

WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 15 September 2011 at 7pm in The Village Hall, Bodle Street Green

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

East Sussex County Council – Councillors R. Simmons, B Bentley and R Thomas
Wealden District Council – Councillors A Long and N Mckeeman

Clerk – Mrs M Smith

Members of the Public - Two members of the public were present

11/086 Apologies for Absence - Councillor D Powell

11/087 Declarations of interest
No declarations of interest where expressed

11/088 Minutes
That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 July 2011 having been previously circulated be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

11/089 Matters Arising
Councillor Glass questioned whether Broadband would reach Bodle Street Green? Councillor Bentley outlined the Broadband UK Scheme which is for the whole of the County. Contractor will deal with Urban areas first and then onto rural in an eight year timescale.

Councillor Tratt reported that Rookery Lane pot holes had been repaired. Thanks expressed to Councillor Simmons for his help with this.

11/090 Public Adjournment
Julia Desch report that the notice to down grade the Bridleway 85a is to be in reported in the local newspaper, Sussex Express, this coming Friday. Comments and objections are requested to be sent to Phillip Barker at ESCC the more objections received the better, this will ensure that a Public Inquiry is held into any proposed downgrade.
The Chairman thanked Julia Desch for her report and urged all Parish Councillors to oppose this down grade.
Proposed by Councillor Turton and seconded by Councillor Tratt that the Parish Council object in writing to any downgrade of 85a. This was carried with one abstention.
Councillor Whitton stated that any Public Inquiry would be attended by Parish Council

11/091 Reports

(a) **East Sussex County Council**
Councillor Simmons reported that Boundary Changes proposal for General Election to beheld in 2015 are before Parliament. Members of Parliament will have the same number of constituents for each making a reduction of Members of Parliament required. Warbleton Parish will not be affected by these proposed changes.

East Sussex Hospital Trust publishes hospital provisions which will over coming years cover whole spectrum of provisions and lead eventually to a consultation process. Councillor Simmons will keep the Parish informed when any representation is required.

The Heathfield Partnership are pleased to say that although it has taken a few years Sainsbury's has finally opened in Heathfield which will be a benefit to the market town.

Councillor Thomas reported that East Sussex and West Sussex Fire Authority are joining and this will save Fires Services from losing small stations. Emergency Services still need funding and funding for Flood Defence is still on going.

(b) **Wealden District Council**

Councillor McKeeman - Localism Bill this will mean working closer together with Local Parish and Town Councils using the draft planning policy frame work and will be challenging for the District Council. The Parish Council will have a role in new Policy decision making.

Councillor Long – Wealden District Council are working towards a single site headquarters in Hailsham with the possibility of planning permission for housing on the Pinegrove site at Crowborough.

Joint Waste Management process all but Lewes District Council are amalgamating services. Wealden District Council is the only District Council that deals with its own waste disposal and waste management. The Transformation Programme at WDC is required to make a huge saving on its waste disposal and tenders are to be agreed. No details have been decided as yet but the outcome will be a change in how waste is collected within Wealden District Council.

(c) **Dunn Village Hall –**

Councillor Turton thanked both the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the correspondence sent to the DVH regarding the screen and broadband installation.

The DVH are still concerned regarding running costs for this equipment, although a grant has been given of £500 from the Parish Council for this and a further grant will be given if it is felt necessary and applied for

(d) **Bodle Street Green Village Hall -**

Councillor Mrs Ralph reported that The Village Hall is used regularly with many activities and meetings being held. The village in general has lots going on.

(e) **Rights of Way –**

Councillor Tratt had met with Mathew Harper from ESCC which had been very helpful and informative regarding procedures and legal position of footpaths.

A broken footbridge and stile on 37b had been reported.

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

Meeting held on 2nd August outlining various planning issues. Training sessions had been held following the May elections this year for any new Parish Councillors and 145 delegates had attended.

It is proposed that planning fees will be set by the District Council and not central government at some time in the future.

The next meeting of the Wealden District Association of Local Councils is to be held on 19 October 2011.

11/092 Clerks Report

Correspondence received – Correspondence received had been previously circulated to all Councillors. Nothing further to report.

11/093 Finance

(a) Current Financial Statement previously distributed was agreed. Proposed by Cllr C Wells and seconded by Cllr J Glass.

(b) Accounts for Payment

Warbleton Payment Voucher – Salary	£345.44
Mileage	£ 49.50

11/094 Planning

Councillor Glass reported that the Localism Bill will require the Parish Council to have its own Local Plan and suggested input for the next planning meeting with different sections of the plan allocated to Councillors. It was agreed that this needs to be discussed in full at a future planning meeting.

11/095 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman

The chairman thanked all members of the Public for attending the meeting.

11/096 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 20 October 2011 at 7pm in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

The Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date