

## WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 17 February 2011 at 7pm at the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green

**Present:** Councillors – B Whitton (Chairman) Mrs K Cook, J Glass, N Richards, M.Sibbering, D Turton, C Wells.

East Sussex County Council – Councillor Thomas and Councillor B Bentley.

Councillor R Simmons will be attending the meeting later.

**Clerk** – Mrs M Smith

Four members of the public were present. The Chairman expressed a special welcome to Revd. Marc Lloyd the new incumbent for the Parish.

**11/013 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Trunkfield and Mrs S Ralph

**11/014 Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest where expressed

**11/015 Minutes**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 January 2011 having previously been circulated be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**11/016 Matters Arising**

Wealden District Council had advised that e planning consultation may not start on 1 April 2011.

**11/017 Public Adjournment**

None

**11/018 Reports**

**(a) East Sussex County Council**

Councillor Bill Bentley gave the report. Road closure at Bodle Street Green clarification that the Service Company have a right under law to notify ESCC . Works are on a planned basis are supposed to go thru a consultation process notify local highway ESCC. The issue at Bodle Street Green is that the consultation period had not taken place. Southern Water had not dealt with the consultation correctly. ESCC Highway has notified Southern Water that they need to consult correctly and work has stopped. The correspondence received from Councillor Richards has proved very successful.

Road is being reinstated and a consultation process will now be undertaken.

All road closure to be addressed correctly, one way traffic will be an emergency measure only. Sewer works at present is not an emergency but this may change.

Cllr Bentley has suggested April/May time for works. The Diversion works need to be minimal. The Parish Council will be consulted within the new consultation.

Cllr Thomas – The concerns of lack of consultation in this matter was raised at the ESCC Full Council meeting, this is to be addressed.

Cllr Richards –response – Consultation has started and Herstmonceux Parish Clerk has arranged a meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 11.am at Herstmonceux village Hall.

Cllr Richards explained the road closure problem to the meeting.

Cllr Glass stated that he has driven the official diversion route and the unofficial route with the Area Manager , They had not realised that the diversion distance is over 9 miles.

Concerns were raised that the emergency services had not been notified of the proposed road closures

Cllr Thomas thanked Cllr Richards and Cllr Glass for their contact and help with this situation.

Cllr Bentley gave an overview of the recently held ESCC budget meeting.

Community bus service – suggested that we publish support for the local bus services -Use it or lose it.

ESCC Councillors are working to obtain more Community Transport for the area.

East and West Sussex are joining some services to save money.

The Services for Adult Care are able to work with Primary Care Trust for additional funding , this is out to consultation for twelve weeks in order for a budgetary decision to be made.

Councillor Simmons joined the meeting and was welcomed by the Chairman.

Punnetts Town speed limit this scheme has reached draft drawing stage. Meetings had been held with Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council then a stop was put on expenditure. Highways have however found monies for the Punnetts Town speed limit and road improvement scheme.

Cllr Sibbering – A SLR (Strengthening Local Relationships) meeting has been provisionally arranged for next week which is not a suitable date for the Parish Council.

Cllr Simmons suggested good idea to keep a rhythm of meetings  
Concillor Sibbering is to reply to SLR , yes to a meeting, with a suggested date of 8 April 201 at 10am.

- (b) **Wealden District Council** – no one present for an update report.
- (c) **Dunn Village Hall** – .Cllr Turton gave a report. Apologies for the heating of the hall a new time clock and thermostat being installed at the moment £2500.00 is required each year to heat the hall  
The DVH Committee are in agreement to installing a Plasma Screen at the hall.
- (d) **Bodle Street Green** – None
- (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** –None

**11/019 Clerks Report**  
**Correspondence received – None**

**Accounts for Payment**

Mrs M Smith – (Friday Ad, Advert for Mowing Service Tender)	£25.98
Heathfield Partnership – Discretionary Grant.	£400.00

**11/020 Finance**  
Statement attached. Cllr Richards proposed use of new statement layout to be used as from April 2011.  
This was discussed and agreed.

**11/021 Planning**  
No planning matters to discuss.  
The antenna aerial for Village Halls are to be installed.  
TV Licence will be required at Dunn Village Hall, Bodle Street Green already have a TV Licence.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Glass for all his work on obtaining this equipment and installation.  
Mr Gibson thanked the Parish Council for the wall mounting and the Plasma Screen at Bodle Street Green Village Hall.

**11/022 Rural Access to Services Scheme**  
At 11/021above.

**11/023 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman**  
Cllr Mrs Cook advised that the Parish website is available and can be updated.  
It was agreed that the Daw Memorial- Notice Board - is to be erected. Suggested this is to be by the seat. This to be decided at next meeting.

**11/024 Date of Next Meeting**  
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 17 March 2011 at 7.00pm in the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

**The Meeting Closed at 8.50pm**

Signed..... Chairman

Date .....