

Chalvington with Ripe



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MINUTES Monday 1st September 2025

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council (CWRPC) at Hayton Baker Hall Monday 1st September 2025 commencing 7pm.

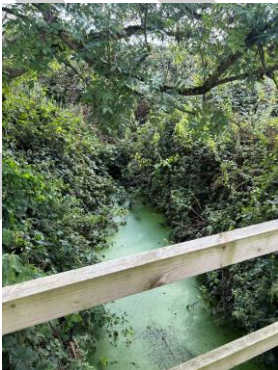
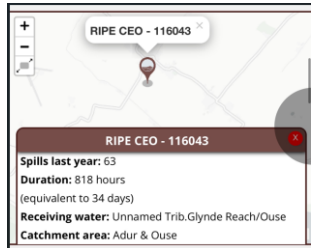
Present: Cllr S. Flint (Chair), Cllr J. Ruddock-West (Vice Chair), Cllr W. Farrer, Cllr C. Hallworth, Cllr A. Harvey, Cllr Hamblin

In attendance: Cllr Nick Bennett (ESCC), Stephanie Dubas (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 1

43. Attendance and Apologies for Absence	Cllr Lonsdale-Cleeve
44. To receive any declarations from Members concerning items on the agenda	No Declarations of Interest, Notification of Changes to Members' Interests and consider any requests for a dispensation were received
45. Approval of the Minutes	Resolution: Approved a) Ordinary Council Meeting 23/06/2025 minutes
46. Public Session	The Public may speak on any item on the agenda for up to 3 minutes at the Chair's discretion: A member of the public spoke out against duplication of funding by large organisations like CAB and that Action Against Abuse are not dedicated to this area and requesting a lot of money.
47. Report of the Member of Parliament:	Resolution: To Note the Report To resolve to note a report from the MP for August now loaded on our website: https://www.chalvingtonwithripe-pc.gov.uk/
48. Report of the County Councillor -	None Submitted
49. Report of the District Councillor	None Submitted
50. Planning Applications	Resolution: Supported a) WD/2024/2319/FR LITTLE MEADOW STUD, CHURCH LANE, CHALVINGTON, BN27 3TE FULL RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED ADDITIONAL AREA OF CONCRETE HARDSTANDING ON SITE OF EXISTING FARM TRACK TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER ACCESS TO EXISTING BARNs Approved as it keeps the

	farm machinery and dust from entering the village. Eco report showed no problems and it would improve the existing arrangements and a link to Chalvington Road. Resolution: Supported b) WD/2025/0784/F LANGTYE COTTAGE, LANGTYE LANE, RIPE, BN8 6BA The description of development has been modified and reducing, the description (for example, the original description referred to installation of bird boxes and insect house, which are not acts of development). The changes to the site plans clarify the red line defining the application site area. Changes are drainage and planting. At the May 25 meeting, it was noted that the reasons for support were that the conversion of the building seemed to meet Wealden District Council's policy for conversion of rural buildings (DC8). The building is of sound construction, and residential use is already established, it would seem a good use of a redundant building. The building is shielded from view from the road by trees, and hedges, so development would not be intrusive. The full tree report concludes that what is proposed by way of planting will improve the hedgerow. Resolution: Supported c) WD/2025/1791/F ECKINGTON MANOR, CHURCH LANE, RIPE, BN8 6AU Full Application; DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONCRETE BLOCK STORAGE BARN AND SHED BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TIMBER BOARDED ADDITION. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRICK WALL TO ENCLOSE RECONDITIONED AND ENLARGED SWIMMING POOL. Resolution: Supported d) WD/2025/1790/LB ECKINGTON MANOR Listed Building Consent - Block barns are for residence as a granny annex with wheelchair access to include a small living room, carers bedroom, accessible bathroom and a double bedroom. - It is to also extend the wall by the pool having no visual impact. - The footprint is existing and not increasing. - It will be a visual improvement and retaining the flint wall with a simplified roof design and a window reduction to 1 on the west elevation. - This will replace an ugly set of sheds with no architectural merit.
51. Planning Approvals	a) WD/2025/1300/FR Head of Planning and Environmental Services RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL/NURSERY TO B8 STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION. DEANLAND NURSERY, DEANLAND ROAD, GOLDEN CROSS, CHIDDINGLY, BN27 3RP b) WD/2024/2392/MEA Head of Planning and Environmental Services INSTALLATION OF PROPOSED SOLAR FARM, ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE. LAND AT COLBRANS FARM ESTATE, LAUGHTON, BN8 6AJ
52. Planning Refusals	a) NONE
53. Planning Withdrawn	a) NONE
54. Other planning matters	To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council. None
55. To receive outside reports	a) Wealden District Association of Local Councils: Vacant b) Tree Warden: Cllr N Hamblin: Residents making appropriate applications to the tree warden. c) ESALC AGM: Cllr Simon Flint: Clerk to find out date d) Hayton Baker Hall Trustees: Cllr Charlie Hallworth: Update after meeting at next Council e) Highways, footpaths and rights of way: Cllr Joe Ruddock-West: To invite Cllrs to attend a ramble to check footpaths

