

## WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING

#### Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Those present were: Chairman Charlton, Cllrs. Cornish, Hall, Grieve, Licence, Plumb & Schuilenburg, Dist.Cllrs. Fraser & Turner, 4 parishioners & the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes of the** meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were signed as correct.
3. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr. Schuilenburg declared an interest under item 6 Planning. Cllr. Cornish declared an interest under item 6 Planning. The Chairman declared an interest under item 8 – Finance.
4. **Broadband:** Noele Godfrey from Connecting Cambridgeshire and Carolyn Nickolson from BT were present to answer questions already put by Cllr. Schuilenburg. Council were told by Carolyn Nickolson that the two cabinets bringing superfast broadband were now installed and completion of work should be by the end of December when people could order the superfast broadband. Unfortunately general broadband would not improve and it was agreed that something should be written in Village Voice explaining this. The poor telephone connections would also not be improved as they would still be carried through copper wire. Again an item about this should go into the Village Voice and Cllr. Schuilenburg agreed to do this. It is hoped that by 2017 Phase 3 will provide the outlying farms with superfast broadband. Superfast direct to premises will be done on an individual basis and availability would depend on how far they are from the hub. Cllr. Licence said the siting of the cabinet below the village hall had damaged the pavement and asked if BT would put this right. The answers to the questions put by Cllr. Schuilenburg will be emailed to him in time for the next Village Voice.
5. **Matters arising:**
  - a) Dean Road hedging: Cllr. Licence said nothing had been heard from Highways since the last parish council meeting. Dist.Cllr. Fraser suggested a councillor attend a meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September in Balsham Pavilion as Nicola Burdon would be there to answer questions.
  - b) Signage repairs: Despite again sending an email to Nicola Burdon listing the various signs which needed replacing or repairing nothing has been done and no acknowledgement received.
  - c) Pavements: Progress – Good news, 3 “hot spots” have been repaired but many sections still in a poor state.
  - d) Flooding: Highways has found where the damaged pipes were and these have been replaced and hopefully they will now run freely. The Dene Road cross-road also has a flooding issue with overflowing ditches causing the road to ice over in winter.. Cllr. Cornish had had his ditch cleared out but it is the Highways ditch which also needs digging out. The Parish Clerk will email Nicola Burdon.
  - e) Dog noise: The Parish Council put an item in the Village Voice about community responsibility as they had promised.
  - f) Allotment: It was agreed that Mrs Shadford could rent the quarter plot now vacated by Nadine Walker and the Parish Clerk would let her know.

- g) Speedwatch: There are now 8 trained volunteers and 3 people who used to help wish to rejoin the team. The equipment is held by West Wrattling Parish Council and a diary is kept of available dates and usage.

## 6. Planning:

S/195 1/16/L B	A Midwood`	Pond Meadow, High St	Int.& ext.changes to existing planning objection  Permission.	No
S/233 4/16/F L	N Smith	Spring View, High St.	Single storey rear ext. etc objection	No
S/248 3/16/F L	A Stone	Site opp. 3 Streetly Emd	Erection of dwelling. Planning app. To be discussed once seen by Council.	

7. **Correspondence:** Folder to be distributed.

## 8. Finance:

- a) *Authorised payments:*

- £ 139.60 HM Inland Rev. 2nd qrt. PAYE (cheque 756)
- £ 372.14 Mrs J Richards salary for Aug/Sept.. (cheque 757)
- £ 117.20 A Morris, Village Voice costs for May/June issues (cheque 758)
- £ 690.00 CGM Inv.200641 & 200677 (cheque 759)
- £ 19.50 STP Stationery for printing inks (cheque 760)
- £ 87.50 Patrick Charlton Consultancy – donation from Parish Council of beer to West Wickham Fest. (chq. 761)

- b) Monies received: None

The Parish Clerk had omitted to send the spread sheet to councillors and this will be done updated with today's payments.

## 9. Neighbourhood plan:

Cllr. Hall reported that the first meeting of the Working Group took place on 13<sup>th</sup> September, attended by all but 2 of the group. The main topic at this meeting was the Housing Needs Survey which will provide independently verified information on what the residents 'perceived needs are. Any decision on whether there is any development will be determined by a survey of residents. It was agreed that a monthly newsletter will be distributed with the Village Voice with information on the Neighbourhood Plan's progress, and will include a form to identify those people who expressed a need for alternative housing within the Parish and to enable the Housing Needs Survey to be delivered to those people not presently living here who would like to return and a post box has been installed in the old telephone box to collect any responses. The next meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## 10, Maintenance:

- a) Grass cutting verges: These have now been cut.
- b) Grass cutting on rec: The wild flower areas have now been cut. Cllr. Cornish asked the Parish Clerk to remind CGM that there is still hedging to be done as soon as possible.
- c) Overhanging branches at Maypole Croft impeding drivers view of road require cutting back. Cllr. Hall said he would do this.

**11. Key Parish Priorities & Parish Nurse:** The Chairman decided these two items should be discussed together. He thought that the idea of a Parish Nurse was excellent but did West Wickham have a need for her services. West Wickham has a very caring community who look after those who are in need and give

support in many ways. Before the Parish Council considers funding the Parish Nurse we need to get the feelings of the village about using her services. There were only 5 people at the meeting held by the PCCC to discuss what the Parish Nurse would provide. Cllr. Hall suggested that there could be a discussion about the Parish Nurse at the Neighbourhood Planning meeting in October on a Saturday morning. It was therefore agreed to keep any decision on hold until more discussion about what the village would like and more information was obtained about the costings. If it was agreed to fund it, money would come from next year's budget and paid for by the Precept.

**12. Playground report:** Cllr. Plump reported that all was in order.

**13. Reports on meetings attended by cllrs:**

- a) Cllrs. Charlton and Hall had attended the A1307 Forum and discussed ways and means of keeping the road safe.
- b) Cllr. Grieve had received Agendas for the Police Meeting but had not attended. It can be viewed on line.

**14. Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr. Shuilenburg had been asked by the Police if we wanted to re-join the scheme, it being many years since taking part in this scheme. He said he would attend the AGM to get further information and report back at the next meeting.

**15. Report by Cllrs. Turner & Fraser:**

- a) Boundary Commission public consultation concluded 4<sup>th</sup> July and the decision is to be published shortly. The number of councillors to be cut from 57 to 45. Balsham will have one representative who will attend parish council meetings.
- b) Community Chest: There is still money available, £1500 per project and three projects allowed.
- c) SCDC Planning Training, phase 2 available.
- d) Parish Forum will be 10<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30-8pm at Cambourne and a Parish Council general meeting to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at Balsham Pavilion.
- e) Devolution: Consultation has been completed with further discussions at full council on 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- f) Cllr. Fraser said there is a suggestion that Parish Council precepts might be capped.

**16. Any other business:** The "drop box" recently introduced has problems which the Chairman will deal with, including any potential data protection issues.

Chairman.....

**The next meeting will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 7.30pm.**