

WARTLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

5th September 2012

held at The Reid Hall, Boreham Street

50 Present

Councillors K Stevens (Chairman), R Lawrence, C Paterson, S Huntbatch, D Permaul and A Holbrook.

District Councillor P Doodes, Alison O'Sullivan (Clerk) and 12 members of the public were also in attendance.

51 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors B Bentley and R Thomas.

52 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th July 2012 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 7th August 2012 were received and adopted by the Council.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 28th August 2012 were received and adopted by the Council.

53 Clerk's Report

BT have confirmed that the phone box in Wartling will be painted by October and Councillors' Register of Interest Forms were returned on time to Wealden District Council.

54 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.

55 PCSO Simon French

PCSO Simon French was not available to attend this meeting but sent a report. Two cars and one lorry were involved in an accident in the parish at the end of August and two people went to hospital with minor injuries.

56 Reports from District and County Councillors

There were no reports from County Councillors on this occasion.

District Councillor P Doodes reported that;

- i: Wealden's move to the new Hailsham offices is now complete
- ii: missed bin collections are on the increase but if residents bins are missed and they call Wealden, their bin will be emptied within two days.
- iii: the Horseshoe Recycling Site is often overflowing and she asked residents to let her know when there is a problem.

D Cllr Doodes receives notices of temporary events in the Parish and asked residents to keep a record of any problems at these events. Duty Officers are available at Wealden to deal with any emergencies.

Hooe Parish Council recently held a Community Day. Officers from Wealden District Council attended and offered advice about how to keep homes warm in winter. Councillors asked the Clerk to invite them to the next Full Council Meeting and give a brief presentation.

Hooe has a new History Society which was set up with £250 from the Police Property Fund. Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the police and see if the fund can help with broadband in the Reid Hall.

57 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Braxton raised concerns about the grass cutting in the parish. ESCC currently only cut the verge to a metre wide and some verges appear to have been missed out completely. Councillors agreed to take this up with their County Councillors.

Mr Braxton also complained about the over aggressive road closure signage which he believes stops people visiting his pub. He also asks why the contractors work stops short of some pretty major potholes. The Clerk is to take these matters up with ESCC.

Residents also asked how the 40mph speed limit changes are progressing, work is expected to take place this year. It was also reported that a car is still restricting access by parking at Boreham Lane/Boreham Street. A report is expected from the police.

The meeting was then re-opened.

58 Reports

a) Planning

Councillor Stevens reported that there have been two planning meetings since the last Full Council Meeting. The Planning Committee;

- i: has no objections to WD2012/0761F School Farm House or WD2012/1519F the Bull's Head.
- ii: objects to WD2012/1587FA Land at Wartling Wood on various planning grounds.

Further details are available in the Planning Meeting Minutes of the 7th and 28th August.

b) Environment North/South

Councillor Lawrence reported that there was nothing new to report in the north of the parish.

Councillor Huntbatch reported that there has been a bonfire containing trade waste in the parish. This was reported to Wealden District Council.

c) Footpaths and Highways

There was nothing new to report on this occasion. Highways concerns have been covered elsewhere in these minutes.

d) Police/Crime

Operation Creosote is now over but the PCSO can continue to mark property in outbuildings in case it is stolen. Cllr Lawrence has further details.

Speedwatch continues to monitor speeding traffic in the parish.

e) Communications

Councillor Holbrook reported that there are approximately 40 hits a day on the new Parish Council website. The website is a community website and he appealed for more community notices. The cost of hosting the website is to increase by approximately £1 a month from 1st October.

f) Finance

The Clerk had previously distributed the financial reports to 30th July 2012. There being no questions, councillors duly received and accepted the reports.

59 Reports from Outside Meetings and Courses

Cllr Stevens attended the East Sussex Rural Partnership Meeting detailing the implementation of its economic strategy.

Cllrs Lawrence and Paterson agreed to attend the Wealden Parish Meeting on 24th October 2012 and Cllr Permaul agreed to attend New Councillor Training. The Clerk will find when the next New Councillor's Course is and let him know.

60 Questions from Members.

There being no questions from members, the meeting closed at 8.35pm