

## **WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

10<sup>th</sup> July 2013

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

#### 18 Present

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

County Councillors B Bentley and L Keeley, Alison Hillman (Clerk) and 17 members of the public were also in attendance.

#### 19 Apologies for Absence

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

#### 20 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and the Annual General Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

The Planning Meeting Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were read and adopted by the Parish Council.

#### 21 Clerk's Report

The Finance Reports to June 2013 were circulated to Parish Councillors.

#### 22 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.

#### 23 Report from PCSO

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

- he attended an Emergency services event on 26<sup>th</sup> June for the Scouts and Girl Guides at Reid hall in Wartling. The Fire Services also attended. He presented a cheque for £200 to the 1st Wartling Brownies Group from the Police Property Act Fund.
- Reports were received that a stray dog was found to be running around Boreham Street. The dog was found in Jenner's Lane and

returned to the owner in Stone Cross. He reminded all dog owners to keep control of their dogs at all times.

- Pevensey Bay has suffered a large number of garage break-ins in the past week. He asked all residents to be aware of any activity around their sheds or garages.

#### 24 Reports from District and County Councillors.

County Councillor Keeley reported that;

- ESCC is considering closing The Grove School in Hastings but he is looking to see if this can be avoided.
- ESCC is considering cuts in Adult Social Care.
- he is looking into the possibility of moving the Boreham Street sign at Tilley Lane away from the overhanging trees.

County Councillors Bentley and Keeley discussed the pros and cons of the new Bexhill/Hastings Link Road. The road is now predicted to cost an additional £13m but is expected to relieve pressure on local roads which could then be declassified.

County Councillor Bentley confirmed ESCC is reviewing its budgets. The consultation period for the proposed cuts in Adult Social Care has been extended until December 2013.

#### 25 Questions from Members of the Public

Residents asked;

- for the anti-skid section at the Wartling junction to be repaired. County Councillor Bentley is to take this up with Highways.
- for the fencing on the northern side at PGL to be replaced. PGL confirmed it will be replaced when budgets permit and that it is not a security risk to the children in the meantime.
- for 30mph stickers for wheelie bins. 30mph stickers are available from Councillor Lawrence. JAG are looking into also producing 40mph stickers.
- if they can erect 'concealed entrance' signs at their front drives if appropriate. County Councillor Bentley is to take this up with Highways.

The meeting was then re-opened.

#### 26 Reports

##### a) Planning

Councillor Stevens reported that there has been one Planning Meeting since the AGM at which Councillors agreed they had no objections to the Planning Application for Meridian Farm.

b) Environment South/Reid Hall

The Reid Hall Committee has decided not to provide Wifi for now but may re-consider this decision in the future.

c) Footpaths and Environment North

The path which is part of the 1066 walk to Wells House needs cutting back further because pedestrians have to walk in the road. County Councillor Bennett said a Notice has been issued to Contractors and the work should be carried out soon.

d) Communications/Speedwatch

New dates are to be arranged for Speedwatch as the equipment has not been available.

The Community Website has been down but should be accessible soon.

e) Highways/Police

It was noted that the 40mph speed limit in Boreham Street is being extended and the debris has been cleared following a recent accident at the junction of the A271 and A269.

f) Trees

Trees are reported to be overhanging the road in Jenner's Lane and are damaging cars. County Councillor Bentley said he will report this problem to the Arboriculturist at ESCC, Councillor Stevens will provide him with a photograph of the trees. Councillor Lawrence will also report this matter to the Highways Steward.

The Woodland Trust is offering free trees to Community Groups and Schools.

Residents are asked to look out for Dutch Elm Disease and Ash Die Back and report back any outbreaks to Councillor Corfield.

27 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Councillor Paterson attended the Wealden Joint Action Group (JAG) Meeting where they discussed Speedwatch. The Group may soon be able to get cheaper Speed Communication Devices.

There has been an increase in reports of break-ins to outside buildings. JAG may also be able to get cheaper shed alarms.

Councillor Stevens attended the Wealden District Association Meeting. The Association is currently organising the Parish Conference which is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Any councillors who are interested in attending are asked to let the Clerk know.

28 Parish Litter Picking

This item was requested at the Annual Parish Meeting, however the resident who requested it was not at this meeting. This item was therefore deferred until a later date.

29 Bus Shelter Cleaning

The new bus shelter is causing problems to a local resident as she says access to her hedge is now impossible and the amount of litter there has increased.

The General Manager of PGL confirmed that PGL will maintain the hedge. The Parish Council will look into costs of providing a new litter bin and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

30 Neighbourhood Plans

Councillors Stevens and Lawrence attended a recent SALC Chairmans' Conference. The keynote speaker was Government Minister Nick Boles who said the government is considering introducing simplified plans for smaller parishes as an alternative to Neighbourhood Plans. Wartling Parish Council is considering becoming a front runner.

30 Questions from Members.

There are to be two events this Saturday namely the Church Fete and the Parish Fayre, both are on the same day but at different times.

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