.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk, no later than **11th September 2026**. Please state the grounds on which they are made and quote reference CHV/18/1.
91. Speed Application	**Resolution**: **to note that** Residents can buy Please Slow Down signs via Cllr Hamblin £8-£10 by emailing the Parish Clerk.

	Resolution: **To agree to review in Oct the cost of the two signs:** The Parish Council decided not to proceed with the £6k cost of design and referred back to the Community Match team a request as the Parish Council only wants **two** 'please drive carefully' signs to try and reduce speed on entrances to Ripe, namely from Mill Lane, and Ripe Lane. Highways have confirmed no design fee will be payable now and we await the cost of the two signs installing as requested.
92. Litter Update:	**Resolution**: **to note** one sign from Street Scene is approved although it is facing the wrong way. The litter group will suggest other sites to be identified on the route and the direction of siting.
93. Correspondence	To discuss any written correspondence received and to consider further action; however, no decisions can be made. a. Conclusion: Courtesy consideration of the erection of fencing and gate to the private land owned entrance of Church Farm Bungalow and stables. It is noted that "Using the north-east corner boundary of Appletree Cottage as a reference point, ROW recommendation would be that the fence did not extend further than 4.5 metres from that point as illustrated in the agenda. b. Follingers field grass was cut by arrangement of the Auctioneers after residents identified it as a potential fire risk. The owners of two of the plots have contacted the Parish Council to note they are the new owners. c. A Resident shared concerns about pet safety as follows: A request for drivers to slow down and watch for animals has been received. With heavy farm traffic and harvest vehicles regularly using the roads, the risk to local pets is currently very high. Visibility from large tractor cabs can be very difficult on our narrow lanes. Examples of helping to protect cats are suggested to include fitting a highly visible reflective collar with a bell.
94. Urgent Items	None received
95. Date of next meeting	The Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on 5th October 2026 2026 commencing at 7pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

The meeting concluded at: 19:30

All documents can be found on the website, on the agenda and in any links proved. Alternatively, you may request any information directly from the Parish Clerk: chalvingtonwithripeclerk@gmail.com

Signed: Chair: Cllr S Flint	
Date:	***07/09/26***