

## WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

43 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), C Paterson, S Parker and M Corfield.

County Councillor L Keeley, County Councillor B Bentley, Sgt Sim, PCSO French, A Stevens (Clerk) and nine members of the public were also in attendance.

44 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Lawrence and S Huntbatch and District Councillor Mrs P Doodes.

45 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

46 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters' arising are covered elsewhere in these minutes.

47 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.

48 Report from PCSO

PCSO French introduced his Sergeant Sim and said;

- he has released details of 100 vehicle count he conducted in Boreham Street.
- Sussex Police has received reports of a conman operating in Hailsham. The man called at a house in Hailsham, claimed that he had cut the fence and demanded a total of £1200 for doing so. Sussex Police's advice is to never agree to works or services offered by doorstep callers and they ask family members, friend and neighbours to keep an eye on vulnerable members of the community. Residents are also advised to report all scams and all suspicious behaviour to Sussex Police.

Residents complained that parking at the junction of Boreham Lane and Boreham Street is dangerous to other road users. PCSO French will take this up with the owners of the offending vehicles.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Sim and PCSO French for attending the meeting. They then left to carry out duties elsewhere.

49 Reports from District and County Councillors.

County Councillor L Keeley said;

- he attended a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner about the latest cuts in police funding. Parish Councils are to be asked to fund PCSO/Wardens in the future.
- he has met the Highways Steward from East Sussex County Council and shown him outstanding issues in the parish.

County Councillor B Bentley reported;

- ESCC is holding a consultation about Learning Disability Services.
- ESCC is promoting a Good Neighbour Scheme in rural areas. Full details of the scheme are available on [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk).
- he has been asked by the Local Government Association to be the Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder. He started the role on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

50 Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs Jones complained that a new sign blocks the gate at a public footpath in Jenner's Lane.

Mrs Dalglish complained that the speed limit in Wood Lane is still 60mph. The Chairman explained that it is likely to remain 60mph because there is no accident rate there.

The meeting was then re-opened.

51 Reports

a) Planning – Councillor Stevens reported that the access track to Dragonfly Fields can be resurfaced under permitted development rights and planning permission is not required.

b) Environment North

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

c) Footpaths

There was nothing new to report of this occasion.

d) Environment South

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

e) Highways

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

f) Police

This was covered under the report from the PCSO.

g) Communication

Residents still receive regular emails updating them on village activities and Parish Council Meetings.

g) Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Team is operating in the parish in September and will report back at the next meeting.

h) Trees

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

52 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Parker attended the latest Reid Hall Committee Meeting and said there is to be a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support in memory to Mrs Caroline Payne-Rippengal on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am.

It was also noted the hall now has Wifi.

53 Broadband Update

The ESCC Scheme is ahead of schedule and ESCC has been awarded an additional £6m to improve broadband in weaker areas.

54 Procedure Adoption

The following procedures were adopted;

- Dealing with enquiries.
- Document receipt, circulation and response handling.
- Employees Code of Conduct.
- Filming at Meetings.

55 Finance Update

Councillors read and approved the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The Parish Council has passed its Internal and External Audits for the financial year

ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

Councillor Stevens asked Councillors to start thinking about next year's Precept which will need to allow for auto-enrolment. He also asked them to consider the financial implications now more services are to be offered to Town and Parish Councils. Councillors agreed that Councillor Stevens will look at three suitable pensions and report back to them at the next meeting.

56 Questions from Parish Councillors.

Councillor Corfield offered to contact the resident whose garden backs on to the new bus shelter and ask them to trim back the hedge around the shelter.

57 Planning Applications

The following application was considered by the Parish Council;

WD2015/1882F – Tara House, The Strait – Proposed alterations and new dormer – Wartling Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

There being no questions from councillors, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.