

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

27th March 2017 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Those present were: Chairman Charlton, Cllrs. Cornish, Hall, Grieve, Licence, Plumb & Schuilenburg, Dist.Cllr. Turner, Mark Deas, Ulrike Maccariello, 9 parishioners & the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Dist. Cllr. Fraser
2. **Minutes of the** meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2017 were signed as correct.
3. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr. Licence declared an interest under item 9a – Finance.
4. **Report by Dist.Cllr. Turner:** He had a further meeting to attend so wished to give his report early.
 - a) He reported that the Local Forum Meetings involving the Parish Councils were proving successful. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th March at Castle Camps.
 - b) There is still no Local Plan in place with regard to Planning.
 - c) He had attended a full Council Meeting where the budget was discussed and it was agreed there would be a council tax increase of £5.00 on band D property.
 - d) Devolution: The combined authority has been approved and names are being put forward for the position of Mayor.
 - e) City Deal update|: A second public consultation of the preferred options which had been put forward at the Liaison meeting had reached no agreement therefore further time has been allowed. There were 7 options being considered but certain modes of travel had not been considered, e.g. trains. The Chairman asked if Haverhill were putting any money into this project?
 - f) Transport modelling: Dualing of the A1307 from Haverhill to Four Wentways under discussion.

5. Neighbourhood Plan:

a&b) Mark Deas (Cambs. ACRE) and Ulrike Maccariello (Hastoe Housing) presented the results of the Housing Survey for West Wickham. The Working Group had delivered 187 forms and 137 completed forms were collected. He explained that West Wickham was an “in-fill” village and the survey showed that there was a need of up to 9 new houses, for people living or connected to West Wickham. 66% of the returned forms indicated that residents were in favour of having some affordable houses in the parish. In this area an Affordable House rent would be in the region of £157 per calendar month for an entry level 2 bedroom house. In order qualify for affordable housing residents must be on the Housing Register and the need is assessed.

Ulrike Maccariello explained that Hastoe would be committed to meeting the requirements of the village and would not build housing that was not agreed with the residents. The question of “Right to Buy” was raised. There is a “Right to Acquire” associated with Housing Association affordable housing but there is insufficient land available in rural locations and the housing stock would be hard to replace, therefore the “Right to Acquire” would not apply on rural affordable housing on an exception site.

Some respondents raised concerns on overdevelopment and lack of facilities e.g. water, sewage, traffic, lack of health centre or shops. It is now up to the Working Group to develop a proposal to meet the residents expressed needs. The process will ensure that residents are consulted on the

proposals. The full Housing Needs Survey report will be posted on the village website and a printed copy posted in the telephone box on the High Street.

c) Working Group Terms of Reference: The Terms of Reference were approved by the Parish Council and were signed.

d) Appointment of Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working group and Working Group members: This was also approved by the Parish Council and again will be posted on the village website.

6) Matters arising:

- a) *Dean Road hedging*: The Council have been told that it is on the list to be done before the end of the financial year. There is still the problem of overhanging branches on the A1307 causing lack of vision of traffic. This will be raised at the Forum Meeting on Wednesday.
- b) *Dean Road junction re grips*: Cllr. Cornish has cut out some grips as the only ones carried out by Highways were at the other end of Dean Road and they certainly didn't solve the problem of flooding. He was thanked for doing this.
- c) *Signage repairs*: The sign at Burton End has been repaired but none of the others on the list have been carried out. Many of the signs are almost invisible due to algae covering their surface.
- d) *Proposed Community Volunteer Scheme*: Cllr. Grieve has added something to the "Litterpicking Day" notice asking for community help but had had no response so far.
- e) *Neighbourhood Watch*: There was no interest in starting this up again but Cllr. Schuilenburg will give two talks a year to keep the village up-dated on the various scams, security help available etc.
- f) *Village Sign repairs*: Tom Licence has agreed to deal with this.

At this point the Chairman gave thanks to Cllr. Licence for organising the Hub evening, a great success; to Cllr. Hall for the many hours spend putting the Neighbourhood Plan together, Cllr. Grieve for organising the "Litter Picking Day" and Cllr. Schuilenburg for his work on broadband.

7) Broadband: Cllr. Schuilenburg said superfast broadband is now available and people are ordering it. There is some tree cutting needed on Maypole Croft to enable the residents to get superfast but the contractors are unable to do this until the end of April.

8) Planning:

a) App.No.

