

## WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 20 October 2011 at 7pm in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

**Present:** Councillors – B Whitton, N. Richards, C.Jervis Read, D Powell, R Tratt, D Turton, C Wells

East Sussex County Council – Councillors R Thomas  
Wealden District Council – None

**Clerk** – Mrs M Smith

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

**11/097 Apologies for Absence** - Councillors J.Glass, Mrs K Cook, Mrs K Jones, Mrs S Ralph  
ESCC Councillors R Simmons and B Bentley  
WDC Councillor N McKeeman

**11/098 Declarations of interest**  
No declarations of interest where expressed

**11/099 Minutes**

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 September having been previously circulated be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

An Amendment made to 11/091(a) Councillor Thomas report to read.. East Sussex and West Sussex Fire Authority maybe merging and Flood Defence becoming more complicated. This amendment was agreed.

**11/100 Public Adjournment**

(1) Warbleton Website update – Antony Gordon reported that the website needs restructuring and updating and he has investigated other options for the site. At the moment our site is web hosted by Mr Site, changing the name from.org.uk we could save money. The total costing would be less that £20.00 per year. He suggested moving the existing to a new domain soon as the licence runs out in January, with a note on old website to refer to new site. Antony will find out costing to use .gov as our website address, but this may be expensive.

It was agreed that all Planning Minutes and the Grant Application from are to be sent for the website.

The Chairman thanked Antony for attending this Meeting. He also advised that the Parish Council are very keen to improve on the website and the details on it. He will speak to Councillor Cook who did initially take the lead for the Parish Council with this.

(2) Bridleway Update – Julia Desch reported that a meeting was held on Tuesday evening to reform a Bridleway Group this was attended by Councillors from Warbleton Parish Council and Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council. The attendance was very good and the group are to reactivate a committee which will help with the Bridleway 85a situation. The Bridleway Group require a Parish Council representative, Councillor Tratt agreed to attend on behalf of Warbleton Parish Council.

Regarding Bridleway 85a Julia had received a number of copies of correspondence sent to ESCC. There is also a problem at the further end of this path which is a problem for Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council.

Regarding the role of Parish Council's in East Sussex taking on part of the works to Rights of Way to cut costs for ESCC please be aware that when resurfacing the surface must be

suitable for riders. By next Spring a new access forum is to be set up. It has been suggested that ESCC grant monies to each Parish for any work that are to be undertaken.

(3) Manhole Cover – Jonathan Austin reported that the manhole cover outside Rose Cottage, Rushlake Green is broken and requires to be reported.

## 11/101 Reports

### (a) East Sussex County Council

Councillor R Thomas gave the report – Localism Bill if this goes thru this should open door so local view has more power for Parish Council.

Energy from waste disposal at Newhaven with use of the new up to date incinerator is this County, only a small % of residue is being taken from site by train for disposal. This will eventually generate electricity for part of the County.

Dustbin collections – Wealden District Council and Rother District have agreed to merge for this service, Lewes District did not agree to any merger.

With the Council Tax being frozen this is not as simple as it sounds as the ESCC had a four year plan in operation. This will be updated in the future months.

Councillor Powell raised the question regarding speed limits outside Schools. Although Punnetts Town School is not within our Parish is there a possibility that a 20 mph speed limit could be enforced.

Councillor Thomas agreed to investigate and reply at the next Parish Council meeting.

### (b) Wealden District Council – No Councillors present

(c) **Dunn Village Hall** – Councillor Turton reported that the wifi system that had been installed, but not yet used, is to be reinstated on Friday 21 October 2011  
The Chairman thanked Councillor Turton for all his patience and perseverance with this matter.

(d) **Bodle Street Green Village Hall** – Report given by Bryan Gibson, The Bodle Street Green Village Hall Committee have agreed next year's programme,  
January 2012 – 1960 Disco to include 60's food.  
March 2012 - The Mikado , Theatre company from Sydney Opera House  
Culture Olympia ' Running for Glory  
June 2012 – Full day celebration, including Church Service for The Queens Diamond Jubilee. The screen will be used to watch the pageant with a reception to be held.  
Other functions are also to be held during the coming months. .  
The Chairman thanked Mr Gibson for his report and wished the village hall committee well.

(e) **Rights of Way** – Concern was raised that the Parish Council may not be receiving all details from ESCC of proposed footpath diversions.

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

Councillor Tratt reported that a meeting was held on 21 September 2011 detailing the agenda for the Parish Conference to be held on 28 September 2011.

Councillor Tratt reported that the feedback to the Parish Planning Panel meeting held on 11 October 2011 regarding the Parish Conference was very good and the use of electronic voting was very successful. Planning Appeals - won by Wealden District Council these were discussed and an overview given which was informative.

## 11/102 Clerks Report

**Correspondence received** – Correspondence received had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Police update – Telephone scam regarding payment protection Insurance , be aware of any suspicious calls, contact Police if unsure. Neighbourhood Watch nothing to report for the Warbleton area.

Wealden Health and Housing Workshop Friday 25 November and invitation to this workshop has been received.

East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee newsletter received.

East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton and Hove Waste and Minerals Plan, notification received from ESCC that the draft plan is available for six Weeks from 27 October 2011 to 8 December 2011.

#### **11/103 Finance**

(a) Current Financial Statement dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 previously distributed was agreed.

(b) Accounts for Payment

Warbleton Payment Voucher – Salary	£345.44
Mileage	£ 29.25
WDC Dog Bin Emptying	72.54
Insurance	506.89

Cheques signed at Planning and General Purpose Committee

Income Tax 259.00

DVH Discretionary Grant, 1100.00

Parish Council Conference x 3 places

Cllr Wells, Cllr Glass and The Clerk 150.00

Plaques x 2 for notice board to

Finish the Daw memorial 116.00

Quotation received from A Funnell for refurbishment of noticeboard at Bodle Street Green = £110.00 it was agreed to carry out these works.

(c) The Audit Papers were agreed and signed. I

(d) Requests for grant applications to be submitted by 31 October has been advertised in the Parish Pump.

**11/104 Planning** – nothing to report the next Planning and General Purpose Committee will be held on Tuesday 1 November 2011

#### **11/105 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman**

It was reported that the Churchyard at Warbleton Parish Church is running out of plots and it is a possibility that more land will be required for burials in the Parish. This is an item that will need to be discussed fully with the Church.

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

#### **11/106 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 17 November 2011 at 7pm in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

#### **The Meeting Closed at 8.55pm**

Signed..... Chairman

Date .....