

WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 20 January 2011 at 7pm at the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green

Present: Councillors – B Whitton (Chairman) Mrs K Cook, J Glass, C Harding, Mrs S Ralph, N Richards, D Turton, J Trunkfield, C Wells.
East Sussex County Council – Councillor Rupert Simmons and Councillor Bill Bentley.

Clerk – Mrs M Smith

Two member of the public were present, Nigel McKeeman and Brian Gibson

11/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absences were received from Councillor M Sibbering and East Sussex County Council Councillors R Thomas.

11/002 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest where expressed

11/003 Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 December 2010 having been previously circulated be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

11/004 Matters Arising

Website update - Mr M Gosden has agreed to work on and update the Parish website for a small fee and sent his apologies for this evening but hopes to attend next month's meeting to arrange requirements.

11/005 Public Adjournment

Mr Gibson reported that the drain on the highway outside St Johns Church Bodle Street has been repaired by ESCC Highways but the water is unable to run away as the manhole cover has been raised and the grid is too high. The ice outside the church has been very dangerous due to this.

11/006 Reports

- (a) **East Sussex County Council** - Councillor Simmons report on the Budget proposals for the next weeks ESCC Meeting – The main headline is an overall reduction of 12% in grant from Central Government which is £37 million pounds this year and further 25 – 28% over the next four years. This will affect all services to the community. Elderly and Adult Social Care will not be effected as much as other services. Childrens Services are effected the most. Youth, Children Centres will need to be managed carefully over the coming year. £300 million is to be provided over the next 2 years for road maintenance. Between 150 – 200 job losses are expected. South East Seven – this is a combined service scheme and 4 pilot schemes already taking place. This should make £100 million (pounds) saving over the next 4 years. This will be better value for money but without having a drop in services.
The link road planned has been put on ice for the present time
- (b) **Wealden District Council** – no one present for an update report.
- (c) **Dunn Village Hall** – To be discussed under AIRS and Planning item.
- (d) **Bodle Street Green** – The village hall is being used for Church Services until March. All dates for functions are in the Parish Magazine. A children's tea party is also to be held on 29th April 2011 (Royal Wedding Day) with games on the green, it is hoped for a street party type atmosphere on the green. A bring and share supper is also planned. The Parish Council wishes them luck in celebrating this occasion.
- (e) **Rights of Way** – A Parish Walk is being organised with details of this to follow at a later date.
- (f) **Wealden District Association of Local Councils** – Councillor D Turton attended the meeting on 12 January 2011 , where a presentation was made by Mr K Williams, Head of Planning at Wealden District Council, regarding electronic planning , planning fees and the localism bill a copy of the minutes are on file.

11/007 Clerks Report

The Rude Mechanics have booked the Village Green at Rushlake Green for 11 August 2011 with the usual terms of booking.

The financial statement is incorporated within the precept details attached to these minutes. And outlined under Finance item 11/008.

Accounts to be paid - None received.

The Tender for Mowing of Rushlake Green and Dog Corner has been advertised

11/008 Finance

The Finance Meeting held on 14 January 2011 discussed recommendations for this year's grant.

The following requests having been received.

Dunn Village Hall (DVH)	£3000.00
Heathfield Partnership	£500.00
PCC for Refurbishment of Vicarage	£750.00

It was agreed on the following grants:

DVH	£1175.00
Heathfield Partnership	£400.00
Parochial Church Council (PCC)	00.

Councillor Rupert Simmons declared interest as Chairman of the Heathfield Partnership and stated that the overall requirement was to raise £30,000 towards the cost of the planning application and this has been met. A resident of Bodle Street Green had won the car in the raffle on 8th January 2011. The Partnership is extremely grateful to the Parish Council for any monies given.

The Parish Council have sympathy with the PPC that parishioners are having to do the work on The Vicarage but feel this is actually the responsibility of the Church and therefore are unable to help with any grant.

Precept - The Spreadsheets 1, 2 and 3 were circulated and explained by Councillor N Richards –all as attached to main minutes -

1. Expenditure Against Budget
2. Funds Carried Forward
3. Precept – Anticipated Expenditure
4. Options

Following discussion it was recommended by Councillor N Richards that the precept for 2011/12 be set at £15,000.00 Proposed by Councillor C Wells and Seconded by Councillor J Trunkfield and agreed.

Thanks were given to Councillor Richards for all his work setting these recommendations.

Newsletter – Following discussion it was agreed that the newsletter in future is to be posted on our website and notice boards with a copy placed on the Village Leaf website. The monies allocated for newsletter is to be used against setting up the new website.

This was proposed by Councillor C Wells and Seconded by Councillor J Trunkfeld.

11/009 Planning

Councillor Glass informed the meeting that when electronic planning is started we will have a problem with a venue as Osborne House, where the planning meetings are held, do not have internet access or a telephone line for our use. We have previously been informed from their Management Committee that they will not be requiring installation of either of these by the Parish Council. .

Internet access and a telephone line are required for both Dunn Village Hall (DVH) and Bodle Street Green Village Hall (BSG).

It was agreed that installation of these are paid via the Parish Council , with AIRS monies, and the Village Halls ar then to pay the line rental.

Display screens are also required, a plasma screen or overhead screen, it was agreed that the plasma screen would be more suitable as this can be used within the halls.

DVH require a wheeled stand £390.00 and BSG require a bracket £300.00. for the plasma screens. Approximate costs for both halls will be £1300.00. A T V aerial will be required at each hall which will increase the use of the screens for the parish.

Bodle Street Green Village Hall already have a television licence.

As the DVH representative Cllr. Turton expressed concerns from DVH committee that the use of the plasma screen is not suitable for the DVH, as the groups who use the hall will have no use for it.

Cllr Glass reminded the Meeting that the AIRS money is for the Parish and therefore both the Dunn Village Hall and Bodle Street Green Village Hall are to benefit from this money for the community.

Mr Gibson and Bodle Street Green Village Hall Committee were commended by the Parish Council on their forward thinking in the use of their hall.

It was agreed to purchase the plasma screens and arrange installation with a local supplier.

Authority was given to Councillor Glass to proceed with the purchase of the above.

It was noted that the day for the planning meetings may require to be changed if we are unable to use Osborne House for e planning meetings. This change of day would depend on availability of either The Dunn Village Hall or Bodle Street Green Village Hall.

11/010 Rural Access to Services Scheme

This item has been dealt with under Finance and Planning matters.

11/011 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman

None.

11/012 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 17 February 2011 at 7.00pm in the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

The Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date