

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

6th September 2017

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

36 Present

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

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

37 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor P Doodles.

38 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th July 2017 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

39 Minutes of the Planning Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 26th July 2017 were adopted by the Full Council.

40 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

41 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest in any items on this agenda nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

The meeting was then suspended.

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

County Councillor Bentley reported that;

- He is also now Chairman of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel.
- Schools in Sussex are performing particularly well, 72.2% of those who sat this year's GCSEs achieved a Grade 4 or higher.
- ESCC is campaigning against illegal parking outside schools in the Eastbourne, Hastings and Lewes areas.
- He went out with the Trading Standards Roadshows which aimed to stop illegal tobacco sales. 13 shops were raided as a result of information received.
- ESCC is publishing a major Strategic Review on libraries on 11th September.

43 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.

44 Questions from Members of the Public

Residents raised concerns about the lack of maintenance of the verges, hedges and roads in the Parish. This was covered later on in the meeting.

The meeting was then re-opened.

45 Reports

a) Planning – Councillor Keith Stevens said;

1: Planning Application WD/2017/0840/F, Brooks Farm, Boreham Lane, Wartling, BN27 1RS (Proposed demolition of barn and construction of single storey dwelling) was referred to Planning Committee South and subsequently approved.

2: Planning Application WD/2017/1250/F - Foxes Barn, Wood Lane, Hailsham BN27 1GA (replacement of existing barn previously approved for conversion under WD/2015/2486/F with new dwelling and double garage) – The Parish Council objected to this application and is waiting to hear if it is referred to Planning Committee South for a decision.

3: Wealden District Council is approving barn conversions because they would lose on Appeal and have to pay all the costs.

4: The next stage of the Wealden Local Plan has been delayed. A updated timetable will be provided in due course.

b) Environment North

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

c) Footpaths

ESCC has been asked to cut back the footpath that runs beside Little Coopers and Tyler Barn because it is impassable.

d) Environment South

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

e) Highways

Councillor Lawrence confirmed there will be road works/traffic lights on the Wartling Road between the 12th and 25th September to allow BT to carry out works associated with Broadband.

Resurfacing work is planned for the Wartling Road in this financial year. The date is as yet unknown.

Councillor Stevens and County Councillor Bentley will arrange a site meeting with ESCC to identify which verges need cutting back and find out why they are continually missed.

The Clerk will ask ESCC to cut back the hedge between Puddledock and Jenners' Lane because it has taken over the verge and residents are having to walk onto a dangerous road.

f) Police

There have been break-ins to sheds in Boreham Street and Windmill Hill and a suspicious white van has been spotted at several properties in the area.

Councillor Stevens said he is meeting the Police on the 18th September and will discuss rural crime and see if they will attend the next Parish Council Meeting.

Residents are reminded to report all crime to the Police.

g) Communication

Councillor Lawrence reported that;

1: Wartling should have fibre installed and better broadband speeds by the end of September. It was also noted that there will be another rollout this time aimed at the commercial sector, by the end of December which should provide even higher broadband speeds.

2: The new website is up and running.

h) Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Team met in July and August and noted 34 offenders. As a result, 32 letters were sent and one offender was referred for 'further action'. The remaining offender registered as 'not known' and is being followed up.

Councillor Lawrence thanked all those who helped.

i) Trees

The Clerk confirmed she will report the tree left on the bank on the verge outside the church to ESCC.

46 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

There were no reports from outside meetings or courses on this occasion.

47 Finance Update

Councillors resolved to approve the accounts to 28th July 2017 and to apply for funding from the Transparency Fund to help with the costs involved in implementing the Transparency Code.

48 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Stevens said the Parish Council has reported the pathway at Dragonfly Fields but understands the path was granted permission under a Certificate of Lawful Development. Councillors asked the Clerk to check with Wealden that the work that has been carried complies with the Certificate.

49 Planning Applications

WD/2017/1329/LB - Wheelwright Cottage, Horse Walk, Wartling, BN27 1RY - Changes to internal layout of approved extension – Wartling Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as it meets the Listed Building requirements.

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