

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th March 2014

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

78 Present

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

District Councillor Mrs P Doodles, PCSO Simon French and 20 members of the public were also in attendance.

79 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillor A Holbrook, County Councillor B Bentley, County Councillor L Keeley and A Hillman (Clerk).

80 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8th January 2014 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

81 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

All Matters' Arising are covered elsewhere on the agenda.

82 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.

83 Co-option of New Councillor

The Chairman announced that Sara Parker has volunteered to become a Parish Councillor. There were no other applicants for this post. Councillors **resolved** unanimously that Sara Parker is co-opted as the new Parish Councillor for Wartling Parish Council.

It was noted that written signed notification has yet to be received from Darren Permaul to confirm his resignation although he has emailed to this effect. The Clerk is to seek advice from Wealden District Council.

The meeting was then suspended.

84 Report from PCSO

PCSO Simon French reported;

- an accident on the Wartling Road on the 4th March involving a mini and a coach. There was one fatality.

PCSO French said the police would like to work with the Parish Council to improve road safety there.

- two vehicles were broken into recently and had petrol stolen whilst they were parked on their driveways. Residents are asked to take extra consideration as to where they park their cars and contact him if they would like crime prevention advice.
- there have been a series of car break-ins in Stone Cross and Eastbourne. There has been one arrest. Residents in Wartling were told that they need not be too worried, but should never leave valuables or items in their cars that could tempt thieves.

85 Reports from District and County Councillors.

District Councillor P Doodles reported that;

- there have been few complaints about the rubbish bins. She asked that residents report any missed collections on the Wealden website by 5pm and notify her so that WDC can charge Keir.
- Wealden District Council has introduced a Community Dividend which could mean £4927 will be divided evenly between the villages of Ninfield, Hooe and Wartling. This money has been donated by Keir to help compensate for teething problems experienced by residents with the new waste contract. The money has been allocated to District Councillors who in consultation with their parish and town councils will distribute the money to projects in their wards. Councillors **resolved** to request money to fund two debricators for this parish.
- there have been reports of speeding B&Q lorries through Hooe and Ninfield. Residents are asked to report any such incidents to her.
- the Chairman of Wealden District Council is now seeking nominations for his Volunteer Awards Scheme.

County Councillor Bentley was unable to attend on this occasion but sent a report read by District Councillor Doodles which said;

- ESCC has allocated an additional £750,000 for road repairs next year. The Boreham Street Strait, Jenners Lane and Mill Lane are scheduled for next year subject to confirmation.

County Councillor Keeley was unable to attend on this occasion but sent a report read by Councillor Stevens in which he said that;

- notices have been served on the owners of Wartling Wood to clear the overhanging branches in Jenners Lane and Wood Lane. Should the owners fail to complete the work within the time limit imposed ESCC will charge them and carry out the work themselves.
- the footpath along Boreham Street is to be tidied up and edged.
- the drains in Boreham Street are to be cleared, hopefully on a regular basis.
- the hole and eroding bank in Boreham Lane are to be repaired by ESCC.

- he is investigating what can be done about the state of the lay by at the Reid Hall. He is looking at the possibility of road planings being deposited there.

86 Questions from Members of the Public

Residents noted that;

- three bags of rubbish have been dumped in Boreham Lane.
- the lay by adjacent to the Reid Hall is badly churned up thanks to heavy usage by lorries. This has already been referred to County Councillor Keeley for action.
- Traffic has been speeding in Boreham Street and they requested Speedwatch there. Councillor Lawrence explained that Speedwatch can only be used in areas designated by the Police.
- The style in Jenners Lane to the south of Bracken House in the dip is dangerously loose. This will be reported to County Councillor Keeley.

Residents still find it difficult to understand why the six properties, for which planning has been granted on the site of Harris Brothers garage, do not count towards the ten new houses attributed to Boreham Street in the Core Strategy, despite explanations from Councillor Stevens and District Councillor Doodles. Councillor Stevens agreed to speak to Wealden and will report back to the next meeting.

The meeting was then re-opened.

87 Reports

a) Planning

It was noted that in February the Parish Councillors approved the planning applications for Boreham House and The Bull's Head. Councillor Corfield had declared an interest in The Bull's Head application and did not vote on this application.

b) Environment South/Reid Hall

There have no reports other than the rubbish mentioned in minute 86.

c) Footpaths and Environment North

There was nothing to report on this occasion.

d) Communications/Speedwatch

Councillor Lawrence reported that the weather has not been conducive to Speedwatch but it will start again soon.

e) Highways/Police

There was nothing to report on this occasion.

f) Trees

Councillor Corfield reported that Wartling's trees fared well this winter. He is aware that there are grants available for the planting of new trees but is not aware of any locations available in the Parish.

88 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Stevens reported that he attended another Planning Panel Meeting. Planning Regulations have been relaxed which is of some concern – this was echoed by District Councillor Doodles.

89 First Aid Training - update

Councillor Stevens advised the meeting that the first Emergency Life Saving Training Session is to take place on the afternoon of 13th March. There is a maximum number but a further training session is planned. Anyone interested in attending either session is asked to contact the Clerk.

90 Questions from Parish Councillors.

Councillor Stevens asked if members are aware that Wealden District successfully defended the Core Strategy in the Judicial Review and have been awarded costs of £35,000.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 8:25pm.