

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

24th July 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Those present were: Chairman Charlton, Cllrs. Cornish, Hall, Licence, Plumb & Schuilenburg, Dist.Cllrs. Turner & Fraser, County Cllr. Batchelor, 1 parishioner & the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Grieve
2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on Monday 22nd May 2017 were signed as correct.
3. **Declaration of interest:** None.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) *Dean Road Hedging & junctions:* Cllr. Hall had spoken to an Andrew Preston (Safety officer) of CCC Highways regarding the constant requests made by West Wickham Parish Council to have something done about the overhanging branches on Dene Road and the A1307. Council had been told that someone had been to look at it but this was subsequently found to be untrue. However today Cllr. Cornish saw someone from Highways looking who had seen himself where the problem was and agreed that the trees which were the responsibility of Highways needed to be cut back.
 - b) *Gritting Bins:* Nothing to date but the Parish Clerk will check up again with Highways.
 - c) *Signage:* There is still some outstanding repair work to be carried out.
 - d) *Hedge cuttings opposite the village hall:* This is in hand.
5. **Planning:**

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S/1722/17/FL	N Stevens	90 High St.	Retro.planning for a single storey glass roof veranda	18/5/17	22/5/17	5/6/17	oppose	Appvd
S/1803/17/FL	S Jordan	3 High St.	4 garden sheds & Shepherds hut	15/6/17	28/6/17	26/6/17	oppose	
S/2213/17/P N	W.Stone	Land at Balsham Hill, West Wickham CB21 4RX	Prior notification of erection of a hay store	26/6/17	For information only			Appvd.

S/1722/17/FL – this has been given retro planning permission despite the Parish Council opposing it because of its size. The chairman was not happy with the South Cambs district council planning department for not appearing to take into account the Parish Councils views and the lack of information, There should be feedback and it is most embarrassing when the Parish Council oppose applications which are then given permission. Regarding S/1803/17 – nothing has been received following our query about 4 sheds, one of which did not appear on the plan and we now learn that the Shepherds hut is for commercial use which surely makes a difference.

West Wickham was not notified about the Rock Fest about to happen at Horseheath Lodge on 31st July or about the Music Fest on Vesteys land opposite Horseheath Lodge and yet the music will certainly be heard.

S/2483 and S/1415/17 – Mrs Anita Stone: Although they had received permission for the build they considered that the conditions set out were totally absurd, and so did the Parish Council Cllr. Fraser took a copy of this list to look at and hopefully will be able to do something about it. The Chairman said he will write to the Head of Planning with these complaints.

6) Correspondence: None

7) Finance:

a) *Authorised payments:*

£139.60 HM Revenue & Customs 1st qrt. (chq. 794)

£372.34 J Richards June/July. salary (chq. 795)

£345.00 CGM |Inv. 206474 (chq. 796)

£100.00 JP Gardening Services (chq. 797)

£ 45.00 Jackie Dockerill – internal audit (chq. 798)

£119.84 A.Morris – Village Voice magazine costs

b) Monies received: None

c) Internal audit – satisfactory.

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.

8. Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr. Hall told Council that the Character Assessment is in the process of being produced. All areas of the Parish have been visited and the first draft of the overall view of the settlements has been written and circulated. The detailed assessment of the lower end of the High Street is being written and will be circulated shortly.

9. Maintenance:

a) Speed Indicator: Cllr. Hall had had a meeting at Weston Colville with its Chairman and a Joshua Rutherford from CCC to look at the siting of the posts and was told that he would be charging for this inspection but thought it might be worthwhile as maybe we will get the signs repaired or replaced where the posts might be located. He had written to Swarco, the company supplying CCC with their bulk order to ask whether the discount of 5% will be given to West Wickham for their order. Cllr. Cornish raised again the question of 30mph labels on bins, do they make a difference? It was felt that the difference was not enough to justify paying out for labels for the parish, however perhaps some labels should be purchased and distributed to those who wanted to display them.

b) Footpaths: The footpath No.6, behind the Village Hall was very overgrown and Cllr. Licence has taken her secateurs to it – thank you. Also the Footpath No.5, going over Cornish land at the back of the Church, requires some wire replacing on the little bridge just beyond the Kissing Gate. The Parish Clerk was asked to get in touch with CCC regarding the latter Footpath.

10. Local Forum meetings:

a) Cllrs. Hall and Licence attended the meeting at Haverhill, which they found interesting.

b) A1307 informal meeting: This was concerning the City Deal consultation. A holistic approach was needed to find out where one wanted to be in 30 years time with regard to transport etc. Cllr. Hall spoke about the “Position” survey paper which still had not been seen and Cllr. Fraser said this new report is much the same as the original one done last year during the holiday time. That the A1307 is adequate for its purpose but not during peak times. He said the report would be finalised at the end of September.

c) Local Liaison meeting: Cllr. Hall had sent round a report on this to all the councillors. Again the point was being missed.

11. Playground Report:

- a) Tennis Court – There is interest in putting a tennis court on part of the car park at the Village Hall, and a quote has been received for £4000. This would make part of the car park unusable. The Parish Council agreed that this needed to go forward to the Village Hall Management Committee and funding would be looked for if agreed.
- b) Some of the repairs shown to be necessary by the inspection report carried out by Wicksteeds have already been carried out by Tom Licence. The playground needs inspecting regularly. The steps up to the slide are rotten and need replacing. An order will be placed with Wicksteeds for materials to carry out the rest of the repairs.

12. Mobile phone coverage: Cllr. Schuilenburg said that due to the new mast now in place mobile phone coverage is poor in various places in the village. He has spoken to “Three”, the suppliers, about this. They are aware there is reduced coverage in the area due to a fault. Cllr. Schuilenburg will send out an email to find out how many people are affected.

13. Report on meetings attended: covered above.

14. Report by County Cllr. Batchelor.

- a) The Local Highways Improvement scheme is now open and any application needs to be in by September. The CCC will now be charging for any Highways officer’s time to do an accessibility study. Cllr. Hall complained at this point about the fact that this charge is also being made regarding the Speed Indicators already ordered and this charge would not have been included in the overall costings.
- b) Childrens Centres: These are being re-designated to go back to the Parish Councils, e.g. Linton. A consultation is going ahead closing 22nd September.
- c) Community & Partnership Committee – Lena |Joseph is the area member.

15. Report by Dist.Cllr. Turner:

- a) Balsham Ward Combined meeting at 7.30 on Thursday 27th July.
- b) Age UK meeting on Wed. 26th at Manor Farm, 10am.
- c) Local Plan – Housing supply needed so development will be allowed.
- d) Cllr. Sue Ellington is a member of the Health & Wellbeing Group.
- e) City Deal -500M, now called Greater Community Partnership.

16. Any other business:

- a) Cllr. Licence asked whether Lucy Cameron was looking after the Streetly End Post Box and yes she is.
- b) A complaint had been made regarding the land owned by Wally Potter where glass has been smashed but not cleared away and also the risk of lighting enormous bonfires to those who have thatched roofs. Cllr. Cornish said he would have a word with him.

The Parish Council will be held on Monday 25th September 2017 at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Chairman.....