

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

22nd January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Those present were: Councillors P Charlton (Chairman), M. Cornish, T Hall, D Licence, J Plumb and A Schuilenburg, District Councillor A Fraser, County Cllr. Batchelor, the Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor P. Greave and District Councillor Turner.

2. Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2017 were signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Hall declared an interest with regard to Finances – authorised payments.

4. Matters Arising:

(a) In relation to the **overhanging branches at the junction of Dean Road and the A1307**, despite an undertaking from Highways that the offending trees would be cut down when the road was re-surfaced as lane closures would be required for both operations this has not been done, only a certain amount of pollarding and cut back has been carried out but the offending trees are still there. Protests about this have been made to Highways by the Parish Council. County Cllr. Batchelor who had been asked to look into this had nothing to add as he had been told that there would be no further cutting back.

(b) In relation to the **hedge/tree cuttings opposite the Village Hall**, some clearing up has been carried out but whether by Highways or Mr Pope this is not known.

5. Planning:

(a) The following planning applications had been received from SCDC since the last meeting for the Parish Council's comments, which are indicated in the final column:

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| S/3740/10/17 | W Stone | The Meadow, Streetly End | Outline permission-new dwelling & access | Not supported (o/s development area) |
| S/3823/17/RM | E Moon | The Meadow, Streetly End | Reserve matters following appeal ref APP/W0530 | Supported |
| S/3130/17/FL | A Champ | 15 Burton End | Amendment to plan | Supported (Permission granted) |
| S/4563/17/VC | W.Stone | Land at Balsham Hill | Variation S/1044/15/RM | Supported |

6. Correspondence:

A folder had been circulated to all Councillors.

7. Finance:

(a) Authorised payments:

- £139.60 HM Revenue & Customs PA\YE 3rd quarter (chq. 814) paid.
- £372.34 Mrs J Richards Dec/Jan salary (chq. 815)
- £ 64.50 Cllr.T Hall expenses for attending UK Power Networks forum in London (chq. 816)
- £293.84 A.Morris re Village Voice costs from Aug.2017 to Jan.2018 (chq.818)
- £ 18.00 Getmapping PLC (Parish Online subscription) (chq. 818)

(b) Monies received:

- £1179.02 Balsham Parish Council re Speed Indicator share of cost.
- £1179.02 Castle Camps Parish Council “ “ “ “ “
- £1179.02 Shudy Camps Parish Council “ “ “ “ “

(c) **Precept & Budget to be set:** The Chairman discussed the past year's budget and said that this was in line with what had been decided at the 2017 Budget meeting. He felt that there was no need to ask for an increase in the Precept and that it should remain at £11,000 for 2018/19. Cllr. Cornish proposed that this recommendation be accepted and was seconded by Cllr. Hall, all were in agreement. It was also agreed that the Budget should remain the same as last year and that the allocated reserves remain in place. The Parish Council agreed to this. The Parish Clerk will inform South Cambs District Council of this decision.

8. Transport – A1307 proposed dualling “Northern Option” Action Group update:

Before asking Georgina Magin to give an update the Chairman told Council that he had spoken to Neal Burford, the contact for the A1307 Strategy Board Haverhill, who had told him that neither route had been given preference but the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce were anxious to support the local businesses in the ever pressing need to get goods from A to B via the A1307. It would require £80,000 to set up a full investigative plan so it is unlikely that any development would happen in the near future. Cllr. Hall thought a link up with the M11 would serve everyone. As several major building developments in this area have been approved the need for a better road system is even more important. Georgina Magin then spoke about the Action Group saying that 20 people had put their names forward to be on the group and there had been a Follow-Up meeting on 13th January at which 15 people attended, some of whom represented ‘The Roman Road & Fleam Dyke Association. Objectives were agreed and there will be a full report in the Village Voice. It is important to liaise with other villages and keep the Parish Councils informed and also try to get more people to attend the A1307 Forum Group. Cllr. Schuilenburg has set up an email list of all those involved in the action group. District Cllr. Fraser said that as Chairman of the Balsham Parish Council, they would be happy to share in any costs involved.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Hall reported that there would be a drop-in session to enable residents to view and comment on the character assessment document arranged for 27th January 2018. When finalised, along with maps and photographs, the character assessment would form an important part of the overall plan. Details were on the website.

10. Maintenance

(a) Speed Indicators

Councillor Hall the speed indicators are now up and being tested. The agreement between the parishes is being amended as Balsham Parish Council will take on the insurance which will give cover for all the 7 parishes for fire and theft at a total cost of £100 per year. Until the insurance cover is ratified the indicators cannot be used but Cllr. Hall has been trying them out. There appears to be a problem with speeding traffic through Streetly End and coming up to the junction in West Wickham. Cllr. Cornish suggested against the use of 30mph stickers on dustbins and a vote was taken, 3 to 2 against having stickers.

(b) Footpaths

Cllr. Licence had checked various footpaths and there were still some that had not been reinstated. It was agreed to wait a little longer before writing to the landowners because the bad wet weather makes it difficult to get on the land.

(c) Pavements/ Dropped kerbs

An application has been made for a drop kerb outside 71 High St.

(d) Road Signs: The road sign at Maple Croft has been broken and also the 30mph road sign opposite the Church is broken and lying on the side of the road. The Parish Clerk will inform Nicola Burdon of Highways. Cllr. Schuilenburg will also put this on line so that a job number is allocated making it more likely to be dealt with. Reporting pot holes in this way also gets quick action.

11. Local Forum Meetings

Councillor Hall said the next Forum meeting would be on 31st January and on 7th February the A1307 GCPLLF meeting will be held at Linton Village College.

12. Playground /Recreation: Nothing to report.

13. Mobile Phone Coverage / Broadband: Cllr. Schuilenburg said that coverage was still inconsistent although he had received recently 4g signals, but haphazardly.

14. Meetings attended by Councillors:

Councillor Hall had attended the UK Power Network forum in London and had sent a report to all parish councillors. He spoke of a service provided by UK Power for those with disablement, pensioners, dementia patients and there was a form to register your need, which means you would be given priority if there was a powercut. It was agreed that this should be reported in the Village Voice.

15. County Councillor Batchelor's Report

This report, dealing with the County Council budget, City Deal and Park & Ride parking charges, and supported lodgings had been circulated prior to the meeting and was available on the village web site.

16. District Councillor Fraser's Report

Councillor Fraser reported on:

- The local plan. Consultation is being carried out between 5th January and 16th February 2018. In the meantime, planning applications are still being dealt with and specific developments will still go ahead until the local plan is passed..
- Local Liaison Forum . Consultation on the chosen option of the GCP would take place in February 2018, with the aim of completing work by 2022
- Community chest – some resources were still available
- Planning Forum – 13th February 2018
- SCDC Cabinet/Parish Councils Liaison

17. Any Other Business

(a) Cllr. Cornish asked if the Parish Clerk could write to William Stone suggesting he plants hedges to create a barrier so that the bright light was not visible at night and also to hide the barn. He had agreed to do this last year.

(a) **Cleaning up of plot opposite Maypole Croft:** Two parishioners had spoken to Cllr Schuilenburg about the safety hazard on this abandoned plot, with old greenhouse wood and glass being left there. He had spoken to Julie Ayre from SCDC and an officer would be sent out to inspect it.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 26th March 6 at 7.30 p. m. All are welcome to attend.

Chairman.....

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