

## **WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

4<sup>th</sup> March 2015

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

109 Present

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

County Councillor L Keeley, County Councillor B Bentley, District Councillor Mrs P Doodles, A Hillman (Clerk) and twelve members of the public were also in attendance.

110 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillors A Holbrook and S Parker.

111 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were adopted by the Full Council.

112 Appointment of New Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Shelagh Huntbatch as the new Councillor to Wartling Parish Council. Councillor Huntbatch duly signed the Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests.

113 Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising

The Clerk circulated a draft Risk Assessment and asked members to look at it and bring any comments to the next Full Council Meeting.

114 Disclosures of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

115 Report from PCSO

PCSO Simon French was unable to attend on this occasion but sent a report in which he said that The Lamb Inn had been broken into and a large amount of money taken. He asked any residents who witnessed any suspect behaviour around the pub between 11:00pm and 11:15pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March to contact Sussex police on 101 quoting Serial 0343 02/03/15.

116 Reports from District and County Councillors.

District Councillor P Doodes reported that;

- Wealden District Councillors has agreed not to increase its precept for the fifth year running.
- she has not received any complaints from residents since the last Full Council Meeting.

County Councillor L Keeley reported that;

- he met the Road Steward, with Councillor Stevens, and showed him the Highways issues in the parish which need resolving. The Road Steward has agreed they will be added to the maintenance lists.
- ESCC is to have its budget cut again and the effects will be more noticeable this time.

County Councillor B Bentley confirmed:

- ESCC is to have its funding reduced by a further £90m over the next four years starting from 2016 and it plans to make savings initially by collaborating its Business Services.

117 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

The meeting was then re-opened.

118 Reports

- a) Planning – Councillor Stevens reported that the Planning Committee met on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and commented on the following applications;

WD2015/0017F and 0018LB – The Granary, Champneys Farm – Internal and external alterations and small extension to existing granary.

WD2014/2425F - The Barn, Boreham Hill – Rear infill extension, single storey side extension and single storey garage extension. Internal refit and additional external alterations to the rear landscaping.

WD2014/2440F – Tyler Barn, Adjacent to Coopers Farm, Wartling Road – Conversion of existing barn into a three bedroom dwelling.

WD2014/2688F and 2689LB – Byways, Boreham Street – Replacement single storey extension. Alterations and refurbishment including window replacement and repairs, replacement of upper storey weatherboarding, re-roofing, replacement rain water goods, SVP replacement and enlargement of forecourt parking area.

The applications for The Barn at Boreham Hill and Tyler Barn have since been approved by Wealden District Council. The Parish Council is still waiting for a decision on the applications for Byways and Champneys.

He said there were no new updates regarding the Wartling Wood Application.

Councillor Stevens also said that it was reported in the Eastbourne Herald that Mr Gulzar has agreed, in court, to pay the costs and penalties incurred in his appeal and he will also return the land at the marshes to its original state by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

Councillor Stevens confirmed he will contact Wealden District Council again about the caravan in the field adjacent to the Wellhouse because it is still there.

b) Environment North

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

c) Footpaths

Styles by Coopers Farm are reported to have been damaged. ESCC has been notified. Councillor Paterson will chase the County Council.

The drain at Jenner's Lane is reported to have been cleared. The drain at Bellhurst is now reported to be blocked. The Clerk will take this up with ESCC.

d) Environment South

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

e) Police

This was covered in minute 115.

f) Communication

Councillor Lawrence reported that work has already started to upgrade the exchange for broadband and he estimates that residents could get the following maximum speeds;

50m away from the exchange – 69 to 80MB  
1.2m away from the exchange – 20 to 25MB  
3km away from the exchange – 4 to 6MB

Anyway still experiencing speeds of less than 2MB after the work has been completed is asked to contact ESCC.

g) Speedwatch

Speedwatch met last month and recorded ten offences over three locations.

h) Trees

The Wealden District Council Tree Warden has confirmed the new residents at The Forge in Boreham Street can remove the trees which are thought to be undermining their conservatory.

The Tree Warden at Wealden and the Planning Department also confirmed they have no issues with clearance work recently carried out at The Bramleys in Boreham Street.

119 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

There have been no outside meetings or courses since the last Full Council Meeting.

120 First Aid Training - update

A defibrillator has been now been fitted at The Bull's Head in Boreham Street, and a training session to show residents how to use it took place on 9<sup>th</sup> February. A second defibrillator has been ordered for The Lamb.

District Councillor P Doodles asked if all Parish Council emails can include a strap line about the defibrillator and that it is mentioned on the Parish Council website. Councillor Lawrence confirmed that details about the defibrillator are already on the Parish Council's website.

121 Hand Held Speed Indication Device

The Safer Wealden Partnership Joint Action Group has awarded Wartling Parish Council £900 to cover the cost of purchasing a Hand Held Speed Indication Device. The new device will replace the speed camera the Speedwatch Team currently uses and it can also be shared with neighbouring parishes.

122 Maintance of Fingerpost Signs

Councillors considered two prices to repair three fingerposts in the parish and **resolved** to accept the price from JAKK. The Clerk is to seek part funding from ESCC.

123 Finance Update

Councillors considered and accepted the accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the Internal Audit Review Checklist.

124 Questions from Parish Councillors.

Councillor Huntbatch asked the Parish Council to consider making the parish a No Cold Calling Zone at its next meeting.

There being no questions from councillors, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.