

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

8th July 2015

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

28 Present

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

County Councillor L Keeley and A Stevens (Clerk) and eleven members of the public were also in attendance.

29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Corfield and District Councillor Mrs P Doodles.

30 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual General Full Meetings held on 13th May 2015 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

31 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All matters' arising are covered elsewhere in these minutes.

32 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.

33 Report from PCSO

There was no report from the PCSO on this occasion.

34 Reports from District and County Councillors.

County Councillor L Keeley said he is to meet the Highways Steward from East Sussex County Council and show him outstanding issues in the parish.

35 Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs White reported that paths in Boreham Street are now dangerous because they are too narrow. District Councillor Keeley is take this up again with the Highways Steward.

The meeting was then re-opened.

36 Reports

- a) Planning – Councillor Stevens reported that there has been one planning meeting since the last Full Council Meeting and members made the following comments;

WD2015/1131F – Brickyard Cottages, Tilley Lane – Wartling Parish Council's Planning Committee was pleased to approve this revised application which takes account of all the comments made in objection to the earlier application under reference WD/2015/0205F

WD2015/1276F - Beaconsfield, The Strait - Wartling Parish Council's Planning Committee has no objection to this application on any planning grounds.

WD2015/0886FA - Land adjacent to Byways, The Strait – Wartling Parish Council's Planning Committee objects to this planning application as it sees no planning reasons why the conditions applied to the original application which was submitted less than 12 months ago should be altered. This is an agricultural storage barn and it is the Committee's view that a change of roof materials would be more in keeping with a residential property.

WD2015/1192FA - Land adjacent to Beacon Barn, The Strait - New agricultural barn Wartling Parish Council's Planning Committee objects to this application as the size of the barn seems out of proportion to the 6.5 hectares of land and also because of the proposed agricultural activities. The Committee also noted that the "absence" of a barn is due to the fact that other barns previously located on and around this property have been converted to residential properties.

Councillor Stevens also announced that the appeal for the Wartling Wood application has been dismissed and the stables may have to be dismantled. He will contact enforcement on this issue at the end of July. At the same time we will check the situation the Smuggler's.

- b) Environment North

The Reid Hall Committee trustees received a complaint about the state of the style and the nearby steps because they needed repairing. The trustees have arranged for both to be repaired.

- c) Footpaths

There was nothing new to report of this occasion.

Councillor Huntbatch asked for a map of the footpaths in the parish. A map is available on www.eastsussex.gov.uk.

d) Environment South

It was noted that the bags of rubbish, which were dumped in Wood Lane, have been removed by the District Council.

e) Highways

Councillor Huntbatch agreed to take responsibility for reporting Highways issues and asked for a mandate for the role.

Councillor Stevens reported that ESCC has confirmed that repairs to Victoria Road are planned within the next month.

f) Police

Councillor Lawrence reported there have been two accidents on the Wartling Road since the last meeting, one involved a cyclist and one involved a speeding car. There were no fatalities.

g) Communication

Councillor Lawrence wrote to residents in Wartling who still have low broadband speeds to see if they would be happy for him to forward their details to ESCC to see what they can do to improve their speeds.

He then wrote to ESCC who confirmed they are looking at alternative options for them. The residents are supported by the Science Centre which also receives poor broadband speeds.

g) Speedwatch

The Speedwatch Team has met twice since the last Full Council Meeting and has reported nine vehicles.

h) Trees

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

37 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Stevens attended the Wealden District Association of Local Council's Annual General Meeting on 1st July 2015 where members made their appointments for the forthcoming year. Members also submitted suggestions for topics for the Parish Conference which is on 23rd September 2015.

Councillors Stevens announced the withdrawal of the Strategic Sites Local Plan which was to be the framework for mapping out development in the District as it has been challenged by the Planning Inspectorate. A new Local Development Framework is now being drafted for the autumn, for which the consultation period starts now. Wealden District Council is using the original Core Strategy in the meantime.

Councillor Stevens also talked about the Consultation of the Proposed Modifications to the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan. More details can be found on www.wealden.gov.uk.

Councillor Parker attended the latest Reid Hall Trustee's Meeting. The hall will have Wi-fi from 10th July 2015. The Boreham Street and Wartling Fund are making a donation to the Reid Hall after the Summer Fair that will support the costs of the Wi-fi for this year. Funding might also be available from the Police Auction Fund.

38 Hand Held Speed Indication Device

Wartling Parish Council hopes to receive its hand held speed indication device shortly.

39 Maintenance of Fingerpost Signs

The broken fingerpost sign in Wartling by the Lamb has been replaced. One in Boreham Lane and two at each end of Joe's Lane have been repaired.

40 Broadband Update

This was covered under minute 36 (g).

41 Finance Update

Councillors read and approved the accounts to 31st May 2015. Councillor Stevens updated everyone on requirements of the Transparency Code. The new Code means parishes with a turnover of less than £25000 are now required to produce more information on line as they will not, after 2017, be subject to an External Audit. They will still have to have an Internal Audit though.

This will prove more costly for those parishes but NALC has received government funds to help out parishes.

42 Questions from Parish Councillors.

There being no questions from councillors, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.