

## **WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

6<sup>th</sup> July 2016

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

#### 20 Present

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

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

#### 21 Apologies for Absence

Councillor M Corfield sent his apologies for absence which were duly accepted by the Parish Council.

District Councillor Doodes also sent her apologies for absence.

#### 22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th May 2016 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th May 2016 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

#### 23 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters arising were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

#### 24 Disclosures of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

#### 25 Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Bentley had nothing new to report on this occasion.

County Councillor L Keeley;

- said he is concerned about the effect the housing in the Wealden Local Plan will have on the existing infrastructure.
- has reported the issues raised at the last meeting to Highways and will chase Highways up.
- also agreed to chase Highways again about clearing the pavement in Boreham Street between the junction with Wartling Road and the Bull's Head.

## 26 Questions from Members of the Public

Residents complained that potholes remain unrepaired, some verges and hedging have not been cut and those that have been are messy and the cuttings are left behind. County Councillor Bentley said there have been problems with the new Highways Contract but the contractors are working evenings and weekends to catch up. The grass cuttings are not removed because it is simply too expensive.

Councillor Lawrence said the information on the ESCC website is wrong because it reports that the verges have been cut when they have not been. Councillor Bentley will take this up with Highways. Residents are advised to report any Highways problems to Isla Darcy at [customer@eastsussexhighways.com](mailto:customer@eastsussexhighways.com)

The meeting was then re-opened.

## 27 Reports

a) Planning – There have been no Planning Meetings since the last Full Council Meeting but it was noted that the Permitted Development Application for Dragonflies has been withdrawn.

b) Environment North

Rubbish reported at Jenner's Lane has now been cleared.

c) Footpaths

The footpaths at Batt's Hill, and between Little Coopers, Wartling Road and Tyler Barn are overgrown and need clearing. Both have been reported to Highways.

d) Environment South

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

e) Highways

Councillor Parker said there was nothing to add to the comments made in the public session and encouraged residents to report any highways problems to her.

f) Police

The role of the PCSO has changed. There is now a central team of PCSOs who will be sent out as and when required and who can be contacted by calling 101 or 01273 470101. Full details on their new roles can be found on the Wartling Parish Council website under 'Police'.

g) Communication

Two new cabinets have been installed which they will enable a fibre-to-the-cabinet solution to be delivered to this area. The new cabinets can deliver speeds of up to

80mbps but speeds can be affected by the distance from the cabinet, the internal wiring in a property, the currency of the browser and the age of the computer being used.

There is no update to delivery timeframes at this stage because contractually BT is not required to confirm provisional delivery until the end of July.

More details are available on [www.wartlingparish.org.uk](http://www.wartlingparish.org.uk)

h) Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Team has met and five more offenders have been reported to Sussex Police.

i) Trees

Councillor Corfield was unable to attend on this occasion but sent a written report in which he reported an unsafe tree in the Parish. The Parish Council has reported it to Highways who will take no action because the tree is on private land.

28 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Parker announced the Boreham Street and Wartling Fund Grand Summer Fair is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July and appealed for more volunteers and tombola items.

29 Finance Update

Councillors read and approved the accounts to 27th May 2016.

Councillors also;

- considered a grant request from the Brownies and resolved to award the Brownies £90 towards their running costs.
- agreed they needed to update their website and asked the Clerk to apply for funding through the Transparency Fund.
- confirmed the new pension arrangements apply to the post of Parish Clerk.

30 Boreham Lane

After concerns were raised about the safety of the bank in Boreham Lane at previous meetings, the Parish Council agreed to provide posts and applied for a licence from ESCC. ESCC say it is unable to licence posts in this location (the requirement is 450mm from the edge of the carriageway – ideally 500mm) and this may not offer much more of a solution to the problem.

Residents were also reminded that the landlord of the Bull's Head has previously offered residents the use of his car park, and it was suggested they can contact him to see if his offer still applies.

Speeding is also still an issue in the Lane and County Councillor Keeley suggested white lines might help. He will talk to Highways.

31 Questions from Parish Councillors

There were no questions from Parish Councillors on this occasion.

32 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration on this occasion.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8.15pm.