

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

6th November 2019

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

52 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), D Kehl and C Paterson.

District Councillor P Doodes, A Stevens (Clerk) and four members of the public were also in attendance.

53 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Ashley and W Reid and the reasons for their absence were accepted by the Parish Council.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor B Bentley and District Councillor R Cade.

54 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2019.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 4th September 2019, were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

55 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

56 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest on any items on this agenda nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

The meeting was then suspended.

57 Reports from the County Councillor on matters from the County Council affecting this Parish.

There was no report from the County Councillor on this occasion.

58 Report from the District Councillor on matters from the County Council affecting this Parish.

District Councillor Doodes said;

- She attended the Wealden Parish Conference earlier in the day. This was covered in more detail under 'Outside Meetings'.
- The Wealden Local Plan is still with the Inspector.

59 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Lawrence asked for the details of the new PCSO to be included on the website.

The meeting was then re-opened.

60 Reports

a) Planning – There was nothing new to report on this occasion. Planning applications were discussed at the end of the meeting.

b) Environment North

There was nothing new to report from Environment North on this occasion.

c) Footpaths

There was nothing new to report on footpaths on this occasion.

d) Environment South

There was nothing new to report from Environment South on this occasion

e) Highways

Councillor Kehl has been asking Highways to complete the work on the Wartling Road. She was given two dates which have now passed but the work remains unfinished. The Clerk will ask the County Councillor if he can do anything to help.

Councillor Stevens attended a meeting with Huw Merriman MP which had been arranged by District Councillor Doodes. Representatives from six local parishes attended and all six had various road issues. Mr Merriman was sympathetic and said he will do all he can to help resolve them. It was noted that Mr Merriman was a Member of the Transport Select Committee then and may not be after the General Election in December.

f) Police

Councillors Paterson and Kehl said there have been three more accidents on the Wartling Road. Cars have been ended up in the ditches.

g) Communication

Councillor Reid has kindly taken over the editing of the Parish Council's website and has made some minor changes.

Councillors Stevens said further changes will be needed to comply with the Accessibility Regulations.

h) Speedwatch

The Parish Council has carried out four more Speedwatch Sessions since the last Full Council Meeting. One car was being driven at 56mph outside The Lamb.

i) Trees

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

61 Reports from outside meetings and courses attended

Councillor Stevens and the Clerk attended the Wealden Parish Conference. Subjects covered included Policing, Planning, updates from the District Council and Climate Change. There was also a Question and Answer Session with the Leader Bob Standley.

During the course of the day delegates were told;

- More PCSOs have been recruited and they will have more powers than previous PCSOs. Each Parish will have a named PCSO.
- Wealden has taken steps to increase its revenue by commercial means. It has already built a crematorium, set up a housing company and bought Vicarage Fields in Hailsham. It now plans to regenerate Hailsham High Street (Hailsham Aspire). Details of its plans can be found on the Wealden District Council website and at its Information Centre in Vicarage Fields. The consultation ends this weekend.
- Wealden District Council has declared a Climate Emergency and aims to be carbon neutral by 2050. Some residents will be restricted as to what they can do because they live in Conservation Areas and/or their properties have Listed Building status.
- The Question and Answer session with the Leader was mainly about parking. Wealden has no plans to decriminalise parking and regards it as a responsibility of the police.

62 Precept 2020-2021

After careful consideration Wartling Parish Council resolved;

- that the precept for 2020-2021 will be £7350. This allows the Parish Council to keep up with rising costs. The Parish Council also needs to buy two new defibrillator batteries (approximately £200 each) and make changes to the website so that it complies with the Accessibility Regulations (between £600 and £1000) but it is planned to fund these partly from reserves.
- to continue with the existing verge cutting arrangements with ESCC for 2020-2021.

63 Questions from Parish Councillors

There were no questions from any of the Parish Councillors on this occasion.

64 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2019/2143/F - Northfield Cottage, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street, BN27 4SF - Construction of implement shed – Wartling Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD/2019/2144/F - Northfield Cottage, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street, BN27 4SF - Installation of french doors and juliet balcony to first floor - Wartling Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD/2019/1418/FR - Land adjacent to Northfield Cottage, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street, BN27 4SF - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential and retrospective application for the positioning of two static caravans on the land and extended driveway – Wartling Parish Council objects to this application. Councillors feel it is unacceptable to change the status of the land from agricultural to residential in this Conservation Area. This is especially so in this instance given that the curtilage of the property has recently been extended to allow the stable block to be converted to an annexe.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8.00pm.