

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

25th September 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th July 2017 were signed as correct.

3. Declaration of interest: Cllr. Cornish declared an interest under item 5.

4. Matters arising:

- a) *Dean Road Hedging & junctions:* Still no action taken by Highways regarding the overhanging branches. There has been another serious accident at the junction and Cllr. Hall had suggested to Highways that they close one side down to a single lane coming to the junction to allow more room for vehicles to sit whilst waiting to get across.
- b) *Gritting Bins:* Now in place.
- c) *Signage:* Signs have been repaired and a new one in place by Maypole Croft.
- d) *Hedge cuttings opposite the village hall:* Cllr. Hall has written a draft letter to Bryn Pope which was agreed regarding the hedging. This also informed him that a mounting for a speed indicator sign will be put on the footpath guide post opposite 65 High St. so the cutting back of the hedge was needed to provide the sign with a clear view of westbound traffic. Cllr. Cornish thought that the responsibility for cutting the hedges might be David Spencer who is farming this piece of land.
- e) *Glass problem on land owned by W.Potter:* Cllr. Cornish had spoken to Mr Potter who didn't see it as a problem. He will also be having a bonfire when the wind is in the right direction.

5. Planning:

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S/1803/17/FL	S Jordan	3 High St.	4 garden sheds & Shepherds hut	15/6/17	28/6/17	26/6/17	object	Appvd.
S/2628/2629	G McNeillie	45 Streetly End	Demo. & replacement with single garage etc.				Support	Appvd.
S/2865/17/OL	MCornish	Land west of 13 Burton End	Outline planning for 2 market housing & 2 affordable.	15/08/17	Ext.req.	14/9/17	object	
S/3131/17/LB	A.Champ	15 Burton End	Demo. Outbuildings. Erection of garage, workshop etc.	14/9/17	4/10/17			

b) S/2865/17/OL- Outline planning see above – The Parish Council at a special planning meeting had decided to object to this application because it was outside the development framework. This was consistent with previous decisions on planning applications outside the framework, although it was noted that this factor did not currently carry great weight as the Development Plan had not been approved. Councillor Turner indicated that he considered that the question of the sustainability of the development within West Wickham would carry greater weight. The Parish Council expressed some doubts about the approach of South Cambs DC in judging whether different planning applications were or were not sustainable.

b) S/2483 and S/1415/17 – Mrs Anita Stone: The Parish Clerk had received from SCDC Planning a “Discharge of Conditions” and Cllr. Cornish said he would check with Mrs Stone if she was happy with the outcome.

6) Correspondence: A folder was distributed.

7) Finance:

a) *Authorised payments:*

£139.60 HM Revenue & Customs 2nd qrt. (chq. 800)

£372.14 J Richards Aug/Sept. salary (chq. 801)

£189.00 A.Morris for Village Voice costs for May, June & July (chq. 802)

£862.50 CGM Inv. 206475, 207078 & 207542 (chq. 803)

£ 10.52 Wicksteed Leisure Group (parts for play area) (chq. 804)

£120.00 PKF Littlejohn – External audit fee (chq. 805)

£1330.00 Tom Licence Joinery Ltd. repairs to play area (chq.806).

Monies received: None

b) Internal audit – satisfactory and the Statements published on the website.

c) Parish Clerk's salary: CPALC's salary schedule shows that the Parish Clerk is being paid more than allowed for the size of the Parish and precept. The Chairman will be checking with CAPALC to see if the Clerk is on the correct grading or should be transferred to an agreed spot rate.

8. Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr. Hall told Council that the Character Assessment is nearly completed and the next phase will be looking at policies regarding transport, roads, schools etc. The Chairman enquired how would a cycleway from West Wickham to Horseheath be funded and was told by Cllr. Batchelor that probably through the Local Highways Improvement scheme but suggested that landowners might possibly provide land for this free, if the footpaths running through their land were removed.. Another area needing a cycleway was from Balsham to Fulbourn where there are wide verges which could be used as the cycleway. At present this stretch of road is very dangerous for cyclists. The Chairman also asked how the character assessment was carried out and was told that the village would be divided into three, Streetly End, Burton End and the High Street and each section would be assessed for its main characteristic, in order to keep a degree of consistency in any future development.

9. Maintenance:

a) Speed Indicator: All the participants have agreed to purchase the Swarco equipment and two posts per unit will be required, but he has not heard from all as to what size sign is wanted and where the sitings would be. Cllr. Hall has drawn up a plan to show where he would like the signs to be placed in West Wickham and Streetly End, showing five sites, and this will be discussed. 5 brackets have to be purchased and the whole total cost per village will be £1052.59. Regarding speeding there have been complaints about a car tearing through the village at 5am each day, perhaps someone could take down the number of the car.

b) Footpaths: Following an email to the Footpath Officer in SCDC the work has now been carried out.

10. Local Forum meetings:

a) Cllrs. Hall attended the A1307 forum meeting and had sent out his report. He will also be going to the Combined Parish Council meeting on 27th September at Castle Camps.

11. Playground Report:

- a) Tennis Court – Nothing new to report.
- b) Play area repairs have been carried out by Tom Licence and a cheque drawn up for his work. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to CGM to request that when next grass cutting the rec. could they please trim round the play area. Also remind them about cutting the hedge round the recreation ground as agreed last Spring.

12. Mobile phone coverage: Cllr. Schuilenburg reported that he had heard from Vodaphone, who are trying to fix the problem. He will check with those who have not had coverage as whether the problem has been solved.

13. Report by County Cllr. Batchelor. The full report is available on West Wickham website.

- a) Mobile library service is being looked at with regard to its need in villages and the best time to visit.
- b) HOOPS – Housing Options for Older People – a 6 month pilot project aimed at offering specialised advice and support for older people with a questionnaire being sent out to people over 65. Watch out for press releases.
- c) Children’s Centre consultation: Regarding the ‘re-designation’ of Children’s Centres including Linton. This closes on 22nd September.
- d) Cambridge Ice Rink will be built on land leased from Marshalls, next to the Park & Ride and is due to open summer 2018.
- e) Library Services: A further consultation is being carried out, looking to economise these services.

14. Report by Dist.Cllr. Turner: The full report is available on West Wickham website.

- a) Combined Parish Councils meeting at 7.30pm Castle Camps Village Hall on 27th Sept.
- b) Local Plan is still under consultation.
- c) Review of recycling: The caddies for paper in the blue bins may be done away with as the cost of supplying new bins due to damage or theft costs SCDC £20,000 a year.
- d) Community Chest money has been increased by a further £30,000 bringing it to £85,000.

15. Any other business:

Cllr. Licence had received complaints about cars parking on the pavements and had put notices on the cars not to do this, although she knows that it is not illegal. There are several houses with no drop kerbs who are waiting for work to be carried out by SCDC but it is taking some time and it is illegal to drive up a non-dropped kerb to reach your entrance. Cllr. Shuilenburg said this matter has been raised at the Combined Parish Council meeting but there appeared to be little interest unless the residents were prepared to help with the cost of their dropped kerb.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 27th November 2017 at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Chairman.....