

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th July 2017

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

19 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence, W Reid, D Kehl and C Paterson.

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

20 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting, both held on the 3rd May 2017 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

21 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

22 Disclosures of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

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

County Councillor Bentley reported that;

- there have been two elections since the last Full Council Meeting, the County Council Elections and the General Election. He has been re-elected as the County Councillor for this Parish and is now also the Lead Member for Community and Safety.
- He is also now Vice Chairman of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel and will be looking at road safety.
- Highways has now published its works programme for 2017 and it includes plans to resurface both the C17 Wartling Road and the hill from Herstmonceux to Magham Down.
- He also plans to look at reducing the numbers of KSI's (killed and seriously injured) on our roads. The County Council has allocated £1m for this project.

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

District Councillor Doodes reported that;

- she will be working with County Councillor Bentley on road safety issues.
- there was a problem with the collection of brown bin waste in the Parish recently. The refuse lorry was unable to get through Horsewalk because of the number of parked vehicles. She asked residents to report any problem parking there and to let her know if their rubbish is not collected.
- Wealden has prosecuted two fly-tippers recently, one received a twelve month jail sentence, the other six months suspended. She told residents to report all fly-tipping to Wealden Street Scene Officers and advised them to confront offenders.
- Wealden has launched 'MyAlerts' which is a weekly email update service from Wealden District Council. My Alerts provides details of the refuse and recycling collections in your area, nearby planning applications and news and information about local events and Council services.
- A Safety in Action Event was held at Herstmonceux Castle in June. Safety in Action is a "hands on" teaching event for over 1000 children and aims to teach young children from Wealden based primary schools, how to deal with potentially dangerous and sometimes life-threatening situations.

25 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr White asked when the verges are being cut this year. Councillor Stevens said he will monitor the situation and refer it to County Councillor Bentley if nothing is done in the next few days. Residents were reminded they can find out when the verges are due to be cut, on the East Sussex County Council website.

The meeting was then re-opened.

26 Reports

a) Planning – The Parish Council was asked recently if an event which is due to take place at Wartling Wood needs planning permission. Planning permission is not required but it has been pointed out to the landowners that it is ancient woodland and they have to be mindful of that and that it is still bird nesting season.

b) Environment North

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

c) Footpaths

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

d) Environment South

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

e) Highways

Councillor Kehl said she has received an email from a resident asking the Parish Council to consider removing a traffic island in Boreham Hill because there have been three accidents there recently. ESCC, who own the traffic island, say it should stay because there would be more accidents if it was taken away.

f) Police

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

g) Communication

Councillor Lawrence reported that whilst Boreham Street now has high speed broadband, Wartling still does not.

The work at Wartling has been delayed because engineers found asbestos ducting and they are going to have to by-pass it. Work is expected to take place between the 6th and 19th July which means there will be road works then. Further roadworks are planned in Boreham Street for the 12th July (shrouding work) and the 20th July to 1st August (to improve broadband speeds for local businesses).

County Councillor Bentley said the delay is unreasonable and he will make sure BT pick up any additional costs.

h) Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Team met in May and June and noted 25 offenders. The sessions were held at Boreham Street, outside The Lamb and at Windmill Hill.

i) Trees

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

27 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Stevens attended the Wealden Planning Panel Meeting in June and said;

- The Local Plan has been delayed again whilst Wealden gather more evidence on the Ashdown Forest. The Plan is now expected to be passed in September/October, and all major applications are being shelved in the meantime. There will be a consultation but it will be based on matters of law and not matters of opinion.
- A credit scheme will exist. If a planning application is for say 10 houses and only eight are built, there will be two credits and Wealden will decide how those credits are allocated.

28 Finance Update

Councillors resolved to approve the accounts to 31st May 2017.

29 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Lawrence told those present;

- about the Boreham Street barbecue which is being held on the 22nd July.
- about the Tattoo at the Castle. This is an open air concert and beating retreat which is being held on the 9th July at Herstmonceux Castle.
- to be wary of bogus callers. He had one recently claiming to be from BT.

Councillor Stevens told those present about the 999 Weekend which is taking place on Eastbourne Seafront on the weekend of the 8th to the 9th July.

30 Planning Applications

WD/2017/1216/F - Rocklands Place, Boreham Lane, Wartling BN27 1RS - The conversion of a detached residential annexe to an independent residential dwelling with new double garage, residential access, parking and amenity space, and the demolition of the existing barn – Wartling Parish Council objects to this application because;

- it will increase traffic on a road which is already dangerous, Boreham Lane
- it seems wholly unnecessary and will spoil the natural characteristics of the area

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8.25pm.