

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

7th September 2016

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

33 Present

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

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

34 Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Doodes sent her apologies for absence.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Councillor Corfield and thanked him for all his hard work.

35 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2016 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

36 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matter's arising were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

37 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.

38 Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor L Keeley read from his written report in which he said;

- he has reported the edging around the footpaths in Boreham Street. The vegetation needs cutting back but he said ESCC does not regard it as a priority at the moment.
- he is campaigning for 30mph speed limits on minor roads in villages.
- he is meeting Wealden to look at the Wealden Local Plan.
- he objects to the Hailsham High Street improvements on cost grounds.

Residents asked why cutting back of the verges is not a priority. County Councillor Keeley explained it was for cost reasons, County Councillor Bentley suggested the Parish Council sets up Strengthening Local Partnership (SLP) Meetings to deal with such issues.

County Councillor B Bentley said he has nothing new to report from County because of the summer break but his role on the Local Government Association has changed and he is now its representative for Community Safety and Policing.

39 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

The meeting was then re-opened.

40 Reports

a) Planning – There have been no Parish Council Planning Meetings since the last Full Council Meeting but Councillor Stevens attended the September Planning Panel Meeting at Wealden District Council. The District Council is currently carrying out studies to support the proposed new Local Plan and new sites are being put forward to be assessed for development. Traveller Sites are also being reviewed and plans are being submitted for a new crematorium near Horam.

b) Environment North

The bridge on footpath 21 has now been repaired.

c) Footpaths

It was reported that brambles need cutting back in Joe's Lane and a stile is broken on footpath 19. Councillor Paterson will carry out a site visit and take any necessary action.

d) Environment South

Fly tipping in Jenner's Lane has now been cleared.

e) Highways

Councillor Parker has asked Highways to consider traffic calming at Warting Hill. Highways says it has limited funding and does not consider Wartling Hill to be a priority because it has a good safety record. Residents are asked to report all future accidents to Councillor Parker.

Councillor Lawrence reported three potholes near the industrial estate by Chilley Farm to Highways on 3rd August and 3rd September but nothing has been done to repair them. The Clerk will take this up with Highways.

f) Police

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

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.

h) Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Team has met and fifteen speeding vehicles have been reported as a result.

The European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL) is launching a new initiative - European Day Without A Road Death – Project EDWARD for short. EDWARD will encourage all road users to reflect on their behaviour and attitude.

There have been a large number of motorbikes speeding through the parish. The bikes are thought to taking part in an illegal race from Beachy Head to Rye. Councillor Stevens will take this up with the Safer Wealden Partnership.

i) Trees

Wartling Parish Council **resolved** that following Councillor Corfield's resignation Councillor Paterson will now be the Councillor responsible for 'Trees'.

41 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Parker announced that new doors, windows and external lights have been installed at the Reid Hall.

42 Finance Update

Councillors noted and accepted the accounts to 29th July 2016.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Councillor Parker officially presented the grant cheque to the Reid Hall's Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman duly thanked the Parish Council for its help.

43 Website

Wartling Parish Council has received a price to update its website and is expecting another in the next few days. Councillors will consider both at the next meeting. In the meantime Councillors agreed the Clerk will apply for a grant towards the costs from the Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils.

42 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Lawrence announced the Local History Group Exhibition, which is being held on the 15th October, will be at the Horseshoe Inn and not the Reid Hall as advertised.

43 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2016/1783/F- St Mary Magdalene's Church, Wartling Hill – Conversion of boiler house into accessible wc including replacement of existing boiler and flue and insertion of new conservation roof light and enhancement of existing parking areas with grass paving grids –

Wartling Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as it complies with any archaeological requirements. Councillors agreed an archaeological dig is needed.

WD/2016/1826/LB and WD2016/1825F – Wheelwright Cottage, Horsewalk – Proposed extension and changes to internal layout – Wartling Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application which they feel will improve the property.

WD2016/19580 – Dormers Farmhouse, Windmill Hill – Outline consent for erection of two dwellings with parking and crossing to A271 – This application had been withdrawn by the applicant before the meeting.

WD2016/2074FA – Barn Cottage, Boreham Hill – Removal of condition 4 of WD2010/1278F (Change of use of redundant farm building to holiday let cottage) to enable as dwelling – Wartling Parish Council was against the original application (WD2010/1278F) on the grounds of access, protection of a listed building and density. The conditions put in place when permission was granted for a holiday let must remain. The Parish Council would also request that the other conditions are checked. In its original objection the Parish Council mentioned that they thought the application was merely a step towards applying for residential status. The fear now is that a change of use would lead to an application to extend.

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