

WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 19 May 2011 at 7pm in The Village Hall, Bodle Street Green

Present: Councillors – B Whitton, N. Richards, Mrs K Cook, R Tratt, Mrs S Ralph, D Turton, C.Jervis Read, J Glass, C Wells
East Sussex County Council – Councillors R. Simmons,

Clerk – Mrs M Smith

Members of the Public - Seven members of the Public were present

11/049 Apologies for Absence

ESCC Councillor R Thomas and B Councillor B Bentley

11/050 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were expressed

11/051 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

These were duly signed by all Councillors.

11/052(a) Elections

Councillor Wells took the first election proposals.

Proposed Councillor Glass and seconded Councillor Mrs S Ralph that Councillor Whitton be nominated as Chairman of Warbleton Parish Council for this next election term. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman then took the remaining proposals.

Vice Chairman - Councillor N Richards, proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded Councillor Mrs K Cook.
Carried unanimously

Committee Chairman – elected as follows :

Finance - Councillor N Richards, proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded Councillor Glass
Carried unanimously.

Planning and General Purpose –Councillor J Glass proposed by Councillor Whitton and seconded Councillor Wells
Carried unanimously

Rights of Way – Councillor R Tratt proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ralph and seconded Councillor Whitton
Carried unanimously

Emergency Planning – Councillor C Jervis Read proposed by Councillor Wells and seconded Councillor Richards
Carried unanimously

Wealden District Association of Local Councils – Councillor R Tratt proposed by Councillor D Turton seconded Councillor Whitton.
Carried unanimously

Wealden Partnership – District Councillor N Mckeenan to obtain further information regarding this Committee

Councillor Whitton expressed congratulations in the local election held on 5 May 2011 and welcomed Councillor Mckeenan to the Meeting.

Website Co Ordinator – Councillor Mrs K Cook will continue contact with Antony.....

Warbleton Charity – Councillor Wells to continue as Chairman.

11/052(b) Membership of Committees – Councillor Whitton as Chairman is a member of all Committees

Finance – Councillors Richards, Glass, Jervis Read, Whitton Mrs K Cook,

Planning and General Purpose – Councillors Mrs K Cook, Mrs S Ralph, Turton, Jervis Read, Wells, Richards, Tratt, Whitton, Glass.

Rights of Way – Councillors Tratt and Mrs S Ralph

Dunn Village Hall – Councillor Turton

Bodle Street Green Village Hall – Councillor Mrs S Ralph

Thanks were expressed by Councillor Whitton to all Councillors for their support and supporting each other.

11/053 Minutes

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2011 having been previously circulated be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

11/054 Matters Arising

The issue of the kerbing on the green requiring reinstatements needs to be chased up.

11/055 Public Adjournment

1. The Chairman welcomed Liz McDonagh the Police Community Support Officer for our area, based in Heathfield Police Station. – no incidents to report but welcomed the opportunity to attend Parish Meeting. Heathfield Police are now on twitter which is updated daily, the link will be mailed to the Clerk. She then left the meeting.
2. A concern was raised by Mr Gibson regarding the ward boundaries for elections as Redpale polling station was the Dunn Village Hall. Councillor Simmons responded stating that perhaps when the bill to re assess the number of MP'S in the country, boundaries may be changed by Central Government. This is not an issue the Parish have any control over.
3. Bridle Path at Furnace Lane – Concern was expressed by Julia Desch that the Parish had not been kept informed of the progress regarding the situation. ESCC Councillor Simmons gave an update of the situation, both parishes concerned Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council and Warbleton had been ignored by the Planning Inspectorate and East Sussex County Council and this was not good enough, but believes that Matthew Harper from ESCC is behaving in a responsible manner with this situation
4. Correspondence had today been received from East Sussex County Council by the Parish Council stating the need to wait for an order to be put in place. Once this order and notification of it is received from East Sussex County Council it is critical to lodge all objections within the 42 day period following this notification. East Sussex County Council will take a neutral stance in any appeal lodged as stated in there correspondence. Warbleton Parish Council had previously in 2005 objected to any change to the Bridleway. Details once received will be posted on the Village Leaf website and Village Pump. The Chairman thanked Julia for all here time and support in this matter.

11/056 Reports

- (a) Councillor Simmons stood down as Chairman after 2 years in office. Councillor Bentley in Cabinet – Adult Social Care and Councillor Thomas is continuing. Councillor Simmons reported on the Heathfield Partnership and thanked the Parish Council for their continued support. A consultant has been appointed to submit a planning application which will take up to three months to be considered. The land has been given by ESCC and the planning application will be submitted in the name of Heathfield Community College. Councillor Simmons has been asked to chair Health Committee which will deal with concerns of Hastings and Eastbourne Hospital conditions. Thanks were given to Councillor Simmons with good luck for the coming year from the Chairman.

Councillor Richards stated that Windmill Hill opened today making the works two weeks only as promised, after a false start this was an extremely well dealt with project and thanked Councillor Bentley for arranging with the Highways Department to agree the timescale of works.

- (b) **Wealden District Council**
Nothing to report as first meeting to beheld on 25 May 2011
- (c) **Dunn Village Hall**
Accepted Screen – Councillor Glass agreed to give demonstration on how the screen can be used if required.
- (d) **Bodle Street Green Village Hall**
The Royal Wedding Parties held on 29 April 2011 exceeded all expectation 90 people attended. The screen has been a great success, used at the halls AGM and at a private function.
- (e) **Rights of Way** –
The new team will be carrying on with Parish Walks.
- (f) **Wealden District Association of Local Councils** –
Nothing to report

11/057 Clerks Report

Correspondence received from Bodle Street Village Hall thanking the Parish for its one off payment towards the running cost of the broadband installation.

Tender contract for the mowing ready for signature , agreed and signed.

East Sussex Association of the Blind celebrating 90 years – requesting a grant £25.00 as given in previous years, it was agreed this amount to be sent again this year.

11/058 Finance

- (a) Current Financial Statement agreed
- (b) Accounts received and agreed for payment
 - WDC - Dog Bin Emptying £69.42
 - Dunn Village Hall –
 - One off broadband payment £500.00

11/059 Planning

Nothing to report

11/060 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman

Position of Daw Memorial to be decided and erected.

The Chairman thanked all the members of the public for attending the meeting.

11/061 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 16 June 2011 at 7pm in The Village Hall , Bodle Street Green.

The Meeting Closed at 09.05 pm.

Signed..... Chairman

Date