

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

9th July 2024

This meeting was held at the Reid Hall in Boreham Street.

18 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), W Reid and M Shine.

County Councillor B Bowdler, District Councillor M Fairweather, A Stevens (Clerk) and four members of the public were also in attendance.

19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Paterson. The reasons for his apologies were accepted by the Full Council.

20 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 1st May 2024

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 1st May 2024 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

21 Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on the 1st May 2024

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22 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

Any matters arising were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

23 Disclosures of Interests

There were no declarations of interests or changes to the Register of Interests.

The meeting was then suspended.

24 Reports from the County Councillor on matters from the County Council affecting this Parish.

County Councillor Bowdler sent a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

He also;

- said he was pleased to report that over recent weeks there has been a significant visual improvement in road repairs and response times.
- agreed to find out why the paths in Boreham Street have still not been cut back.
- confirmed any issues with the Digital Switchover need to be taken up with the service provider.

25 Report from the District Councillors on matters from the District Council affecting this Parish.

District Councillor Fairweather said the District Council is back to normal after the elections. Although a lot has been happening nothing could be reported during the pre-election period.

26 Questions from Members of the Public

Residents reported a possible enforcement issue in Wartling which the Clerk agreed to take up with Wealden.

The meeting was then re-opened.

27 Planning Applications

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

28 Reports

a) Planning

The Certificate Lawful Development Application WD/2024/0983/LDP, which is for the siting of a static caravan at Dyffryn, needs to be resubmitted as a Full Planning Application.

b) Environment

There were nothing new to report on this occasion.

c) Footpaths

It was reported that some of the Rights of Way paths in the parish are blocked by overgrown brambles. The Parish Council understands the landowners will be clearing them.

The bridleway south of the castle entrance was also said to be overgrown. The Clerk will report it to Highways.

d) Highways

There was nothing new to report on Highways.

e) Police

Councillor Stevens said the Police now have more powers and a duty of care to protect all public officials, which includes Town and Parish Councillors.

Councillor Shine asked if the exercise to target anti-social road users is being repeated this year. Councillor Stevens says he understands it is.

f) Communication

There was nothing new to report.

h) Speedwatch

Five Speedwatch sessions were carried out at Windmill Hill in May (one by Herstmonceux Parish Council, four by Wartling). Nineteen offenders were recorded by Wartling Parish Council, one by Herstmonceux.

Six sessions were carried out during EDWARD week. Forty four drivers were caught speeding, twenty six were recorded in one session).

Herstmonceux Parish Council also counted the number of vehicles (709 in one session, 566 in another) and it was suggested Wartling could do the same.

i) Trees

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

29 Reports from outside meetings and courses attended

A lot of outside meetings were cancelled because of the elections.

30 Finance Report

Councillors resolved;

- To approve the payments list to the 9th July 2024. The payments were as follows;

		<u>£</u>
101055	Herstmoneux PC – Traffic Survey	250.00
101056	Cancelled	0.00
101057	Arrow Cleaning – Bus Shelter	60.00
101058	ESALC Ltd – Councillor Training	36.00
101059	Barkweb Ltd – Hosting and Domain Renewal	330.00
101060	A Stevens – Salary – May	410.96
101061	A Stevens – Salary – June	410.96
101062	ESCC - Pension	238.84

- To approve the accounts to 30th May 2024.

31 Highways

- i. Herstmoneux Parish Council has carried out two traffic surveys on behalf of Wartling Parish Council. Wartling has received its first report and expects the second soon. Councillor Stevens said, once he has both, he will circulate them to the councillors so they decide what they want to do next.
- ii. The fingerpost next to the Bull's Head has now been repaired.
- iii. The bench outside the Reid Hall is beyond repair and needs replacing. The Clerk will bring prices for a new one to the next meeting and in the meantime find out if the Community Infrastructure Levy can be used to pay for it.

32 Questions from Parish Councillors

There were no further questions.

33 Dates of future meetings

The following meeting dates were agreed as 3rd September 2024, 6th November 2024, 7th January 2025, 4th March 2025, 7th May 2025, 1st July 2025, 2nd September 2025 and the 4th November 2025.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Members' Update – East Sussex County Council – June 2024

Cllr Bob Bowdler - Wealden East Division - *“The Heart of Wealden”*

(Wealden East Division:- Heathfield, Horam, Hooe, Herstmonceux, Ninfield, Warbleton & Wartling parishes)

LOCAL ISSUES:

Now Progressing: Major roadworks by Utilities (South East Water) lasting 18 months in and around Old Heathfield, Punnetts Town, Three Cups and Warbleton which involves lengthy and sporadic diversions along 'C' and unclassified lanes. In particular, please drive carefully between Hailsham - Cowbeach - Rushlake Green – Three Cups as during these works this route is being used by a significant number of HGVs. This appears to be progressing well.

D-Day 80 Celebrations were held in most Parishes on 6 June, including Hooe, Heathfield, Herstmonceux plus Wealden at Pevensey Castle. We now look forward to **VE-80** next year!

