

## **WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF**

7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

32 Present

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

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

33 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Lawrence and they were accepted by those present.

Apologies for absence were also received from County Councillor B Bentley.

34 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

35 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

36 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.

37 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.

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

District Councillor Doodes said;

- The problems with some of the waste bin collections have largely been resolved now. The existing contractor found it difficult to meet some of its contractual obligations and Wealden had to use its stepping in rights. A new contract will be in place next year. She asked anyone who is still experiencing problems to report them to her.
- There are still a lot of accidents on the A259 and as result traffic is regularly being diverted through the village. She is currently working with the local MP to see if this issue can be addressed.

- The opening of the new crematorium has been delayed and it is now due to open in March 2019.

In answer to a resident's question she also confirmed that whilst glass bottles are mixed in with general waste at the side of the road, they are separated at the depot.

### 39 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no further questions from any members of the public.

The meeting was then re-opened.

### 40 Reports

- a) Planning – The following planning application was approved by Wealden District Council;

WD/2018/1507/F - Foxes Barn, Wood Lane, Wartling, Hailsham, BN27 1GA - Proposed barn containing stables and agricultural store

A Decision has yet to be made on the following planning application;

WD/2017/1674/F - Barn House, Boreham Hill, Boreham Street, BN27 4SQ - Change of use from holiday let unit to a single dwelling and use of associated land as domestic curtilage.

Concerns were raised about Dormers Farm because there doesn't appear to be any planning permission for the two holiday lets to be used as private dwellings. One occupant is also reported to be operating a used car business there. The Clerk will ask Enforcement to investigate.

- 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

Resurfacing work to the Wartling Road has been postponed. Patching work is planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

- f) Police

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

g) Communication

Currently houses with the BN27 1RX postcode seem to be unable to access high speed broadband. Councillors agreed that Councillor Lawrence can gather the information needed (ie; the need for broadband, business use etc) and give it to eSussex, with the owner's permission, to try and encourage them to include this area in their infill programme

h) Speedwatch

Since the last meeting the Parish Council has carried out six Speedwatch sessions at locations in Wartling, Boreham Street and Windmill Hill, and 30 speeding vehicles were reported as a result.

It was also noted that there are currently 93 Speedwatch Groups in East Sussex.

i) Trees

There was nothing to report on this occasion.

41 Reports from outside meetings and courses attended

Councillors Stevens attended the East Sussex Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting in October. Chief Constable Giles York updated everyone on Policing in Sussex. There was also a presentation from Paul Rideout from ESCC about the financial position at ESCC.

42 Precept 2019-2020

Councillors resolved;

- to award the Wartling Brownies £100 towards the cost of new handbooks.
- The precept for 2019-2020 will be £7700. The increase allows the Parish Council to keep up with its rising costs.
- To continue with the existing verge cutting arrangements with ESCC for 2019-2020.
- Jointly purchase pages from Wealden District Council with Ninfield Parish Council and Hooe Parish Council, at a cost of £12.50, to form a book of condolence in the event of the death of the monarch or senior member of the royal family.

43 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Paterson asked what the legal position is regarding cutting tree branches overhanging your property. The Parish Council understands you can legally cut back anything overhanging your property as long as you return the cuttings to the landowner but it recommends you check with someone more qualified on the subject first and if it is the case notify the landowner of your intention and check the trees are not protected first.

44 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for commenting on at this meeting.

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