

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

4th September 2013

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

31 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), C Paterson, D Permaul, A Holbrook and M Corfield.

District Councillor P Doodles, Alison Hillman (Clerk) and 10 members of the public were also in attendance.

Isabelle Swan attended from SALC to observe the meeting as part of her degree course work.

32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Councillors B Bentley and L Keeley, Parish Councillor R Lawrence and PCSO Simon French.

33 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th July 2013 were amended, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

34 Clerk's Report

The Clerk said that Wealden District Council is keen to seek residents' views on making a Dog Control Order to cover the whole of the Wealden area (with a few exceptions). The Order once made, will make it an offence for a person who is in charge of a dog, not to remove their dog's faeces immediately from the areas of land listed in the Dog Control Order.

Full details of the draft Order, other information and how to make your views known to the Council are available on the Council's website at;

<http://www.wealden.gov.uk/ConsultationDisplay.aspx?ConsultationID=59&Status=OPEN&BackToPage=Index>

The consultation period ends on 20th September 2013.

35 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest in any items on this agenda and there were no reported changes to the Register of Interests.

The meeting was then suspended.

36 Report from PCSO

The Chairman explained that the PCSO has been called away on operational duties and that PCSO's now have an objective to attend at least four Parish Council meetings a year. PCSO Simon French sent a report in which he reported that;

- a ride on mower has been stolen in Boreham Street.
- Operation Crackdown has been revamped and the website has been updated. Reported incidents can now be tracked.

A new, more cost effective, property marking scheme has been introduced. Property marking is recommended to make it easier for the Police to reunite owners of stolen property with their property.

37 Reports from District and County Councillors.

County Councillor Bentley sent a written report, which was read out by Councillor Holbrook. In answers to questions raised at the July Meeting, he said;

- the anti-skid section of road outside PGL will be resurfaced and the road closed whilst the work is carried out.
- concealed entrance signs at the roadside are not legal. They can be sited on private land and permission from ESCC will be needed. Mirrors cause glare and permission will probably not be given for them.

District Councillor Doodes reported;

- a sign blocks drivers' vision at Tilley Lane. The sign has since been moved.
- some residents have experienced problems with the new recycling collection. Any residents still experiencing problems are asked to let her know. District Councillor Doodes reminded residents that Wealden do not charge to collect garden waste unlike some other Councils. The Wealden website and help desk are also reported to be very useful.

38 Questions from Members of the Public

Residents asked;

- for the temporary stables in Jenner's Lane to be moved.
- for the straw and black sacks dumped there to be moved too.

The meeting was then re-opened.

39 Reports

a) Planning

Councillor Stevens said that Natural England is believed to be applying for a Restoration Order for the Marshland on September 23rd.

There has been two planning applications for the same property, namely;

WD2013/1781F and WD2013/1782LB – Camelot, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street – proposed installation of air source heat pump – Wartling Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

b) Environment South/Reid Hall

The caravan abandoned recently in the parish has now been removed.

c) Footpaths and Environment North

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

d) Communications/Speedwatch

Speedwatch continues, further sessions are to be arranged later this month.

e) Highways/Police

Councillor Holbrook reported that;

- the new PC for Wartling is Justin Dighton, Simon French remains our PCSO. Contact details will appear on the Parish Council website in due course.
- Katy Bourne, Police and Crime Commissioner, held an open meeting in Ninfield recently. Mrs Bourne listened to residents' problems, including some residents from Wartling, and offered to return to the area in two years time and update everyone on the progress she has made. She also offered to attend Village Meetings.
- Wealden carried out a Police Survey in July, the results of which are pending.
- the speed limit from Windmill Hill to Boreham Street has now been reduced to 40mph.
- he is still working to get the speed limit reduced in Boreham Lane, the 30mph signs moved and the Wartling Road petition on line.
- The kerbstones on the Wartling Road from Pevensey to Batshill House are to be removed.

Councillor Holbrook also said that ESCC has launched a new initiative to Strengthen Local Relationships. The aim is to get Parish Councils more involved with County Councils, get issues resolved quicker and get those issues resolved to the Parish Council's satisfaction.

Councillors agreed that Councillor Holbrook will represent Wartling Parish Council.

f) Trees

Councillor Corfield reported that;

- trees are still overhanging the road in Jenner's Lane and they damaging cars and cutting phones lines off. ESCC have contacted the landowner and enforcement action is to be taken. Wood Lane is also reported to be bad and residents would also like a single track sign there.
- there have been no reported cases of Dutch Elm Disease or Ash Die Back to date in this Parish.
- the Tree Council website is very interesting. Excessive house building is destroying trees and everyone is encouraged to gather tree seeds and plant them.

40 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Corfield attended Three Counties Training at Horam which he found particularly useful.

Councillors Lawrence and Holbrook are to attend both the Wealden Parish Conference on the 11th September and the East Sussex Town and Parish Conference on the 18th October.

41 Bus Shelter Cleaning

The General Manager of PGL confirmed by email that PGL will supply a waste bin for the new bus shelter if the Parish Council will arrange for it to be emptied regularly.

Councillors **resolved** to accept the offer from PGL and agreed they will arrange volunteers to empty it. The Parish Council will supply bin liners and arrange a licence from ESCC.

42 Questions from Members.

Councillor Corfield received an email from Mrs Gainer, a resident, asking for the accounts to be public. The Chairman pointed out that the accounts in a simplified format had already been provided to the residents which was acknowledged by those at the meeting. The Chairman explained the situation with regard to accounts and the councils legal requirements and said that he was not prepared to continue discussing this subject.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 8:15pm.