

WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 21 April 2011 at 8pm in the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green

Present: Councillors – B Whitton (Chairman) A Long (Vice Chairman) , J Glass, C.Harding, Mrs S Ralph, N Richards, M.Sibbering, J Trunkfield , D Turton , C Wells.

East Sussex County Council – Councillors – R. Simmons, B. Bentley

Clerk – Mrs M Smith

Eight members of the Public were present

11/037 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs K Cook
ESCC Councillor Thomas

11/038 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were expressed

11/039 Minutes

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2011 having previously been circulated be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

11/040 Matters Arising

No matters arising

11/041 Public Adjournment

Bridle Path and Furnace Lane - Julia Desch from the 1992 Bridleway Group dealing with bridleways in the area gave an overview of the situation. The problem on this route started after the foot and mouth outbreak. A new bridge has been installed and diversion agreed. The route is only a Bridleway but is historical to the area.

The Planning Inspectorate has allowed an appeal to make modifications to the status of the bridleway to a footpath, although as he has stated in the appeal decision he had not visited the site. The appeal refers to 1971 established use – on going use following on from historic use.

It is noted that Warbleton Parish Council had not been notified of the application or the appeal.

Mrs Clark also gave an account of the situation following contact with other users of the Bridleway who are also finding the way is too difficult to ride due to the narrowing of the Bridleway. The route is intimidating now that the fence has been moved to narrow the Bridleway. A Bridleway should be 4 meters wide for safety.

The chairman thanked Julia Desch and Mrs Clark for their updates of the situation and requested that Julia keep the Parish Council informed. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council will help in any way that it can and will contact Mr Matthew Harper at East Sussex County Council.
Councillor Simmons also requested to be kept informed of the situation.

No further Public Adjournment items, five members of the public left the meeting.

11/042 Reports

(a) East Sussex County Council

Councillor Simmons had nothing further to add from the Annual Meeting Report - Thanks to all the Parish Council for their support and dealing with SLR liaison meeting and advised to keep contact with these meetings. Report attached as circulated for the Annual Meeting.

(b) Wealden District Council – nothing to report

(c) Dunn Village Hall – Councillor Turton reported the concerns over the running cost of Broadband had been raised by the DVH Committee. Councillor Glass stated that the Parish Council had agreed with the DVH Treasurer, Mrs P Clifford, that a one off payment of £500.00 towards the running cost of the Broadband connection was to be given by the Parish Council to the Dunn Village Hall. This was noted.

(d) Bodle Street Green – The new screen has been used for power point presentation at the Church AGM and for the Church Lunch. The WI and Flower Club are being advised to use the screen. The Bodle Street Green

Village Hall Committee are very happy with the screen and invite all the Parish Councillors to the Royal Wedding Celebrations on 29 April 2011- 4 pm a tea party, which is mostly for younger people and at 7pm a supper. Functions are still being held regularly in the Hall.

- (e) **Rights of Way** – Councillor Sibbering has concerns over the Bridleway issue at Furnace Lane as part of this is within Warbleton Parish and the Parish Council were not consulted.
- (f) **Wealden District Association of Local Councils** –Councillor Turton gave a report from the recent meeting which covered the following - Talk on litter, Planning for horse shelters, these are an issue which need stricter guidelines. Installation of solar panels needs to be monitored., e planning should be implemented in July 2011

11/043 Clerks Report
Correspondence received – none received

11/044 Finance
Councillor Richards gave a report on the Financial Statement that was circulated. All details agreed. .

Accounts for Payment

SALC Subscription April 2011 – March 2012 £366.17

Discretionary Grants-
Bodle Street Green Village Hall £500.00

11/045 Planning
Due to the Easter Bank Holiday the next Planning Meeting is to be held on 6th May 2011

11/046 Rural Access to Services Scheme
This scheme is now finished therefore nothing to report.

11/047 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman
Kerbing around the Village Green and Rushlake Green has been hit by a vehicle his is to be investigated.
The positioning of the new parish notice board is to be decided.

11/048 Date of Next Meeting
The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 19 May 2011 at 7pm in The Village Hall , Bodle Street Green.

The Meeting Closed at 9 .25pm.

Signed..... Chairman

Date