

## WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Warbleton Parish Council held on Thursday 16 February 2012 at 7pm in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor B Whitton, Vice Chairman N Richards Chaired the meeting.

**Present:** Councillors – N. Richards, J. Glass, C.Jervis Read, R Tratt, D.Turton, Mrs K Jones, D Powell, C Wells.

**East Sussex County Council** – Councillors R Simmons, R.Thomas  
**Wealden District Council** – Councillors A. Long, N McKeeman

**Clerk** – Mrs M Smith

**Members of the Public** - Three member of the public were present , J Austin, B Gibson and Revd M Lloyd and were welcomed by the Chairman.

**12/012 Apologies for Absence** - Chairman B Whitton, and Mrs K Cook

**12/013 Declarations of interest** - No declarations of interest where expressed

**12/014 Minutes**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2012 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**12/015 Matters Arising**

No details had been received from the Police regarding the parking monitoring at Church Hill. No details received from Councillor Long whether 'dog fouling' problem at Rushlake Green had been reported to Wealden District Council. The issue regarding payment for the use of the DVH will be dealt with under the Finance Section of this meeting

**12/016 Public Adjournment** – None

**12/017 Reports**

**(a) East Sussex County Council** - Councillor Simmons reported on the ESCC budget for the coming year and there will be a 0% increase in Council Tax this year. To obtain the £19million saving that is required and achievable with the new structuring for Children Services . The restructuring of the service will continue over the next 4 years creating jobs in the area. .

Resources are in place towards the Waste Contracts Scheme, Superfast Broadband and Bexhill (£22 million) Ring Road. And is exciting times for creating jobs.

Adult Social Care will not be affected by these cuts.

Councillor R Thomas – East and West Sussex Fire Authority meagre is not going ahead due to the poor business case put forward by West Sussex.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports.

**(b) Wealden District Council** – Councillor McKeeman reported that the budget process has been slightly delayed but is expected to be 0% increase. Due to the Transformation Programme long term plans for WDC will be evolving and ideas for sharing process to be held with Parish Councils in the future. Business Focus group has been set up

and surveys have been sent to businesses in the area for feedback with ideas to WDC. Further details on this will be reported to the Parish Council when available.

(c) **Dunn Village Hall** – Councillor Turton requested that this item be dealt with in a closed session following this meeting.

(d) **Bodle Street Green Village Hall** – Report given by Mr Bryan Gibson the film club has started and is very successful with 70 members so far. The hall has numerous bookings and is used most evenings. Day time activities and bookings are also popular. The Theatre Arts Group have booked the hall as one of its three venues in East Sussex. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations are on track. Mugs are to be given to all children in Bodle Street Green with extra mugs to be sold on the day. The programme for the day is as advertised. The hall is catering for 150 – 200 for the event including a barbecue. The WI are arranging the Tea Party and the Gardening Club are planting flower beds in red white and blue. Councillor Wells complimented the Bodle Street Green Village Hall Committee for all events held in the hall and making good use of the hall facilities.

(e) **Rights of Way** – Councillor Tratt reported that Matthew Harper from ESCC had advised him that maintenance grants of 25% are available from ESCC. Style kits are also available. Photographs have been taken of all Finger Posts in the Parish. Further attacks from dogs have been reported to the Police. This is an on going investigation.

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

Councillor Tratt had attended the management meeting where the resignation of Marion Sheppard Horam Parish Council Chairman had been announced as with immediate effect.

Four candidates had been received so far for the Police Commissioner to be elected on in November.

The Parish conference had been discussed and it had been suggested that more delegates from Parish Council may be able to attend in future.

**12/018 Clerks Report**

**Correspondence received** – Correspondence received had been previously circulated to all Councillors as follows:

Broadband Roundtable in Heathfield 2 March 2012 – e mail from office of Greg Barker MP  
ETE in Your Area – e mail update received from ESCC  
AiRS e Bulletin January 2012 – e mail received

**12/019 Finance**

- (a) Councillor Richards outlined the current Financial Statement dated 16 February 2012 distributed, this was agreed.
- (b) Payments as follows

Warbleton Payment Voucher	£345.24	Heathfield Partnership	£500.00
Mileage Jan 2012	£ 22.95	Villages Lunch Club	£300.00
Postage	£5.52	BSG Village Hall - mowing	£300.00
Mazars-external auditors	£210.00	Wealden Citizens Advice	£100.00
WDC – Election Expenses	£400.15	E Sx Association of Blind	£50.00
AiRS – info event x 2 Cllrs	£48.00	Mr A Gordon- (Mr Site)	£40.88
Dunn Village Hall	£430.00	BSG Village Hall	£200.00
Sx Air Ambulance	£100.00		

(c) Councillor Richards advised that at the recent Finance Meeting funding of the Village Halls had been discussed and it had been agreed that the Parish Council should pay for the use of both the halls. Also equitable with each hall maintenance should be funded from their

own funds. Having these principles as background both halls need funding from the Parish Council to run.

Costing of use of halls based on BSG Village Hall (BSGVH) = £20.00 per session. Parish Council use halls 35 times a year = £700.00 which would be rent at £350.00 to each hall. Allocation of funds to each hall of £400.00 each year = £750 each year to each hall . This could be split into half yearly payments when the Parish receive precept money ie in April and Sept. This equals £1500.00 each year. Any Discretionary Grant not paid out to be kept to build up funds over coming years for larger projects.

Only restriction would be any bid for grant from Village Halls to be for a capital project and not routine maintenance.

Following these details being explained Cllr Wells proposed that this process for funding of the halls be agreed this was seconded by Cllr Glass and agreed unanimously.

Mr Bryan Gibson as Treasurer of BSGVH supported this proposal.

Councillor Richards reported that the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations had also been discussed at the Finance Meeting and it had been agreed that £300.00 be allocated for these Celebrations to the Rushlake Green Celebrations and to BSGVH.

**12/020 Planning** – The next Planning and General Purpose Committee to be held on 21 March 2012 will also deal with the Village Maintenance Team request sheet received from ESCC.

**12/021 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman**

a) Councillor Long requested the use of the Green for a Charity event following the Flower Show in July with a 'Jello' wrestling competition between the Horse and Groom and Black Duck public houses, this which would be a ticket only event held in the marque, on a day to be decided. As the marque is usually only on the Green from Thursday to Monday. It was agreed this could possibly be a good use of the facility. Exact details of the event are to be agreed.

b) Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Councillor Jervis Read informed the meeting that the Rushlake Green event would be held on the afternoon of Saturday 2 June 2012. This date had been decided so that it did not clash with the Black Duck event on 4 June, the BSG Village Hall event on Sunday 3 June and The Dunn Village Hall lunch on Friday 1 June. Cllr Jervis Read outlined the events and ideas proposed for the Tea Party on the Green. It was also suggested that an Oak Tree be planted at each end of the Parish.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Jervis Read on these Jubilee arrangements.

c) It was reported that the Grit Bins as requested from ESCC have been installed at Redpale but the salt has been stolen.

**12/022 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 15 March 2012 at 7pm in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green.

**The Meeting Closed at 08.45pm.**

Signed..... Chairman

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