

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

8th January 2020

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

65 Present

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

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

66 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Ashley and the reasons for her absence were accepted by the Parish Council.

67 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th November 2019.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 6th November 2019, were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

68 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

69 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.

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

The County Council has not met since the last Parish Council Meeting but County Councillor Bentley said he was happy to answer any questions. There were none.

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

District Councillor Cade said the Wealden Local Plan has been rejected by the Planning Inspector. The Inspector found the submitted plan cannot be taken forward to adoption because it has failed one of the requirements for legal compliance, that of the Duty to Co-operate. In addition, there are some significant failings in respect of the soundness of the submitted Plan for example Wealden applied a different category of caution regarding development that affected the Ashdown Forest. Wealden is now considering its next stage. A briefing for District Councillors has been planned on the 13th January and one for Parish Councillors has been arranged on the 15th January.

Full details of the Inspectors Report can be found on the Wealden District Council website.

72 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

The meeting was then re-opened.

73 Reports

a) Planning – Planning applications were discussed at the end of the meeting. It was also noted that some planning applications have been held in abeyance by Wealden until the decision on the Local Plan was known. These applications are now going to be considered by the District Council and the Parish Council has been given two weeks to make any additional comments if it wants to. There are currently two affecting this Parish and these were also considered at the end of the meeting.

b) Environment North

The flooding resulting from the recent wet and windy weather has now subsided. Any fallen trees have been cleared.

c) Footpaths

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

d) Environment South

The fly tipping at each end of the Horse Walk was reported to Wealden District Council and it has now been removed.

e) Highways

Councillor Kehl said the work on the Wartling Road remains unfinished. It was also noted the work recently carried out by ESCC has improved Boreham Lane.

The bottom end of the Horse Walk was reported to be a mess because a car came off the road there. Councillor Stevens said he will take a look and report the matter to the appropriate authority. He said he will also look at some potholes at the Wartling end of Boreham Lane and ask Highways to repair them. A car also appears to have been abandoned in Boreham Lane which he will report too.

f) Police

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

g) Communication

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

h) Speedwatch

The Parish Council has carried out two more Speedwatch Sessions since the last Full Council Meeting. A total of six offenders were reported.

i) Trees

This was covered under Minute 73b.

74 Reports from outside meetings and courses attended

There have been no outside meetings since the last Full Council Meeting.

75 Code of Conduct

Councillors resolved to accept the amendments to the Code of Conduct made by Wealden in November 2019.

76 Questions from Parish Councillors

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

77 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2019/2414/FR - Meridian Farm, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street BN27 4SJ - Retrospective application for erection of two-bedroom dwelling and associated parking – In principal councillors would like to refuse this application because it is retrospective and given the planning history of this property they cannot understand how the submission of a planning application could have been overlooked before work started. However they accept this is not a valid reason to refuse the application so provided Wealden is prepared to approve the application, the Parish Council will not object.

D/2019/2062/F - 1 Coopers Farm Cottages, The Bunkhouse, Wartling ROAD, Hailsham, BN27 1RX - Use of existing ancillary accommodation for occasional holiday let use – In 2009 (WD/2009/0847/F) it was agreed to change the existing private garage to a granny annexe provided the annexe was retained and used as ancillary accommodation to the main house and shall not be separated, let or used independently from the main dwelling. This application seems to be contrary to those conditions. Before approving or objecting we would like to know what is meant by 'occasional' and whether or not a record would have to be maintained to log visits were the application to be approved.

WD/2019/0472/LB - Post Office Cottage, The Strait, Boreham Street, Wartling, BN27 4SF – Extension of hipped roof to form gable and conversion of roof to form a bedroom with ensuite. re-roofing and re-pointing. Insertion of 2 flat roof dormers, lowering of roof void floor, new enclosed porch to rear and demolition of existing garage and replacement with an oak framed garage with room over. *Amended plans received to show garage, porch and re-pointing works removed from scheme. Dormers reduced/repositioned. Two gable windows replaced with single window. Plans received 6 January 2020.* – Wartling Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as the materials used have been approved by the District Council's Conservation Officer.

The following planning applications were previously submitted but remain a live application. Wealden has not processed the application for various reasons, not least because of the evolution of the preferred strategy in the Submission Wealden Local Plan 2019. That Plan

has recently been declared unsound and the Examining Inspector has recommended it be withdrawn. Wealden has subsequently given the Parish Council fourteen days to make any additional comments;

WD/2017/1674/F – Barn House, Boreham Hill – Change of use from a holiday let unit to a single dwelling and use of associated land as domestic curtilage.

WD/2018/2292/F – Scolfes, The Strait, Boreham Street – Demolition of pre-fabricated garage building and erection of replacement building for holiday/bed and breakfast accommodation.

Councillors agreed their original objections to each application still stand and they have nothing new to add.

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