

WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 19 January 2012 at 7pm in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

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

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

Clerk – Mrs M Smith

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

12/001 Apologies for Absence - WDC Councillor N McKeeman

12/002 Declarations of interest - No declarations of interest where expressed

12/003 Minutes

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2011 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

12/004 Matters Arising

The issue regarding payment for the use of the DVH will be dealt with under the Finance Section of this meeting

12/005 Public Adjournment

Julia Desch reported a footpath incident involving a pack of dogs. This had been reported to the Police.

The Community Support Officer Liz McDonagh stated that the Police were investigating these incidents and that anyone with a dog not under control could be prosecuted.

The Chairman thanked Ms Desch and the Police for bringing this incident to the Parish Council's attention.

It was also reported by Councillor Mrs Jones that 'dog fouling' was a problem between the Dunn Village Hall and The Shop on the Green. Councillor Long agreed to report this to Wealden District Council.

CSO also reported on burglary in Prinkle Lane.

Following the report of parking problem on Church Hill this is being monitored by the Police as from this weekend.

The Chairman thanked Liz for attending and updating the Parish Meeting this is always much appreciated.

12/006 Reports

- (a) **East Sussex County Council** - Councillor Simmons confirmed that all correspondence received by ESCC regarding the Bridleway is additional value and provides fresh evidence for the Public Inquiry that is expected to take place.

Councillor Simmons expressed thanks from Heathfield Partnership who are extremely thankful for the support of the Parish Council.

Councillor Simmons outlined the Youth Unemployment scheme that is being run by the Heathfield Partnership for 16-18 years old in the Heathfield area. Two mentors work and stay with young people and an employer for a year. Employers in the area have been very supportive with this scheme.

Councillor Thomas gave an update on Flood Defence claims. The meagre of the Fire Services has been put on hold at the moment and it will be six weeks before a final decision is made on this.

Councillor Bentley – ESCC are working on their budget to maintain a 0% increase in Council Tax and will be deciding on this shortly.

The longer term plan is for all the County to have Broadband coverage ESCC are investing a lot into this project along with BT who are very keen for this project to go ahead.

- (b) **Wealden District Council** – Councillor Long reported that the LDF Core Strategy is out for consultation until 24 February 2012.
The Joint Waste procurement all but Lewes area have signed for this and it is a wait and see situation as to what will happen. No jobs are being axed at the moment. There is a £100,000 penalty if a Local Authority pulls out of the project once signed up.
Councillor Long had no further details regarding Forest Lane, in Punnetts Town only aware that part of the development proposal is affordable housing.
- (c) **Dunn Village Hall** – Councillor Turton was unable to attend the January meeting. At the December 2011 meeting the DVH Committee had advised that they would be willing to take part in any Diamond Jubilee Celebration that the Parish Council are organising as they would be unable to 'do it alone' as they are a small Committee. The Chairman reported that at the first Parish Planning meeting for the year held in the DVH all the IT was working successfully which was appreciated.
Jonathan Austin also stated that the flower show used the screen for a presentation at their AGM which was also very successful.
- (d) **Bodle Street Green Village Hall** – Report given by Councillor Mrs Ralph – The village hall activities continues to grow with lots planned for the coming year. A Diamond Jubilee Celebration is being organised by the Village Hall Committee with activities for all on Sunday 3rd June 2012.
A film club has started and member ship is already at 60. The films are to be shown on the last Friday of each month starting 27 January 2012.
- (e) **Rights of Way** – Councillor Tratt reported the problem of dogs running free on footpath as reported to the Police .
Confirmation had been received from Matthew Harper of ESCC that all objections letters received regarding the Bridleway at Cade Street are being considered.
Finger Posts – The Chairman reported that the finger post at Three Cups has been removed.
ESCC will not undertake costs of replacing any finger post but will undertake maintenance.
- (f) **Wealden District Association of Local Councils** –
Councillor Tratt has attended 3 meetings recently SALC, WDC Parish Planning Meeting, WADC the common theme for these meetings was the election proposed to be held in November for the appointment of a new Police Crime Commissionaire for Sussex area.
The LDF Core Strategy plan can be viewed at various exhibitions in the area during February.

12/007 Clerks Report

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

A booking of the Green has been received from The Rude Mechanical Theatre for 09 August 2012.

A quotation for works to the Beech tree at the front of Osborne House has been received. The Chairman advised that the tree was planted by the Parish Council and is the Parish responsibility although the works required maybe BT responsibility , this is to be checked again.

Correspondence has been received from Sir Jeremy Cooke regarding a marathon proposed to be run via Church Hill on Sunday 1st April 2012. ESCC had been contacted and the road is to be closed briefly for this event.

ESCC Waste and Minerals Plan is available on their website for representations and comments.

12/008 Finance

(a) Councillor Richards outlined the current Financial Statement dated 19 January 2012 previously distributed , this was agreed.

(b) Accounts for Payment	
Warbleton Payment Voucher – Salary	£345.24
Mileage nov/dec 2011	£ 44.55
WDC Dog Bin Emptying	£ 66.96
Churchyard Grants	
St Mary's Warbleton	£500.00
St John's Bodle Street Green	£300.00
Clock Maintenance Osborne House	
Mr A Funnell	£125.00

(c) Councillor Richards advised that four grant applications have been received and the following had been agreed at the recent Finance Committee Meeting.

Heathfield Partnership £500.00 – Councillor Simmons thanked the Parish.

Village Lunch Club £300.00

Dunn Village Hall

Internet access £430.00 – Councillor Turton thanked the Parish on behalf of DVH.

Works required for refurbishment of the floor at the DVH will be considered on receipt of invoice for the works.

Bodle Street Green Village Hall - A receipted invoice is required.

Following discussion Councillor Richards advised the Meeting that a fairer system is required regarding monies for the halls and referred any further discussion on this to the Finance Committee Meeting to be held on 24 January 2012 and to report back to the main meeting. This was agreed.

(d) Councillor Richards explained the projected expenditure to 31 March 2012 and Proposed the Precept application be set at £15100.00.

This was seconded by Councillor Turton

The Parish Precept form for 2012/13 was signed by the Chairman.

12/009 Planning –. Councillor Glass read an e mail received from Councillor McKeeman explaining the Core Strategy consultation. Councillor Glass will e mail links to all .

12/010 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman

(a) Diamond Jubilee Celebration – a discussion was held with ideas for a Parish event to be held on The Green at Rushlake Green. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss and arrange an event and report back to main Committee.

(b) The Marathon – previously discussed

(c) Tree at Osborne House – previously discussed

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

12/011 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16 February 2012 at 7pm in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

The Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date