

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

21st March 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Those present were: Chairman Cornish, Cllrs. Charlton, Hall, Grieve, Licence & Schuilenburg, 3 parishioners & the Parish Clerk.

- 1. Apologies:** Assumed apologies from Dist.Cllrs. Turner & Fraser, County Cllr Hickford.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting** held on Monday 25th January 2016 were signed as correct.
- 3. Broadband:** James Denning from Air Broadband spoke about the proposed installation of their system with 30 people signed up to join but that BT had quoted a price of £4800 extra to costs already taken into account, due to the cabinet at Horseheath having reached capacity and they would have to use one further away. This would mean an extra £150 per customer up front. Air Broadband are writing to Lucy Fraser, our local MP and complaining to Connecting Cambridge and the next step would be to go to the Press. He urged people to write complaining about this exorbitant cost. The Parish Council were asked to comment and they agreed that some grant money such as Community Chest, maximum £1500, would help. Mr Denning said they will try and negotiate a better deal with BT and would like the Parish Council to write to Lucy Fraser and the Press.

4. Planning:

S/3019/15/FL – C Norman. single dwelling on land between 39-47 High St (withdrawn)
S/044 /16/FL – Ms A Betley, erection of single timber grg.to front of property, 22 High St.

S/2108/15/FL – W.Stone, change of use of stables to a single dwelling – refused by SCDC.

Ms Abbie Betley wished to discuss their planning application for a timber garage. They have reduced the height by 18” as objections had been made about blocking views and are resubmitting their application to SCDC. It was agreed that this seemed a good solution and we would wait to hear the planner’s reaction to this.

5. Matters arising:

- a) Dean Road:** County Cllr. Hickford was not present to report
- b) Quote received from K Potter for hedge cutting on A1307:** The proposed hedge cutting was felt.to be insufficient. The Parish Clerk will write to him to ask if someone could walk with him to decide what needs doing. Cllr. License said she would be able to do this. It was also suggested that the Chairman of Horseheath,

Stuart Miller, is asked if he would be prepared to do this and the Parish Clerk will contact him.

- c) **Signage repairs:** There are still signs requiring attention. The 30mph sign opposite the Village Hall, 30mph sign on the bend at Burton End, West Wickham sign on road to Streetly End is rusted, the disc on the 30mph sign on road from Horseheath to Streetly End has fallen out, and lastly sign in front of J.M. is broken and likely to fall down. The Parish Clerk will write to Nicola Burdon of Highways.

6. **Correspondence:** The Parish Clerk had received a sample of a commemorative medal for schools and councils, and price list for a momento of HM Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. Firstly need to find out if the schools are providing children with a momento. Cllr. Plumb said he would check.

7. **Finance:**

- a) *Authorised payments:*

£139.60 HM Inland Rev. 4th qrt. PAYE (cheque 735)
£1,794.00 CGM for hedge cutting Inv. 6979 (cheque 729 - paid)
£600.00 WWPC (donation towards church yard grass cutting) (cheque 736)
£ 372.14 Mrs J Richards salary for Feb/Mar. (cheque 737)
£ 12.68 Mrs J Richards – postage costs for year (cheque 738)
£ 21.16 Mrs J Richards – travel & gen expenses for 2015/16 (cheque 739)
£ 41.48 A.Morris for Jan. issue of Village Voice (cheque 740)

- a) Monies received: None
b) Internal auditor: Agree to “Running Total” doing this.

8. **Neighbourhood plan:**

- a) Cllr. Hall said the meeting held on Saturday 20th February had gone well and 9 people had offered their services on the Working Group with the exclusion of Mr D Henry and Mr M Jordan as they have caused problems in the past over planning. He will convene another meeting after Easter to decide how to go forward. He had attended a meeting at Ely organised by CPRE where 80 people were present. He was able to get an idea of the cost of getting the local plan set up, being approx. £4800, using professionals to draw up plans, do graphics etc. Grants will have to be applied for and one person would be appointed to look after this. Cllr. Grieve asked where professionals could be reached and was told that ACRE have details of these people.
- b) The Terms of Reference which had been circulated were agreed upon and Cllr. Hall was thanked again for all his hard work.

9. **Maintenance:**

- a) **Hedging:** This has now been cut but the field had been left in a terrible mess with cuttings from the hedges left and thorns and jagged edged branches left. The Chairman thanked all those who had helped to clear the mess and tidy the rec and car park. Cllr. Hall suggested that in the future a spec is written of exactly what work needs doing with rules about clearing up. If work is done on an annual basis it should not be so much of a problem.

- b) **Village Clean Up:** Cllr. Grieve said this was held on Sunday 20th March with more people turning out to help and 27 bags were filled as a larger area was covered. He had reported to CCC the find of a “beware corner” sign found in a ditch. He thanked SCDC for providing all the equipment and also for collecting the bags of rubbish.
- c) **Land down to old Sewage Farm:** Cllr. Licence reported that this had now been cut. Cllr. Charlton said he had found a big hole on the land and it was agreed he should fill it in.
- d) **Condition of Pavements:** Cllr. Licence had hoped to speak to Cllr. Hickford about three particularly bad areas outside Nos. 94, 71 and 77. It was agreed she send an email to Cllr. Hickford. Cllr. Schuilenburg who had volunteered to be a gritter, said he had just received the Pavement Gritting equipment but no grit.

10. Traffic issues:

- a) Cllr. Licence had spoken to Simon ? who was quite happy to help with traffic calming but would need support from the Parish Council, e.g. money, stickers for rubbish bins. Two other residents in Streetly End were interested in speed watching. The Chairman said on the next rubbish collection day he would check how many bins were visible as the question of having stickers on bins had already been discussed and dismissed as being too expensive and not cost productive.
- b) Someone had phoned the Parish Clerk complaining that he found the vision from the Weston Colville road onto the West Wrattling/Withersfield road at the new junction was poor. However since the complaint work has been done at the junction flattening out the mound of earth which was disrupting vision.

11. Reports on meetings attended by cllrs:

- a) Cllr. Grieve had missed the last Police Liaison meeting but one can now watch them on-line and also input as well.
- b) Cllrs. Charlton and Hall had attended the A1307 Forum and learnt that the Forum on the advice of CAPALC would not be considered an official forum but an informal gathering of the representatives of the Parishes to share common issues that affect the Parishes. The A1307 was briefly discussed and Cllr. Fraser was exploring having a Parish Council surgery once a month to share information with representatives from each parish council.

12. Report by County Cllr. Hickford: He was not present

13. Report by Dist.Cllr. Fraser: Not present

14. Any other business:

- a) Pepperpot News has now given up delivering papers so people have been to Linton picking up papers for themselves and the others who normally took delivery of a paper. They had asked if a box could be screwed to the back wall of the hall and padlocked and those having a paper would have a key. This was not thought to be a good idea as it would soon catch the eye of vandals. Cllr. Grieve had spoken to Sweet Talk News who said if there were more than 25 people he would provide a newsboy. He said he would put a leaflet round the village and something has been put in the Village Voice. No decision made and the question of how many people would like papers delivered would be looked into.

- b) Cllr. Hall found when reading the local council tax details of their spending that the figures did not seem to add up – should we not be looking into this?
- c) Nick Salter is stepping down as Chairman of the VHMC. There will be something in the Village Voice about this but need to be aware.
- d) The Parish Clerk was asked to remind CGM not to cut the wild flower area before the first cut of the field.

The next meeting will be the AGM of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.30pm. The bar will be open for parishioners at the Parish Meeting.

Chairman.....