

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

2nd November 2016

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

44 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence and C Paterson.

A Stevens (Clerk) and eight members of the public were also in attendance.

45 Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Bentley sent his apologies for absence.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Councillor Parker and thanked her for all her hard work.

46 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2016 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

47 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

The Chairman asked Councillors to confirm the start date for joining the East Sussex Pension Scheme is the 1st June 2016. Councillors agreed unanimously.

The consultation period for the 'East of Lewes Improvement Scheme' being proposed by Highways England is now open and residents have until 8th December to respond. Details of the Scheme can be found at https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a27-east-of-lewes/consult_view/

48 Disclosures of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

49 Reports from the County Councillors on matters from the County Council affecting this Parish.

There were no reports from the County Councillors on this occasion.

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

There was no report from the District Councillor on this occasion.

51 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

The meeting was then re-opened.

52 Reports

a) Planning – There has been one planning application since the last Full Council Meeting. The planning application was WD/2016/2200LB and was to replace two rear aluminium framed sliding glass display cabinet units with anthracite grey powder-coated purpose made aluminium sliding door units at the Old Forge in Boreham Hill. Councillors resolved they had no objections to the application as long as it meets the requirements of the Listed Building Authority.

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 have been no new reports of any fly tipping.

e) Highways

The three potholes near the industrial estate by Chilley Farm have now been filled. Two were filled on the first visit and the third on a second visit.

Councillors Lawrence and Stevens attended the East Sussex Association of Local Council's (ESALC) Annual General Meeting held on the 4th October where representatives from ESCC Highways explained they prioritise each pothole and repair them in order because they find it is the most cost efficient way of doing so.

The water leak by The Lamb over the Wartling Road has been reported to Highways again.

f) Police

Through ESALC, Councillor Stevens regularly meets the Chief Constable of Sussex Police and he is due to meet him again in November. The increasing number of cycle races is of real concern to residents and the police alike.

Details of all Sussex Police's activities can be found on <https://www.sussex.police.uk/>

g) Communication

Two new cabinets have been installed which they will enable a fibre-to-the-cabinet solution to be delivered to this area by the end of this year, BT permitting.

Some residents have reported a recent drop in their broadband speeds and are therefore encouraged to change to fibre optic broadband.

h) Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Team met in September and October.

Three sessions were arranged for Project EDWARD Day on 21st September. The first session took place outside the Lamb between 8am and 9am and 17 offences were recorded. The second was held at Boreham Street between 12pm and 1pm and 3 offences were reported. The third was at Windmill Hill between 4pm and 5pm. No one was reported but the Police had just been carrying out a similar exercise there.

According to TISPOL (the European Traffic Police Network) statistics, there were 43 road deaths across 31 countries on that day compared with 70 fatalities on the same day in 2015, 19 countries recorded zero fatalities. 7 other countries recorded a reduction in fatalities, compared with the same day in 2015, and three countries recorded an increase in fatalities.

The Speedwatch Team met again on the 24th and 25th October and recorded four more offences.

i) Trees

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

53 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillors Stevens and Lawrence attended the ESALC AGM which is covered in minute 52 (e).

54 Finance Update

Councillors noted and accepted the accounts to 29th September 2016 and after careful consideration resolved that the precept for 2017-2018 will be £6500. This amount has been agreed to keep the precept in line with its existing expenditure, and is subject to any changes in legislation announced by Central Government in December/January.

55 Website

Wartling Parish Council has received two price to upgrade its website and Councillors asked the Clerk to check the hosting costs of one and report back.

56 Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council currently has four vacancies for Parish Councillors. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact either the Chairman on keithbd.stevens@btinternet.com, the Clerk on wartlingpc@btinternet.com or any of the existing Councillors.

57 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Lawrence announced the following upcoming events;

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| 12 th November | Craft Fair at the Reid Hall (in support of the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice). |
| 14–25 th November | Herstmonceux Health Centre Family Week (which includes First Aid and Defibrillator Training). |
| 10 th December | Wartling and Boreham Street Christmas Bash at the Reid Hall. |

More details of these and other events can be found on the website at www.wartlingparish.org.

Councillor Stevens announced;

- the Wealden Local Plan has been deferred for three months to allow all the surveys more time to be carried out.
- the new Ambulance Station in Polegate is now up and running. It will mean Paramedic time will be used more efficiently. There is now no spare capacity and one of the biggest reasons is because the handover times in hospitals now takes up to 55 minutes.
- the Boundary Commission has announced the results of its Boundary Change Review. Wartling Parish has been grouped with Herstmonceux, Hooe, Pevensey and Westham. The boundary changes only relate to District Councils and do not effect Parish Boundaries which will remain the same.

58 Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to be considered.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8.05pm.