P.C. SCDC

S/0372/17 /LB	G. McNeillie	45 Streetly End	Demo. Of small outbld. And replace with single garage, cycle store & personal workshop area	7/2/17	Support	
S/3433/17	Jellycat Ltd	Hanger 1, Skippers Lane	Amendment re arbo.report etc	16/2/17	Support	
S/0477/17 /DC	Blackman & Rodgers	10 High St.	Demo of lean-to shed etc	18/2/17	Support	
S/0668/LB	" "	" "	Removal of exist.green house & replacement	01/3/17	Support	
S/0669	" "	" "	" "	"	"	

Nothing heard from SCDC re planning permission of any of the above.

b) Roof lights on Will Stone's stable barn – Cllr. Cornish had received complaints about the strong security light shining from Will Stone's stables on Balsham hill. Will Stone who was present said he was planning to plant a hedge during the summer which would conceal the lighting, which was only on for two hours in the evening. He told the Parish Council that the Appeal had been

successful regarding demolishing the stable block at Streetly End and erecting a new dwelling.

9) Correspondence: A letter received from SCDC stated that the local government elections would be held every four years and the Parish Council elections would be held at the same time. The next election date would be 2018.

10) Finance:

a) *Authorised payments:*

- £372.14 J Richards Feb/Mar. salary (chq. 776)
- £139.60 HMRev,& Customs 4th qrt. PAYE (chq. 777)
- £ 24.04 Postage costs for 2016/17 (chq. 778)
- £ 11.66 NB key & travel re internal audit (chq. 778)
- £480.00 Cams. ACRE re Neighbourhood Plan (chq.779)
- £138.00 D.Licence re Signs & Labels (chq.780)
- £ 33.60 Parish Online annual renewal fee (chq.781)
- £ 10.00 The Friends of the Roman Road & Fleam Dyke (chq.782)
- £117.70 A.Morris – Village Voice magazine costs

b) Monies received: £725.93 reclaimed VAT

The Chairman said that the budget was on target and he expected there would be a surplus which would be unallocated reserves after the £500 was set aside for the Playground.

11. Maintenance:

- a) *Gritting:* The Parish Clerk was asked to order two yellow grit bins, one to be sited next to the council bungalows to the left on the open ground in Streetly End, and one to be sited outside Ivy Todd House at the junction.
- b) *Speed Indicator:* Cllr. Hall said he has sent out further information to the other five Parishes who are interested in joining the scheme. He will arrange a meeting with them to get it agreed. One of the indicators he had looked at called “Thermo” would cost each parish £800 in total.
- c) *Banners:* Many complaints had been received about the Daisy Chain Preschool banner being flown outside the village hall. Cllr. Licence had spoken to Sue Harrow who told her that Ofsted require that Preschools must be advertised. She has agreed only to put it up during school time and to place it half way up the drive to the village hall. Cllr. Licence said that the Footpath Sign was now up on the wall outside the hall.
- d) The Riparian duties letter had been delivered to all the landowners in the parish.

12. Local Forum Meeting: Regarding the approval of planning S/3417 – 70 High St. The Parish Council were concerned that approval had been given despite the Parish Council’s objections and that our objection had reflected the views of the neighbours who had no internet access. Also the Parish Council wish to know why SCDC had not informed the Parish of Will Stone’s appeal decisions which were made 2 months ago.

13. Playground report: Cllr. Plumb has received a quote for the repairs of approx.. £650.00, considerably less than Wickstead’s quote. He will send this out to the Parish Council but it was agreed that Tom Licence’s quote is accepted. Plastic will be used instead of wood, which will last longer.

14. Parish Council Compliance: It was agreed that although Minutes and Agendas are put on the noticeboards and the draft Minutes are put on the website this is not quite enough to fulfil the compliancy regulations now in place. It was therefore agreed that when the Minutes are agreed and signed they will be put on the website as will the accounts. The agenda is already put on the website and the Village Voice receives a bi-monthly bulletin from the Parish Council.

15. Reports on meetings attended by Councillors: None.

16. Any other business:

a) Cllr. Licence requested permission to again put something in the Village Voice about dogs fouling not only the recreation ground, verges and pavements but also dogs and their owners were going into the playground area where they are definitely not allowed. She has seen dogs on the rec. defecating and the owners have done nothing about picking it up.

b) The hedge opposite the village hall belonging to Platts Farm has been cut but the rubbish has not been cleared away and is blowing into the road and could cause an accident. It was suggested we get a quote from CGM to come and trim and clear the stuff away and ask Bryn to pay the bill or clear away the cuttings etc. himself.

The Parish Council Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7.30pm followed by the Parish meeting at 8.15pm. PLEASE DO COME.

Chairman.....