

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

23rd July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Those present were: Councillors P Charlton (Chairman), P. Grieve, DLicence, A Schuilenburg; D. Sargeant, District Councillor G. Harvey, County Cllr. H. Batchelor, the Parish Clerk and one parishioner.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr. Cornish.

- 2. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 were signed as a correct record following an amendment to Item 13a. “ Simon Blackwell is in charge of this and Cllr.Licence had reported.....”.

3. Declarations of Interest: None

14. Report by County Cllr. Batchelor(bought forward as he has another meeting).

a) The Local Plan will be adopted very shortly as the 5 year land supply has been accepted

as correct. This claim will probably be tested by a large developer.

b) A1307 meeting with combined authority - Cllr Batchelor did not attend the meeting.

c) City Deal small schemes are still going ahead but the larger ones are on hold.

5. Matters Arising:

a) *Recreation ground upkeep:* As the contract with CGM is nearing its end the Chairman thought we should be looking elsewhere. We would need three quotes. Cllr. Licence knew of someone in Brinkley who was interested and she will contact him. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Mark Grimwood who cuts the verges etc. in West Wratting to see if he might be interested. The Chairman is meeting with the new area manager, Terry Quick, of CGM to discuss the present situation. He also suggested we look at other options such as hiring or leasing the equipment and doing the job ourselves. Cllr. Schuilenburg thought Gog Magog Lawn Mower repairs possibly hired out equipment. Cllr. Licence suggested planting a wood on part of the recreation ground which has not been used as a sports field for many years. Georgina Magin asked if this is something that could be put to the Neighbourhood Plan group but Cllr. Sargeant believed the area was designated as a sports area/green area..

b) *Streetly End Telephone box:* This has not been looked after although Lucy Cameron had said she would like to do something with it. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact her to find out if she has any ideas of what she want to do with it. Cllr. Sargeant suggested putting a defibrillator in it, however it is very costly to instal, and would probably be better placed in the Village Hall and perhaps the VHMC might like to discuss this.

c) *Allotment vacancy:* There is still one allotment vacant and one that is not being well looked after. A letter has been sent to the allotment holder pointing this out and if there is no improvement they will not be allowed to rent it. The Parish

Clerk will advertise it in the Village Voice each month until it is taken and will also put an advert in Challenge (West Wrattling magazine)..

5. Planning:

(a) The following planning applications had been received from SCDC since the last

S/3823/17/RM	Ms.E Moon	The Meadow, Streetly End	Res.Matters foll. Appeal ref APP/WO530/	
S/3130/17/FL	Mr Champ	15 Burton End	Amendment to plan	Supported (Permission granted)
S/0507/18/PL	M Cornish	Land west of 13 Burton End	Outline planning permission for erection of five dwellings	Supported Permission granted
S/2248/18/VC	T Getacre	Hanger 1 Skippers Lane	Variation of condition 2	Supported
S/1215/17/OL	W Stone	The Meadow, Streetly End	Outline planning for replacement dwelling	Unsupported Refused permission

Cllr. Harvey was thanked for the work he put into getting permission granted on S/0507/18/PL.:

6. Correspondence:

- a) A letter had been sent to allotment holder about complaints.
- b) A letter from MAGPAS requesting a donation: It was agreed not to fund this.
- c) Scottish Widows: It was agreed to close this account holding £521.05 and transfer the money to Lloyds as a Business Account.

7. Finance:

a) *Authorised payments:*

- £311.76 BHIB Insurance brokers (chq. 839) paid
- £1207.20 Noticeboard Company (2 noticeboards) (chq. 840) paid
- £139.60 HM Revenue & Customs PAYE 1st qrt. (chq.841) paid
- £372.34 Mrs JRichards June/July salary (chq.842)
- £250.00 Parish Nurse Project (chq.843 – cheque cancelled as wrongly addressed)
- £196.40 CAPALC affiliation fee (chq.844)
- £250.00 Hildersham PCC (Parish Nurse Project) (chq. 845)
- £105.00 SCDC cost of uncontested election (chq.846)
- £ 40.50 J.Dockerill cost of internal audit (chq.847)
- £106.40 A.Morris – Village Voice expenses (chq. 848)
- £172.50 CGM Group grass cutting Invoice 215028 June (chq.849)

b) Monies received: None.

c) **Salary rise agreement:** It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should receive a 2.3% rise backdated to April.

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

Georgina Magin gave a further update and said there was not much further news on the A1307 issues. CCC supported a major road network consultation which would then give further access to funding.. CCC should clarify their position regarding the dual carriageway as they are backing the Strategy Board who do not support the dual carriageway and seem to have no interest in it. The Chairman said his understanding was that they were supporting all the A1307 changes but not the dual carriageway. The Mayor of Haverhill is more interested in making changes in order to encourage businesses to move into Haverhill. He didn't rule out a dual carriageway but said there many other ideas which might be better. It is unlikely the government will fund

anything until there is a plan in place and agreed on. Georgina said that Haverhill were putting together their next Local Plan and no doubt there will be plans for building more houses. Cllr. Schuilenburg said we need to keep an eye on what is going on.

9. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Sargeant said there would be a Working Meeting on 24th July. It is likely that the Character Assessment will be carried out by “Red Graphics”, a design company in Sawston although Andrew and Janet Morris were originally going to do it. The Chairman said that the parish council would be paying £250 to Red Graphics for their services and asked whose decision it was to choose Red Graphics to do this job and Cllr. Sargeant assumed it was a committee decision. The Chairman also asked at what stage the NP was and was told it has to have the support of ACRE and then goes out for examination to see that it meets all the necessary decisions. Policies will be next and it is important that the parish council know fully what is going on and the parish council will have to approve. The costs are being covered by the parish council but there is money available to refund these costs.

10. Maintenance:

a) Speed Indicators & Speed Watch reports: The Speed indicators (SPIDS) have been used in Streetly End because there is a speeding problem there with half the cars going through at 35mph plus. Cllr. Licence said perhaps we should think about traffic calming but this of course means we would have to have street lighting in order to get funding. Any major plan would have to be done through Minor Highways Improvement Scheme. The police could be asked to set up a speed trap once they have seen the traffic data.

b) Dropped kerbs: The work has now been carried out.

c) Road sign damage opposite Maypole Croft: This has been repaired but not the one at the entrance to the village from Balsham or the 30mph sign broken at entrance to village from Horseheath going into Streetly End. Cllr. Schuilenburg had emailed Nicola Burdon at Highways informing her these two signs were still not repaired. He will follow this up.

d) Plot opposite Maypole Croft.: The reason nothing has been done following the S215 notice was that there were nesting birds. A reminder to SCDC would be in order as the chicks have now fledged.

e) Layby opposite Bottle Hall: Cllr. Schuilenburg said this had some deep holes which could be filled in with palings. First need to find out if it is an official layby looked after by Highways or whether land owned by Marcus Cornish.

11. Local Forum Meetings: Georgina Magin reported the main topics were the A1307 road update and planning issues and the potential need of Parishes to seek professional advice. Horseheath had just had to do this and Linton had incurred significant costs with regards to planning.

12. Playground & Wild Park: Cllr. Licence reported that Sue Harrow will report on any damage in the future. Cllr. Schuilenburg said that the fence round the play area needs some attention and Cllr. Licence will ask Tom Licence if he can repair it.

13. Meetings attended by Councillors:

a) Cllr. Sargeant had attended the Cambridge SE Transport study Local Liaison Forum on 6th June.

b) The GCP presented the results of the 2018 Cambridge SE Transport public consultation on (a) new public transport links (b) new improved cycling and walking

routes (c) safety improvements for the a1307 between Cambridge and Haverhill. The consultation received over 1700 responses.

- c) There were enough concerns regarding the proposal to ban right turns at the Dean Road crossroads that it is being reconsidered. The revised proposal is likely to only ban turning right from Bartlow and will allow the HGV route to continue to use Dean Road. The highways department continue to reject complaints regarding the sight lines at Dean Road crossroads due to encroaching vegetation although the GCP are sympathetic to our concerns.
- d) Other local changes being reconsidered are the right turn ban at Linton High Street and speed reduction measures. There is local support for a blanket 50mph ban from Fourwentways to Haverhill but it is not supported by the police.

14.County Councillor Batchelor’s Report: See above.

15.District Councillor Harveys Report:

- a) *Combined Parish Meetings – did they work?* Cllr Schuilenburg said they work well and he always learns something new each time. Being able to meet those in charge of departments such as Highways, Transport, Planning etc. was very helpful. The Chairman asked if there was a target time set by SCDC to achieve results more quickly and Cllr. Harvey said he thought not. Planning has a serious problem due to lack of staff..

16 Any Other Business:

- a) Could a note go into Village Voice asking people to cut back their hedging which goes onto pavements and pointing out that it is their responsibility and if necessary the parish council could get someone to do the cutting back and pass the cost on to the owners. The Chairman said he would write this.
- b) *Footpaths:* The track opposite 37High St. has not been cut and Footpath .3, owned by M Cornish, needs reinstating, as does the diagonal path No.14. farmed by Jane Scheur’s son-in-law. Cllr Licence said she would speak to Jane Scheur. The footpath running along the side of recreation ground needs pruning. A plant, that could be notifiable, has been reported and Cllr. Licence will go and check.
- c) *Co-option:* There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council which will again be advertised in the Village Voice and with notices on the noticeboards and website. Until this vacancy is filled it should be Minuted at each meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 24th September at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Chairman.....

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