

Chalvington with Ripe



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OCM MINUTES 01/06/2026

Present: Cllr S Flint (Chair), Cllr J Ruddock-West (Vice Chair), Cllr N Hamblin, Cllr C Hallworth

In attendance: Cllr Alison Wilson (WDC), Stephanie Dubas (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 3

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

29. Attendance & Apologies for Absence	Cllr A. Harvey, Cllr W Farrer & Cllr M Lonsdale-Cleeve apologies due to work commitments
30. To receive any declarations from Members concerning items on the agenda	Resolution: To note that no declarations were received
31. Approval of the OCM Minutes	Resolution: Approved Ordinary Council Meeting 11/05/2026
32. Public Session	The Public spoke as follows: Mr Stewart spoke on his amendment of planning conditions application relating to fuel spillage and surface drainage at Kittyhawk Aerodrome.
33. Report of the Member of Parliament:	No report from the MP received.
34. Report of the County Councillor:	No report from the ESCC Councillor William Boone received.
35. Report of the District Councillor:	No report from the WDC Councillor Alison Wilson received.
36. Planning Applications	a. Resolution: To support the application. It keeps farming as part of the village landscape, enhancing the rural aspect of Ripe. The farm buildings and farmhouse are far enough away from the conservation area as not to be seen. The livestock barn will be 30+m long and 9m high, whilst very large the Parish Council understand this is necessary for air flow and good welfare for animals. The livestock barn will be operating sustainably with solar panels. The bridal way and tree lines must remain clear and open during and after completion. The Parish Council would like to understand the impact of strong odour and noise increase from the animals: WD/2026/0040/MAJ CURLS FARM, MARK CROSS LANE, RIPE A PROPOSAL TO ERECT A LIVESTOCK REARING UNIT, A LIVESTOCK ISOLATION BUILDING, A SILAGE CLAMP AND A STRAW AND MACHINERY BARN TOGETHER WITH A SELF BUILD SUPERVISORY FARM MANAGER'S HOUSE b. Resolution: To support the application for variation of the conditions 2, 5, and 7 for the changes to the plans for the surface water drainage and the petrol overspill arrangements given that the lead local Flood Authority (ESCC) has now no objections: WD/2026/0967/MFA KITTYHAWK AERODROME, DARP LANE, RIPE, BN8 6BB VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2, 5 AND 7 OF WD/2026/0984/MAJ (PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF FUEL TANK FOR THE RECEIPT, STORAGE AND SUPPLY OF AVIATION FUEL INCLUDING ANCILLARY VEHICULAR

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	PARKING, ACCESS, TURNING, LANDSCAPING AND DRAINAGE) TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.
37. Planning Approvals	None
38. Planning Refusals	None
39. Planning Withdrawn	None
40. Other planning matters	To discuss or note any other planning matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council.
41. To receive outside body reports	a) Wealden District Association of Local Councils: Vacant b) Tree Warden: Cllr N Hamblin Nothing to report c) ESALC AGM: Cllr Simon Flint: AGM to be advised but are held in Nov d) Hayton Baker Hall Trustees: Cllr Charlie Hallworth Nothing to report e) Highways, footpaths and rights of way: Cllr Joe Ruddock-West: Part of agenda at item 45.
42. To discuss and agree policies and standards	None Submitted
43. Financial matters	Resolution: Approved the following: a) Appendix A Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2025/26 Form 2 b) Appendix B To approve the payment schedule c) Appendix C To approve the Bank Reconciliation
44. Grants	Resolution: To agree the grant budget decision for 26/27 for RACCA to continue to be on the agenda and to meanwhile pay the outstanding CIL money of £602.90 to RACCA. Cllr Hamblin did not vote due to a personal interest.
45. Claimed Footpath	Resolution: The Parish Council agreed that if the landowners dedicate a public right of way on foot following the line of Pitts Field of a suitable width and position, linking the two public footpaths CHV/22/1 and CHV/23/1, then on completion of the dedication agreement the Parish Council will withdraw its application for a Definitive Map Modification Order (Ref RWO 336) . The Parish Clerk will write to the landowners to agree a dedicated route as above. If agreed the Rights of Way Officer at East Sussex County Council will then take this forward a dedication agreement between ESCC and the landowners, removing the need for a Definitive Map Modification Order.. To note the update from the Parish Clerk on the Parish Council claimed footpath. The application is now noted on the ESCC website https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisure-tourism/discover-east-sussex/rights-of-way/definitive-map-statement/claiming-changing-public-right-of-way/register-definitive-map-modification-order-applications 2) Click on the link “Register of DMMO applications” 3) Click on ‘DMMO Register’ down the left-hand side of the page. You may need to click this a second time for it to show the Filter box. 4) Drop down ‘Filter’, type in ‘336’ in ‘Case Reference’ and click on ‘Apply Filter’. Click on the case Description, click on ‘View Details’ and from here you will find the relevant documents. 5) You can also find the case details by searching through the register and using other search methods with the filter boxes.
46. Speed Application	Resolution: To note the update from the Parish Clerk on the community Match Application: ESCC confirm “The option we have provided is the only

