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**WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at  
7pm in the Village Hall.**

Those present were: Councillor M.Cornish (Vice Chairman), P. Grieve, A.Hazelhurst,  
D. Licence,D. Sargeant, A Schuilenburg, Dist.Cllr. Harvey, County Cllr. Batchelor  
Mrs G Magin and the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Charlton therefore Meeting Chaired by Cllr. Cornish
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 were signed after an amendment was made and signed under Item 15b – “13 degrees off the ground should read “13 degrees off vertical”.
3. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr. Cornish under Item 6, Planning and Cllr. Sargeant under item 7. Finance.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - a) *Allotments:* The Parish Clerk had sent a letter to allotment holders reminding them that she would be collecting rents on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall between 10 and 12 noon. Two allotment holders had done nothing with their allotments this year and so she will suggest they relinquish them in order that those on the waiting list might have the use of them.
  - b) *Football nets:* Cllr. Schuilenburg had spoken to Mary Whitstone requesting further information about costs etc. but had heard nothing back.
  - c) *A1307 verge cut:* No progress on this and Cllr. Harvey suggested we wait until the alterations at the Dene Road junction are scheduled and request again the necessity to cut back the saplings, which have now grown considerably, in order to give proper vision for drivers.
5. **Correspondence:** (Folder given to the Vice Chairman) and the Parish Clerk had received Consultation brochures regarding the changes to be made on the A1307 which were handed to each Councillor. There had been a report from Age UK and a Review on the Parish Nurse Project which are included in the folder.

## 6. Planning:

			Work req.	P.C.	SCDC
S/1903/19/FL	Ms Coster Waldau	66 High St.	Single storey rear & part side ext.	support	appr
S/2307/19/DC	M.Cornish	13 Burton End	Discharge of cond. 3 re S/0619/19	Inf.only	
S/2419/19/FL	Mr Vanou	Pond Meadow, High St spur	Rest., altn. & ext. to existing 3 bay cart shed & study annexe		
S/2390/19/DC	A Matarazzo	51 High St.	Discharge of conditions 3		

a) Cllr. Sargeant asked about the land owned by Mr Potter - had it been given permission yet as the land appears to have been totally cleared? The S215 order on the land behind 1 Burton End which was scraped, terminating all Great Crested Newts, which by their own account were present would therefore appear to have been broken. Cllr. Cornish said that no Great Crested newts had been found on his plot in the 30 day period so his agent had applied to Natural England for permission to commence the development.

S/2419 and S/2390 had both received the Parish Councils support.

b) Proposed solar farm: Cllr. Cornish said a meeting had been held with someone representing the owner of the land and the Chairman of West Wratting Parish Council in whose parish this land lies, at the cross roads on the right hand side. Both parishes objected to this proposal on the grounds of road safety and also the possibility of a larger solar farm as this proposed solar farm was too small to be viable.

## 7. Finance:

a) Update of Accounts distributed to Councillors.

b) *Authorised payments:*

£142.80 HMRC 2nd qrt. PAYE (chq. 893) due 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.

£380.72 Mrs J Richards salary for Aug/Sept. less PAYE (chq. 894)

£278.40 RoSPA Inspection fee (chq. 895)

£140.00 ABC Tree Surgery or grasscutting (chq. 896)

£250.00 Hildersham P.C.C. for Parish Nurse Project 2019 (chq. 897)

£ 16.41 STP Office Supplies – Inv.003767 printing inks.(chq.898)

£ 18.00 D.Sargeant –(NP) B&Q Postbox for SE telephone box.(chq. 899)

£ 39.00 E Plumridge Inv. 36647 (NP) Character Assessment printing (chq.900)

£ 64.80 E Plumridge (NP) Green Space Consultation printing (chq.900)

£ 48.00 WWVH. (NP) Hire for training 23.3.19. (chq. 901)

£228.04 A.Morris – Village Voice printing costs for June-Sept. + exp.(chq.902)

- c) Monies received: None
- d) Cost of living rise: It was agreed to leave this until next Meeting as the Chairman was not present.

**8. Traffic & Parking issues:**

- a) Local Highways Improvement Scheme application has been submitted and were told that the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 is the date when the applications will be presented.
- b) The 30mph sign coming into Streetly End from Horseheath has one again been knocked askew. The Parish Clerk will contact Nicola Burdon of Highways.

**9. Maintenance:**

- a) Cllr. Licence said there was nothing to report except the SIDS have been set up in West Wickham and Streetly End this past week. There is still considerable speeding in Streetly End.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr. Sargeant told the Council that the consultation form had been delivered to all households and 30 had already been received back. There was widespread support for most of the green spaces but it is unlikely that the green space in Streetly End will be included as it is owned by South Cambs. District Council and marked for future housing.

**11. A1307 update:** Georgina Magin reported that there had been no recent contact from the Strategy Board and the Chairman of Horseheath Parish Council has enquired at the Combined Parish Meeting how and why was the Strategy Board funding the cost of street furniture in Haverhill, how could it be justified. He would also like to set up a meeting with the Hon. Lucy Frazer and other local Chairmen of Parish Councils to discuss the A1307 and the proposals put forward by the Strategy Board. It is understood that the Mayor of Cambridge is not keen to have a new road and would prefer a train or something along that line. He also thought there would be more distribution warehouses built at Haverhill.

**12. Local Forum Meetings:** The Combined Parish Council meeting had had to be cancelled. Cllr. Sargeant is attending a Meeting on Planning in Balsham on 24<sup>th</sup> September and also a Combined meeting at Cambourne.

**13. Meetings attended by Councillors:** See above.

**14. Report by Dist.Cllr. Harvey:** The combined report has been posted on the website.

- a) The next upgrades of the A1307 improvements have begun with the new bus lane leading into Linton from Dalehead Foods commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> September. The foot/cycle path will also be upgraded.

- b) Zero-carbon grant of £91000 available for community groups to bid into.

- c) 144 new houses were bought by South Cambs. last month, the money to purchase them came from a “reward” from the government. The Councils target is to acquire 70 new homes each year.

**15. Report by County Cllr. Batchelor:**

a) The Bartlow/Linton crossroads on the A1307 will be turned into a roundabout.. The comment made was that it would have to be very well sign-posted as it comes fairly soon after the end of the dual carriageway on the brow of the hill.

**16. Any other business:**

a) Cllr. Licence would like the Parish Clerk to write to Mrs Pelling to ask if the hedges running along the back of their property could be trimmed so the footpath is useable. She has had a go with secateurs but it has grown again and in the past they have always kept it cut.

b) Cllr Licence reported that the Village Hall now had been granted a licence to sell alcohol.

c) Cllr. Schuilenburg said that WiFi will be available in the Village Hall in the next six to eight months and Open Reach will do this. It will be free for the first 3 years. There are still problems regarding the availability of superfast broadband to about 6 houses, mostly away from the village. If some joint funding could be found this could be remedied.

Chairman.....