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**WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING**

**Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 27th January 2020 at
7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Those present were: Councillor P. Charlton (Chairman), M.Cornish (Vice Chairman), Cllrs. 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), Henry Clerk (Chairman of CAPALC) and the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th November 2019 were signed as correct after two amendments were made. Item 6b – New building in Streetly End not “High Street” and Item 13 – add c) Cllrs. Licence and Hazelhurst attended the A1307 meeting.
3. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr. Hazelhurst under Item 7, Planning.
4. **Chairman of CAPALC, Henry Clerk:** Mr Clerk spoke about the benefits of being a member of CAPALC and distributed an itemised list of these to all the councillors. It was agreed that if we remain members we should try and use these benefits as they obviously save money, especially anything legal. Cllr. Charlton asked about passwords and Mr Clerk said he would see that the Parish Clerk received this which could be used by all the councillors and the Parish Clerk. The Chairman thanked Mr Clerk for coming.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - a) *Hedges along Footpath No. 8:* .The footpath has now been cut back and cleared.
 - b) *Meeting with Nicola Burdon – Cllr. Schuilenburg report had been distributed.* Cllr. Schuilenburg that there were still several things which had not been dealt with despite promises by Ms Burdon. The blocked drain was still blocked and every time there was rain it overflowed. The 30mph pink strip area at Streetly End had been repaired with the pot hole filled in, but rather a messy job. The pink strip will not be put on until the tarmac has dried out. The Chairman asked Cllr. Harvey to clarify the process of making a formal complaint about works not being carried out when commitments had been given that it would. Cllr. Harvey promised to send a contact name. Cllr Charlton also asked Cllr. Schuilenburg if he could find out at the coming Combined Parish Councils meeting. With regard to blocked ditches Cllr. Schuilenburg had been told that South Cambs. no longer have the resources to do this but were happy for it to

be done where necessary by parishioners and we should let people know that it can be done with a spade.

6. Correspondence:

- a) Fewes Lane Consortium Ltd. of Longstanton had sent out a letter regarding changes in South Cambs Planning policy and they were concerned that it was not democratic. South Cambs. has responded to this saying that the process would remain the same as they are now. They are going to recommend that in the unlikely event there is a disagreement between the Chairman of Planning Committee and the Joint Director of Planning & Economic Development on any application, it is automatically referred to Planning Committee for it to be considered and determined. Cllr. Harvey said that Longstanton had some time ago made complaints that the way planning was dealt with was incorrect and yet they are now complaining that this new proposal is undemocratic.

7. 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	support	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	support	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.	Unsupport	approved
S/3751/19/FL	T Licence	91 High St.	Link to annex	Support	Approved
S/4109/19/FL	A Hazelhurst	3 Maypole Croft	Erection of front porch	Support	
S/3964/19/FL	Mr Winstone	20 High St.	Dem.of rear store, erection of single garage.	Support	
S/4286/19/RM	W Stone	The Meadow	App. of matters for appearance, landscaping etc. after plan.permission 3740/17	support	
S/4429/19/FL	D Bennett	33 Burton End	Two storey side ext. etc.	support	

a) S/4429/19/FL – supported but some concern about access for site traffic as it is on a dangerous bend

b) New build in Streetly End: They are looking at a different scheme of lighting due to the complaints received about the present lighting being too bright.

8. Finance:

- a) Update of Accounts and proposed budget for 20/21 distributed to Councillors.
 b) *Authorised payments:*
 £10.00 BritishRoyal Legion wreath (cheque 906) paid
 £152.60 HMRC 3rd qrt PAYE (cheque 907) paid.

£424.51 Mrs J Richards Dec/Jan salary + backdated salary increase (cheque 908)
£ 52.00 E & E Plumridge Ltd. (Village Voice printers Inv. 0061) (cheque 909)
£ 34.03 A.Morris for Village Voice expenses. (cheque 910)

c) Monies received: None.

d) *Discuss Budget and Precept:* The Chairman discussed the budget and he felt that it should remain as for last year and that the Precept should remain at £12,000. This was put to the Council who all agreed. Regarding the budget the question of remaining a member of CAPALC was discussed and it was agreed that we join again and make use of its full potential where possible but to review it each year. Another matter raised was a request for some bike racks outside the village hall. Mr Trevor Hall said that some advertised in ESPO magazine was approx.. £26.00 each and they could be fitted to the wall. Cllr. Grieve said it would be part of the cycle path project. It was agreed that this should go on the Agenda for March with more information on costs etc.

9. Traffic & Parking issues:

a) Local Highways Improvement Scheme: Nothing further to report at present regarding the buffer zones.

b) The 30mph sign coming into Streetly End from Horseheath has been dealt with by Cllr. Schuilenburg who has straightened the sign up. Cllr. Grieve said he was going to wash the signs because they are almost unreadable.

c) Speed Watch & Speed Indicator reports: Cllr. Licence had nothing to report on the Speed Watch. Regarding the Speed Indicator Trevor Hall said Streetly End is still a problem but due to road traffic regulations it will not be possible to make Streetly End to Horseheath all 40mph.

10. Maintenance:

a) Blocked drain: This is still blocked and has already been discussed. The Chairman asked Cllr. Batchelor about a letter of complaint to Highways and he suggested the letter should go to a higher authority than Nicola Burdon and would let us have the details of whom to contact. He will also inform Nicola Burdon about the Chairman's aim to complain.

b) Flooding at Streetly End: Nothing has yet been done and again there is water right across the road due to the amount of rain received.

c) Pot hole at pink 30mph road strip: This has now been dealt with, but not very well done and it will not be given its pink surface until dried out.

11. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Sargeant told the Council that the initial draft has been reviewed by Rachel Hogger of Cambridge ACRE. He said that there is still a long time before the Neighbourhood Plan is accepted as it had to go through a minute and rigorous examination. He would very much like the council to read through the draft.

12. Local Forum Meetings: The Chairman is attending this meeting and Cllr. Schuilenburg will attend the Combined Parish Councils meeting on 28th January.

13. Meetings attended by Councillors: It was agreed that this item should be joined with the Local Forum meeting item.

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

- a) Mobile Warden Scheme: South Cambs has reopened the bidding for funds for grants for Mobile Warden schemes in the District.
- b) The new link road from the A14 which bypassed Huntingdon opened in December.
- c) Government consultation on energy efficiency which closes on 7th February, worth reading. The insulation policy is not good. He will send link for any response.
- d) Network rail consultation re new station and its location for Cambs. South and Kings Lyn. The link will be given in their next report.

15. Report by County Cllr. Batchelor:

- a) Marshalls are moving their premises but will not be relocating to Duxford but will certainly remain in East Anglia. Their old site will be developed for housing.
- b) Uttlesford Council proposal for a new one near Gt Chesterford is now extremely unlikely to happen.

These reports are available on the West Wickham website.

16. Any other business:

- a) Cllr. Grieve is organising a Litter Pick on 15th March and will put a piece in the Village Voice. All the equipment needed for this job is supplied by South Cambs.
- b) Cllr. Licence wanted it to go on record that she has had two keys cut for Rob Giles for the back park gate.
- c) Cllr. Licence said the VHMCA would like to apply for a grant of £5000 to replace all the lighting with LED lights. A contribution of 11% had to be committed by another body and the Chairman asked if the Village Hall has to find the money or the Parish Council? This will be looked at when more information is available.
- d) Cllr. Sargeant would be pleased if he got some response to the Local Plan consultation which he had sent to the Parish Council on line, which closes on 14th February.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting is on Monday 23rd March 2020. All are welcome to attend.

Chairman.....