

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

23rd January 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Cornish & Dist. Cllr. Turner
2. **Minutes of the** meeting held on Monday 28th November 2016 were signed as correct.
3. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr. Hall declared an interest under item 8a – Finance.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) *Dean Road hedging:* No work has been yet done and the matter will be raised at the Parish Forum meeting on Wed. 25th January.
 - b) *Dean Road junction re grips:* Again nothing has yet been done re digging out the grips.
 - c) *Signage repairs:* Not done and the matter will be raised at the Parish Forum.
 - d) *Pavements:* The roads have recently been swept but not the pavements. Highways are cutting back and maybe the villagers could sweep the pavements outside their homes which would help. A Community Volunteer Scheme was suggested to organise this and also a similar scheme for cutting back hedging and lopping overhanging branches. Cllr. Grieve said he would write a piece to go with his “Clean Up” request in the Village Voice.
5. **Broadband:** Cllr. Schuilenburg was told there is a rumour that everyone will receive broadband fibre by the end of this month. He didn’t think this was correct but would check with BT the present situation. He also said that there were some people who would be unable to get superfast broadband but each case would be looked at by BT.
6. **Planning:**

S/2821/16/FL	D Cameron	34 Streetly End	Annex facility replacing garage etc.	Approve d	withdra wn
S/2822/16/LB	“ “	“ “	“ “	Approve d	withdra wn
S/3243/16/IG	J Kimble	Land between 39 & 47 High St.	Discharge of planning obligations reS/1512/10	Support	
S/3417/16/FL	S Chuyrcher	70 High St.	Ancillary resid.annexe	Object	Approve d
S/3433/16/FL	Jellycat Ltd.	Hanger 1, Skippers Lane	Ext. to existing warehouse to provide add. B8 accom. & assoc. welfare & office	Support	
S/0372/17/LB	G. McNeillie	45 Streetly End	Demo. Of small outbld. And replace with single garage, cycle store & personal workshop area		

S/2483 – Anita Stone was present to explain that although they have received planning permission for the last application, which was not their original plan, they wished to put in a revised version which is close to the original one and then take it to the Planning Committee. Cllr. Fraser said this could be done but he would need good reasons for putting it to the Committee.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Finance:

a) *Authorised payments:*

- £139.60 HM Rev.& Customs for 3rd qrt of PAYE (chq. 768)
- £372.34 Mrs J Richards for Dec/Jan. less PAYE (chq. 769)
- £ 90.00 J.P.Gardening for 6 cuts of wildlife area (chq. 770)
- £ 71.78 David Sergeant for Neighbourhood Plan Banner (chq. 771)
- £ 61.23 Trevor Hall for Postpox and stationery (chq. 772)
- £ 88.00 A.Morris for Village Voice costs. (chq. 773)
- £600.00 West Wickham Parochial Church Council (chq.774)
- £ 23.70 STP Acc.WE22 (stationery) (chq. 775)

b) *Monies received:* None

c) *Budget for 2017/2018 and set Precept for 2017/18:* The Chairman had looked at the budget and felt that it was unnecessary to increase the Precept this year and suggested it was kept at £11,000. This was agreed and resolved by the Councillors. It was also agreed that £1000 will be allocated to a Parish Speed Indicator contribution.

9. Neighbourhood plan:

Cllr. Hall read out the various points discussed at two meetings, one on 6th December where the meeting focussed on what was meant by Affordable Housing and the documentation for the forthcoming Housing Needs Survey. It was also decided that there would be a Drop-in Meeting for residents on 14th January. This went ahead and was attended by 36 residents and 7 Working Group members. The HNS documents were distributed to all houses in the Parish in late January to enable the resident to have any queries answered at the Drop-in Meeting. A monthly Newsletter was included in both the December and January editions of the Village Voice.

10, Maintenance:

- a) *Gritting:* Cllr. Licence said that it has been noticed by residents that the pavements are being gritted by volunteers and is much appreciated. Cllr. Scuilenburg said the grit being delivered is now dry and is therefore easy to spread. A request for 2 new yellow grit bins with one sited at Streetly End, possibly on the green triangle and the other at the junction by the post box. It was decided that something should be put in the Village Voice about the gritting scheme and ask for volunteers to grit in Streetly End.
- b) *Vacant half allotment:* The Parish Clerk had received no requests for renting this and therefore it was agreed that Steve Licence and Len Ling could rent it.
- c) *Speed Indicator:* Cllr. Hall has received a quote which was under £700 which each of the four Parishes would have to pay, they are Shudy Camps, Castle Camps and Balsham and West Wickham. For a larger one an extra £250 per parish, bringing the cost to £1000 per parish. Each village would equally share the use of it. This will be discussed at the Parish Forum meeting with the other parishes involved
- d) *Flooding:* Ditches have been filled in and therefore causes flooding onto the pavements and road which can then turn to ice. Cllr. Hall has written a letter to be sent to all those concerned which the Parish Clerk will deliver, together with a pamphlet put out by the Cambridgeshire County Council on “The rights and responsibilities of a riparian owner”.

11. Local Forum Meeting: Wed. 25th January 2017.

12. Playground report: Cllr. Plumb reported that once the weather improved there was some repair work to be done following Wicksteed's inspection report, and this was in hand. £500 is being put aside in the budget for maintenance of the playground.

13. Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Shuilenburg said he would put an item in the next Village Voice asking if people were interested in joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. He will only organise it if there are people interested in helping.

14. Parish Nurse: Cllr. Licence had looked into the cost for employing a Parish Nurse for the seven Parishes which was £66,000, £34,000 being donated by Trusts, £21,000 by individual donors and the PCC's £11,000 to cover a period of 3 years. The village had not shown much interest in supporting this, with very few attending the meeting that was held last year. It was agreed to leave any decision for the moment.

15. Reports on meetings attended by Councillors: none.

16. Report by Cllr. Fraser:

a) He spoke about the Parish Nurse situation as exactly the same lack of interest arose in Balsham and they have not supported the scheme.

b) SCDC have set up a housing company called Ermine Street Scheme and by borrowing money through the local authorities have bought property to let out cheaply on the commercial market. Last year there was a £50,000 contribution from this company divided between council services and this year it should go up to £70 to 80,000 which could offset the reduction of the government grant. 150 houses have now been purchased, some ex-service houses on the old bases.

c) Local Plan – further consultations start this week and more in March.

d) Devolution has been agreed and all Mayoral candidates have been selected and there will be an election in May.

e) City Deal – Plans to have a corridor between Haverhill to Cambridge to include a bus priority route and to provide a Park & Ride at Four Wentways. It is hoped to move all the Park & Rides further out from Cambridge.

17. Any other business:

a) Cllr. Schuilenburg said that planning permission had been granted for a new mobile phone mast to be erected on Balsham water tower for O2 and Vodafone.

b) The Village Sign needs some repair work doing to its base where the brick work is breaking up. Tom Licence will be asked to look at this.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th March 2017. All are welcome.

Chairman.....