

WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 21 July 2011 at 7pm in The Village Hall, Bodle Street Green

Present: Councillors – B Whitton, Mrs K Cook, J Glass, C.Jervis Read, Mrs K Jones, D Powell R Tratt, D Turton, C Wells

East Sussex County Council – Councillors R. Simmons, and Councillor R Thomas
Wealden District Council – None

Clerk – Mrs M Smith

Members of the Public - Ten members of the public were present and Police Community Support officer Liz McDonagh

11/074 Apologies for Absence - Councillor N Richards
ESCC Councillor R Thomas

11/075 Declarations of interest
No declarations of interest where expressed

11/076 Minutes
That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2011 having been previously circulated be confirmed and signed by the Chairman with two amendments at 11/067 this should read Bridleway 85a and Jackie Rowled of British Horse Society.

11/077 Matters Arising
Any matters arising to be dealt with during the meeting.

11/078 Public Adjournment
Crime update in the area, scrap metal and diesel oil are being stolen, but there is a possible arrest being made soon. Drain covers are also being stolen.
The Heathfield area are experiencing a few burglaries. Burglars usually know the layout of properties but alarms are always a good deterrent.
Chairman Councillor Whitton thanked Liz McDonagh for her time in attending, and she then left the meeting.

11/079 Co Option of Candidates for Vacancies on Parish Council
Candidates for consideration were Mrs K Jones, Mr D Powell, Mr Trunkfield and Mr Leeves. Following a voting procedure Mrs Kerri Jones and Mr David Powell were co opted on to the Parish Council for this election term.
The Chairman welcomed them on to the Parish Council

11/080 Reports

- (a) **East Sussex County Council**
Councillor Simmons gave his report -
Congratulation to the new members of the Parish Council. Bus Service 355 this service is not being cancelled and will benefit with a return service on a Saturday.
Regarding Bridleway 85a the advise from ESCC Rights of Way Matthew Harper Their will be a six week consultation process. This will lead to a full Public Inquiry. The written statement from ESCC will be the Bridleway should stay as is. This time scale will be notified to the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Wells report an incident/ accident at Rookery Lane near the site entrance, Councillor Simmons requested an e mail to attend to this matter.

Councillor Bentley - Good news for ESCC the government have allocated £15 million grant for superfast broadband across the county to all rural areas and it is looking very positive. BT will match this for fibre optic cable work to be carried out. This will be very good news for all businesses.

For this scheme to be completed by end of 2012 disruption will be felt on the road network but this is essential. This is a huge commitment by BT who will not consider the works without the government input.

All details of the merger of the East and West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services are on the East Sussex Fire and Rescue website. This will be a saving of £20million a year, a representative will visit a Parish Council meeting to take concerns if this is required.

Dutch Elm disease needs to be reported to ESCC for the tree to be destroyed to protect other trees. ESCC is the only area in England with Elm Trees.

(b) **Wealden District Council**

None- Concern was expressed by The Chairman at the poor attendance of Wealden District Councillors to our meetings, this was agreed.

(c) **Dunn Village Hall –**

Councillor Turton reported that the DVH have agreed to the Tuesday meetings January 2012 to June 2012.

They wish to install the Hub router to a cupboard with a key.

There are still some concerns from the DVH Committee regarding the use of the television screen and broadband.

A letter regarding the one off £500 given to the DVH towards the line rental has been sent to their secretary.

There is a possibility that the DVH will be able to apply for lottery funding for the hall.

Bodle Street Green -

These meetings are only held quarterly and the next meeting is to be held on 22 July 2011.

(d) **Rights of Way –**

Councillor Tratt gave a full report regarding finger posts that are missing or in a bad state of repair in the Parish.

The finger post in Rookery Lane(Golders Lane) is missing completely.

Photographs of the worst of these had been taken. These are to be sent to ESCC Highways Mr Brian Banks for his information and attention where possible, as agreed at our recent SLR meeting.

Thanks were expressed from Cllr Whitton to Cllr Tratt for his work on this issue.

(e) **Wealden District Association of Local Councils –**

The AGM was held on 6 July 2011 attended by Councillor Tratt who was elected onto the management committee.

Mr T Leggo from SLAC gave a talk on local partnership plan.

Local Elections 2011 - Out of 91 parishes in East and West Sussex only 18 had contested elections this year.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Tratt for his report.

11/081 Clerks Report

Correspondence received – None.

11/082 Finance

