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WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 25th November 2019 at

7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Those present were: Councillor P. Charlton (Chairman), M.Cornish (Vice Chairman), P. Grieve, A.Hazelhurst, D. Licence, D. Sargeant, A Schuilenburg, Dist.Cllr. Harvey, County Cllr. Batchelor, Mr Trevor Hall (Chairman of Village Hall Management Committee) and the Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2019 were signed as correct.

3. Declaration of interest: Cllr. Licence under Item 6, Planning and Item 7, Finance.

4. Matters arising:

- a) *Allotments:* The Parish Clerk had collected all the rents. Both allotment holders who had done nothing with their allotments this year were sent letters but both were very keen to continue. The Parish Clerk agreed to this but said if there was no improvement by the Spring then they would be asked to give them up.
- b) *Hedges along Footpath No. 8:* The Parish Clerk had contacted the Footpath officer who had responded saying they would look into it. So far nothing has been done.
- c) *Solar electricity supply re existing street lights:* It was agreed that this scheme would be too expensive.

5. Correspondence:

- a) Letter from EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospital) requesting donation: Agreed that a donation would not be sent as it sets a precedent. The Parish Council tends to donate towards charities that benefit the village.
- b) A poster against SCAMS: this will be put on the noticeboards.
- c) Letter from Lucy Frazer re a bus survey – more details in Village Voice
- d) Letter of thanks from the Parish Nurse Project
- e) Update from Age UK October 2019.

6. Planning:

			Work req.	P.C.	SCDC
S/2419/19/FL	Mr Vanou	Pond Meadow, High St spur	Rest., altn. & ext. to existing 3 bay cart shed & study annexe	Approved	Approved
S/2390/19/DC	A Matarazzo	51 High St.	Discharge of conditions 3		
S/3297/19/FL	Mr Winstone	20 High St	Rem.of exist.timber shed etc	Approved	
S/3626/19/LB	R.Giles	61 Streetly End	Replace single to double glazed windows		
S/3831/19/PA	W Stone	NW of The Meadow	Prior app. For proposed change of use from barn to 2 dwelling houses.	11/11/19	
S/3751/19/FL	T Licence	91 High St.	Link to annex	13/11/19	

a) S/3831/19/PA: Information regarding Agricultural use vs Equestrian use will be sent to Planning and pointing out that the barn in question was used for equestrian purposes. A further issue is that when Mr Stone put in a wider access for a better visibility splay he allegedly took some of his neighbour's land which is now in dispute. Cllr. Cornish asked what Schedule Q meant and what was the policy of SCDC. The Parish Clerk will write to SCDC about this.

b) New build in High St: There have been complaints about the lights which are in contravention of the law and the builders are dealing with this.

7. Finance:

a) Update of Accounts will be distributed to Councillors.

b) *Authorised payments:*

£170.00 ABC Tree Surgery for grasscutting (chq. 903 paid).

£380.72 Mrs J Richards salary for Oct/Nov. less PAYE + postage costs etc. (chq. 904)

£100.00 S Licence – 10 cuts of Wildlife Area 2019 (chq. 905)

£ 10.00 The Royal British Legion – poppy wreath (chq. 906)

c) Monies received:

£6000.00 2nd tranche of Precept.

£ 230.00 Allotment rents

d) Cost of living rise: This will be discussed.

8. Traffic & Parking issues:

a) Local Highways Improvement Scheme application has been submitted and the Police were supportive but then rejected the Streetly End/Horseheath 200m buffer zone because it would leave only 600m of derestricted speed limit which contravenes the regulations. However Streetly End could be gated either side of the road (2 pairs), dragons teeth and 30mph roundels. The Burton End buffer zone could be carried out.

The cost to the Parish would be £2000 and Cllr. Licence proposed that the changes

should be made, seconded by Cllr. Grieve and agreed by the Council. The Parish Clerk will contract Highways about the poor state of the 30mph red strip going into Streetly End from West Wickham, which is disintegrating.

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 from Speed Watch. Trevor Hall said he would be giving a full list of those who are breaking the speed limits. Streetly End has the worst results.

10. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Sargeant told the Council that the results of the Green Spaces consultation would be in the next Village Voice. All the sites were supported apart from two, one being owned by SCDC marked for possible housing and one owned by a resident. They wish to change the use of the grants as they have £1660 underspent and propose to use it on consultations with Cambridge ACRE. This was agreed.

11. A1307 update: Georgina Magin was not present. She had attended the A1307 meeting and as the proposal to build a new route no longer seemed to be an issue she felt it was unnecessary for her to attend the Parish Council meetings, explained by Cllr. Hazelhurst and this was agreed. He then spoke about the need to promote the bus survey by putting something in the Village Voice. Lucy Frazer had asked about the two options, one duelling the A1307 or a new road through Sawston using a type of guided bus. She thought the latter option was worth looking at.

12. Local Forum Meetings: Nothing to report.

13. Meetings attended by Councillors:

a) Cllr. Schuilenburg attended the South Cambs Broadband meeting in September which discussed bringing superfast broadband to the rural areas. One option was for 10 residents to sign up to have fibre into their home done through a voucher scheme with no fees for the first 12 months. Only 2 people had responded but he will put a piece in the Village Voice to outline this option more clearly.

b) Cllr. Schuilenburg had been told that until sufficient Village Halls had proper postal addresses it would not be possible to have free Wifi. May have to wait a little time.

c) Poor reception on mobile phones in Streetly End: There have been no recent complaints.

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

a) The expansion of the Genome campus was approved with 1500 new houses built for the workers at the Genome centre.

b) Consultation on the joint local plan starts on 13th January lasting approx., 6 weeks. One of the options given is to abolish the development framework of villages. Cllr. Sargeant said this would be against the Neighbourhood Plan.

15. Report by County Cllr. Batchelor:

a) The A1307 improvements continue with the lights at Hildersham being the next phase. The Dene Road junction consultation will start sometime next year with the final details.

b) Extra funding is available through CCC Innovate & Cultivate and SCDC has increased the Community Chest fund.

c) No decisions can now be made by SCDC or CCC local authorities until after the election.

d) Julie Ayre may possibly attend one of the Combined Parish meetings.

16. Any other business:

a) Cllr. Licence asked the Parish Clerk to write again to Highways regarding the blocked drain.

b) Cllr. Licence had received complaints about drivers pulling into the layby if a car coming towards them is having to overtake a static car, rather than waiting on the road to pull out when there is room.

c) Cllr. Hazelhurst said the Union Jack in front of the village hall needed replacing as it was rather battered. Trevor Hall said that a new one had been purchased.

d) Cllr. Hazelhurst said there was a need for a couple of poo bins. The Parish Clerk will look into their cost.

e) Trevor Hall, who had just been elected as Chairman of the VHMC, spoke about the Village hall. He felt there had not been enough feedback and would like it to be on the Agenda at each meeting. An electrical survey had just been carried out and there were 10 items which needed attention. The Fire alarms will also be tested. He is looking at alternative heating and power supply and is getting quotes in order to carry out a survey and would hope to get a grant for a new heating supply such as air power heat source system. Cllr Cornish said Fin Geothermal gave free surveys. He is putting an article in the Village Voice in which he will suggest having a clean-up of the building in general and that there will be a formalised system for the maintenance. Officials on the Village Hall Management Committee are Trustees, including the two representatives from the Parish Council. The finances of the Village Hall are sound.

Meeting closed at 9pm. The next meeting is on Monday 27th January 2020. All are welcome to attend.

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