

## **WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

6<sup>th</sup> November 2013

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

51 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence, A Holdbrook, C Paterson and M Corfield.

County Councillors B Bentley and L Keeley, Alison Hillman (Clerk) and 12 members of the public were also in attendance.

52 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Councillor P Doodles and Parish Councillor D Permaul.

53 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

The Planning Meeting Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were read and adopted by the Parish Council.

54 Clerk's Report

All matters' arising were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

55 Disclosures of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

56 Speaker Matt Briggs

Ambulance Community First Responders are trained and despatched by the Ambulance Service to provide a First Response to 999 emergency calls close to where they live or work. Volunteers are needed for this parish, further details can be found at [www.eastbourneresponders.com](http://www.eastbourneresponders.com).

The First Responders also offered to host a first aid training session for anyone who is interested in attending.

57 Report from PCSO

PCSO Simon French was unable to attend on this occasion but sent a report in which he said that;

- an outboard motor and four wheels were stolen from Mr Gulzar's farm land last month. Enquiries have been made but with no success.
- two males, dressed like security guards, were stopped at an address in Wartling. They left when challenged. All residents are reminded to report such incidents to the police.

There is a consultation currently open asking for residents' views on proposals to raise the police's part of the council tax by £4.95 a year per council tax payer. The money is to be used to strengthen crime prevention.

58 Reports from District and County Councillors.

County Councillor Keeley reported that;

- ESCC plans to clear the ditches and cut the hedges in Jenner's Lane next week.
- ESCC is looking at its budgets and has to save £60m over three years. County Councillor Bentley said this is the second year and proposals will include closing a care home in Hastings.

County Councillors Bentley also said;

- ESCC has a good, well maintained capital programme. It is particularly successful at repairing roads but is to review its pothole policy. Wartling, for example, has many unclassified roads and ESCC has longer to repair them, other areas have 'B' roads which are used less but repaired quicker.
- he continues to work for the improvements for the A271.

59 Questions from Members of the Public

Residents asked;

- why they need to separate their recycling when it gets mixed up in the dustcart. They no longer do.
- who to contact over complaints about the new recycling contractors. Residents should notify their District Councillors so penalties can be imposed.
- why they are still waiting from their brown bins. Those still waiting should receive their bins during February/March 2014.

Wartling Parish Council is to organise a visit for councillors to a local recycling plant to see how it operates.

The meeting was then re-opened.

60 Reports

a) Planning

Councillor Stevens reported that Mr Gulzar is to appeal against the verdict against him. National England is now waiting to hear from the Magistrates Court.

b) Environment South/Reid Hall

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

c) Footpaths and Environment North

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

d) Communications/Speedwatch

Speedwatch - there were four Speedwatch sessions at various locations in the parish in September. Further sessions are planned for November. Councillor Lawrence is to look into the possibility of having speed reactive signs in the parish and Councillor Holdbrook will order more 'beware of horses' signs.

James Stobart from Sussex Police has been invited to the January meeting to talk about Operation Crackdown. Operation Crackdown is an initiative where the public can help combat anti social driving in their village.

Communication – the Herstmonceux Exchange is currently being evaluated for Superfast Broadband. 96% of East Sussex should have coverage by the end of 2016.

e) Highways/Police

The kerbstones have been removed outside Batwing Cottage. Flooding on the Wartling Road is becoming dangerous. ESCC came and cleared the gullies but they need clearing again. Flooding remains a problem at Cooper's Hill and Wartling Hill.

Security marking in the parish has been postponed because of falling crime rates.

Residents are encouraged to complete a police survey about local policing via their website or their Facebook or Twitter pages.

f) Trees

Around 20 trees were damaged in the recent storms. A tree also came down in Boreham Lane before the storms, which could be a reoccurring problem because the banks are eroding.

The Clerk will ask the Road Steward to take a look. ESCC were praised for their speed and efficiency in dealing with fallen trees after the recent storms.

61 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

The recent East Sussex Town and Parish Conference was well attended, the main subjects covered included transport and road accidents. It was agreed that Jeremy Leach was a particularly inspiring speaker. The Wealden Parish and Town Conference was reported to be particularly good this year.

62 Precept Request 2014-2015

After careful consideration Wartling Parish Council **resolved** that, subject to any late government legislation, the precept for 2014-2015 will remain £5,000.

63 Questions from Members.

There were no questions from members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 8:45pm.