56. To discuss and agree policies and standards	Resolution: Noted a) Standing orders to be presented in October 25 Resolution: Supported b) Grants Application & Policy September 25
57. 20 mph speed limit	Resolution: Supported  a) To discuss the results of the survey: Clerk to email contracts team to repeat the test at one location: The speed survey for Ripe Lane would have been significantly lower if the speed recording device had not been sited so close to the start of the 60mph limit. The camera was sited just 18m metres from the derestriction sign (see photo). Ripe Lane coming out of the village going north is a straight road, and drivers can accelerate if they see the road is clear. Drivers coming south into the village can be driving fast due to the straight road, but have to slow down fairly quickly after the start of the 30mph zone as the road starts to narrow about 30 metres further south near the entrance to Curls Barn, and the driver sees the approaching junction with the Street, and Church Lane.
58. Financial matters	Resolution: Supported a) To note the bank statements and reconciliation to 29/07/2025 Resolution: Supported b) To approve the payment schedule at Appendix A Resolution: Supported to move to PATAS auditors c) To consider the new Auditor provider for next 3 years
59. Correspondence	Resolution: Supported a) The timber panels and finger post need repair to the rotting timbers and weatherproofing. Three people were recommended and Cllr Hamblin, Cllr Harvey and Cllr Ruddock-West will arrange three quotes for review in the October meeting. Resolution: Supported b) Gate: Vital for access to the community field. Cllr Nicholas Hamblin has kindly donated £100 so a grant of £533.46 is needed. Resolution: Noted  c) Sewage was reported in the stream on Mill Lane. The report from Environment Agency shows 63 spills last year at the site: RIPE CEO – 116043. The Parish clerk reported this providing photos. This is the official location and waste water treatment plant reference. 

	This is the report from Southern Water who say they attended and they found no operational issues.  Reported Pollution within this vicinity as shown on map Location Reported Pollution within this vicinity as shown on map Status Completed Description Pollution Reported Last Updated 01/09/2025 12:37 We're pleased that the issue which was reported to us within this vicinity has now been investigated and completed. Our teams have found no operational issues with any Southern Water assets nearby. We've found this to be algae which is naturally occurring in warmer weather. Our Ripe Treatment Works is working with no operational issues and we've discussed this with the team on site. Thank you again for reporting this to us. If you suspect a pollution, please report this to us. REF: WCS5215098
60. Grant Applications:	a) CAB: Application received for £300. To note: a grant from Wealden District Council has been awarded at £175,000 per year which includes the servicing of our area. Resolution: Postponed to October 25 b) Action Against Abuse £ 1534.73 requested: This grant would pay for 16 victims to be supported to get Non Molestation Orders to protect their families. This service is open to all residents of Chalvington with Ripe who are suffering domestic abuse. To Note: The budget does not identify what the grant will be used for but is a contribution to the overall cost of which 95% is salary and they do not have the facility to filter our client base per parish council. Resolution: Unsupported c) Village Hall £370: Audio Equipment and Furniture requested. Resolution: Supported
61. Parish Clerk Trial period	Resolution: Supported a) To propose the Parish Clerk is moved to a permanent contract. Approved
62. Councillor Ward Budgets Scheme	Resolution: Supported a) https://www.wealden.gov.uk/councillors-and-committees/councillor-ward-budgets-scheme/ Up to £5k available per application on a £10k fund. Village hall will apply directly for furniture and audio equipment. RACCA will apply directly for signage in the community field. Any other projects can be assisted by the Parish clerk if help is needed.
63. Urgent Items	None
64. Date of next meeting	The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on 6th October 2025 commencing at 7pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:20 pm

Signed: Chair:	S Flint
Date:	06/10/25