Heathfield: At last the ground work has commenced on the new Youth Centre! And it was good to see Traffic/Speed Monitoring in place by **Punnetts Town School** on several days during the month. There is Asbestos FlyTipping in the **Rushlake Green** area and Wealden ARE on the case!

AND, Over recent weeks there has been a significant visual improvement in road repairs and response times!

Adult Social Care

Wellbeing technology trial launched

A research project to see how technology can boost the wellbeing of older residents has been launched in East Sussex. The Living Lab aims to look at whether the use of digital technology can help improve the physical and mental wellbeing of elderly adults, integrating new research and innovative processes into real life communities and settings.

The project was launched earlier this month at a sheltered housing facility in Peacehaven following the installation of an interactive digital games table in the residents' lounge. The project also includes virtual reality headsets which offer residents virtual day trips and experiences.

It is hoped the technology will also help ease the pressure felt by carers, by providing talking points and encouraging interaction between clients and carers. The one-year pilot project is being delivered in partnership with the county council's Adult Social Care and Health team, NHS Sussex, and the University of Brighton. Over the next 12 months the University of Brighton will evaluate the digital health benefits of the pilot scheme for the county council.

More information regarding the scheme is available [here](#).

Children's Services

Youth clubs reopening

Two popular youth clubs have re-opened their doors in June after securing funding.

The weekly Tuesday Youth Club at Langney Community Centre started running from June 11 between 6pm and 8pm, while Shinewater Sports Centre are hosting a Friday Youth Club from June 14 between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Both clubs are open to anyone aged 13 to 17 and are free to attend.

In advance of the June openings, staff from East Sussex County Council's Youth Services Team spoke to local young people in recent weeks to raise awareness about the clubs. With funding in place up to the end of May 2025, work will soon begin on securing longer term support for both clubs.

More information about these clubs can be found [here](#).

Communities, Economy and Transport

Primary pupils vote for their favourite book

The East Sussex Children's Book Award is an annual competition run by East Sussex Libraries that aims to introduce children to new children's authors and encourage a 'county wide conversation' about books. Local pupils were encouraged to enter competitions and attend author events.

Stink: Fairy vs Boy: A Stink Adventure by Jenny McLachlan has been named as the winner of this year's East Sussex Children's Book Award. A special award ceremony was attended by over 200 children at the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill earlier this month.

Since December, young readers from 55 local schools have been reading six shortlisted books before voting for their favourite in May. All the shortlisted books, including e-books, are available to borrow for free from East Sussex libraries.

More information on the Award and details of the shortlisted books can be found [here](#).

Colourful murals transform coastal town

A seaside town in East Sussex had its walls decorated in June in a celebration of its community, landscape, nature and history.

The project, organised by Look Again Newhaven, saw gatherings take place in multiple locations across the town. The pieces of art were placed on permanent display and 13 artists were specially commissioned as part of the project. In addition to the public mural programme, a colourful series of "paste-ups" created by artists were displayed across the town and at Charleston in Lewes.

Paste-ups have a rich history based in the global street art movement, traditionally allowing artists to communicate their message to a wide audience via the use of unsanctioned public spaces.

For more information please see the Look Again Newhaven [website](#).

Read more about this story [here](#).

Governance Services

D-Day commemoration held at Pevensey Castle

A special commemoration of the D-Day landings was held at Pevensey Castle to mark the 80th anniversary. More than 200 guests were invited to attend the event, hosted by Wealden District Council and local authorities, East Sussex County Council, Rother District Council, Eastbourne Borough Council and Lewes District Council.

Among the guests invited to the event to remember the Normandy beach landings were the Deputy Lieutenant of Sussex, Royal British Legion, other military organisations and D-Day veterans. The evening included Standards being paraded and musical performances from the Royal British Legion band and the Glenduart Pipers. The order of service included The Exhortation, The Last Post, Reveille, the Kohima Epitaph and a prayer.

The beacon was lit at the castle and the evening finished with the National Anthem.

For more information regarding the commemoration can be found [here](#).

For your information: **Meetings I attended in June as your County Councillor:**

ESCC 4 x Weekly DCS/ADCS Briefings
Kent CC Annual Armed Forces Conference DNA*

National D-Day 80 Celebration in Portsmouth DNA*
Herstmonceux Parish Council
Life Long Links & Family Conference Teams, Eastbourne
Member Briefing on Education
GATCOM Steering Group
ESCC Cabinet
ESCC Cabinet Briefing
ESCC Governance Committee
Childrens Services Achievement Awards
Warbleton Parish Council
Armed Forces Covenant Office, MOD
(*Missed due to illness)

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P.S.

HELP for YOUNG PEOPLE:

For parents of any Young People (16 to 24) who are struggling with Education, Training or Employment, can I urge you to contact '**Wealden Works**' in their new office in Station Road Heathfield, who will be only too eager to offer help and support: **Contact Lisa on 07437 496651 or lcrozier@wealdenworks.co.uk** or visit: **www.wealdenworks.co.uk**