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	viable route to progress. A design stage is required to ensure signage is safe, compliant, and correctly located - this cannot be bypassed. We need confirmation on whether the Parish wishes to: • proceed with the Village Gateway design (where your suggestions can be considered), or • not proceed. If you choose to progress outside of Community Match, the same designers will still need to be engaged through the Highways contract, and East Sussex Highways will still be required to undertake the same due diligence. This will not simplify the process, and the full cost of design and delivery would fall entirely to the Parish, rather than being supported through the Community Match scheme.” We await a reply to our cost estimate request by the next meeting.
47. Litter Update:	Resolution: To note the update from the Parish Clerk that Street Scene have checked out the locations and most of the verges are too narrow for the sign as there must be at least a metre between the sign and the edge of the carriageway. The Firle Road location looks more promising so we will endeavour to place a sign there in the next few days, but once the grass grows too tall we will need to remove it as it will be ineffective and also at risk of being damaged when the grass is cut. Litter team to note if a reduction in bags is noted at that site please. Litter team to look at new locations offering 1 m between the sign and the edge of the carriageway for the Parish Clerk to request further signs at those locations.
48. LGR proposal: Revised	Resolution: To note the update from the Parish Clerk that The Secretary of State wishes to explore whether this potential modification would deliver the positive strengths of the East Sussex proposal in relation to service delivery while facilitating the growth of Brighton and Hove. Comments closing 15 Jun 2026: Authority A: Brighton plus the following wards and parish from Lewes (as requested) – East Saltdean & Telscombe Cliffs, Peacehaven West, Peacehaven East, Peacehaven North, Falmer Parish (from Kingston ward). That would give the authority a population of around 308,000. Authority B: Eastbourne, Hastings, Rother, Wealden and remaining parts of Lewes. That would give the authority a population of around 537,000. Modification to East Sussex and Brighton Thick borders: District/Unitary; Thin borders: Parish (where applicable)  Pattern: Shire District Unitary Authority Proposed Authority: A B Cllrs considered the criteria as follows: <i>are based on sensible geographies and economic areas;</i> YES <i>will meet local needs;</i> YES <i>enable stronger community engagement and give the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment;</i> voted: YES Q1 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the potential modification to the two unitary proposal will deliver better unitary local government in East Sussex and Brighton and Hove than the original proposal received as judged against the criteria? • agree Q3 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the potential modification to the East Sussex proposal for two unitary authorities from the East Sussex

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	councils would have a strong public services and financial sustainability justification? • neither agree nor disagree
49. Correspondence	Resolution: To note: a request by the MP to attend with village residents and an invitation of a meet and greet on 7th September at 7pm has been made. To note: A resident is concerned about the footpath progress and was informed by a highways team that they had been instructed to cease work. We have no information and are awaiting the exact location to request information from the Stakeholder group for Highways. To note: Mr Stewart has invited Councillors to attend 22/6/26 at Kitty Hawk to view proposals to create a centre for children at the Aerodrome.
50. Urgent Items	Resolution: To note no urgent items raised.
51. Date of next meeting	The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on July 6th 2026 commencing at 7pm at the Hayton Baker Hall.

The meeting concluded at: 19:50

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:	07/07/26