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WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28th September 2020

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Those present were: Councillor P.Charlton (Chairman), Cllrs. M. Cornish, P. Grieve, A Hazelhurst, D.licence, A. Schuilenburg & D Sargeant. County Councillor H Batchelor & the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Dist.Cllr. Harvey.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 27th July were approved and signed as correct.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) *Mobile Post Office:* Nothing further has been heard since emailing the P.O. regarding possible times.
5. **Correspondence:** A letter of thanks had been sent to the Community Support Group headed by Cllr. Licence and Nicky Cornish from Graham Hadley from SCDC.
6. **Planning:** a)

S/1233/ HFUL	Jane Powell	47 Streetly End	Adj.to rear elev roof by insert of 2 dormers	Obj.	
20/02564/ FUL	Mr Lodge	Land SE of Burton End	Installation of a solar farm & assoc.infrastr.	Obj.	
20/1486/ TTCA	Mr Harrison	32 Streetly End	Conifer reduce height & willow repollard	Supt	
20/02565/ HFUL	P Jordan	The White Horse, 3 High St.	Erection of a part two storey part single res. Dwelling	No recom.	
20/2485/HFL	S Moss	71 High St.	Ground & 1 st floor ext.	Supt.	Appd
20/3502/HFL	R Norman	103 High St.	Two storey & single rear ext. Single front porch ext.		
20/03672/PRI	W Stone	The Meadow, Streetly End	Change of use of agric bldg.. to dwelling house		

20/2564 – Solar Farm: This application is still on-line, no decision made yet.**20/3502 – R. Norman – This applicaton was discussed and it was agreed to support it.**

20/3672 – W. Stone – We didn't agree to support as it was carried out under permitted development but need to clarify if the footprint had been extended outside the original footprint, if this was the case was normal planning permission required as opposed to permitted development.

b) Greater Cambridge Partnership Local Plan: Greater Cambridge Partnership Local Plan: Cllr. Sargeant reported there are two consultations being carried out, the GCP Local Plan and also the government Planning for the Future consultation. The SCDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer cannot speculate what the impact on our Neighbourhood Plan will be. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has decided to continue with the current draft plan anyway. As part of the GCP Local Plan Call for Sites development on land at Platt's farm and south of the High Street has been proposed by the landowner. The land south of the High Street would be contrary to the draft Neighbourhood Plan, which proposes this should be an important countryside frontage. SCDC could oppose this protection if they believe the proposed sites are suitable for delivering new houses. Cllr., Sargeant as representative of the NP had responded to the consultation.

7. Finance:

- a) Update of Accounts distributed to Councillors.
- b) *Authorised payments*
 - £146.00 HMRC 2nd qrt. due Oct. PAYE (chq. 934)
 - £389.52 J.Richards Aug/Sept. salary less PAYE (chq.935)
 - £280.00 ABC Tree Surgery Inv.176 & 181 (chq.936)
- c) *Monies received:*
 - £ 81.76 Eastern Power Network wayleave payment.
- d) A vote was taken to ratify the increase requested by ABC Tree Surgery for the work carried out on the recreation ground etc. including hedge cutting from now into 2021. This was agreed.
- e) *CAPALC salary scale for 2020/2021* – This was discussed and agreed that there would be an increase to the Parish Clerk's salary of 34p per hour to £14.38 per hour .

8. Traffic & Parking issues:

- a) The Gates and Sharks teeth are now in place at Streetly End, part of the LHI award. The red strip across the road has not been replaced but a white 30mph mark has been put at the end of the sharks teeth.
- b) *Speed Indicator & Speed Watch Reports:* There is at present a shortage of volunteers to run the Speed indicators, however Cllr. Hazlehurst said he would help.
- c) *Report on A1307 Phase 1 zoom meeting:* A report by Cllr. Hazelhurst had been distributed to all councillors. Regarding the Dene Road junction those driving from West Wickham or Balsham will be able to turn left and right but those coming from Bartlow will only be able to turn left and access the other side of the road at the new Bartlow/Linton roundabout. The proposed Park & Ride at Linton has been abandoned. Cllr. Hazelhurst will send round further documentation and plans for information. There will be 50mph speed cameras all along the A1307 from Haverhill to Linton.

9. Maintenance:

- a) *Flooding at Streetly End:* Despite Cllr. Grieve being told by Nicole Burden that the work would be done very soon there is no further progress.
- b) *Pot hole and 30mph road markings:* The pot hole has been repaired as part of the LHI scheme and the 30mph sign restored but no red strip across the road.
- c) *Pavements:* All the pavements in West Wickham have been resurfaced.

10. Village Hall & Recreation Ground:

- a) The rotten woodwork which is part of the mound was discussed and whether to use wood or plastic, which is costly or possibly make a concrete wall. Tom Licence is looking into these costs
- b) A dog was seen playing in the play area which is strictly forbidden. The owners were asked to remove the dog which they did, being told that it could be a hazard for children.
- c) *Bench replacement:* The Chairman is happy for a new bench to be purchased and said he would get some prices for its replacement.

11. Zero Carbon Funding: An application had been made by the Village Hall for funding of £15,000 to put solar panels on the roof.

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Sargeant was asked when the Neighbourhood Plan would be agreed and he replied he will try to get informal feedback from SCDC as to what they need to do regarding further consultations and the costs. There is £3000 still in allocated reserves but it is hoped grants can cover all future expenditure needed to complete our plan. Once the document is with SCDC it could take several months to complete before formal examination.

13. Allotments:

- a) *Vacancy and use of allotments:* The vacancy has now been filled and it was ratified that Simon Shaw should rent this as from 3rd October when the Parish Clerk will be collecting rents.

14. Defibrillator: Cllr. Schuilenburg had looked into the different types of equipment. He thought the one with a heated cabinet would be best as it keeps the battery warm and prevents damp getting in. With a £200 grant the cost would be £1400. A battery costing £155 would need replacing every 2 years as would the pads, at a cost of £30, every two years. One could rent the equipment at £1 per day, more costly than buying but it would be completely maintained. Training is given whether renting or purchasing. It would be fitted outside the hall but would need a power point inside the building. The Chairman asked who would be responsible for purchasing this equipment. If by the Parish Council, as a charity it could apply for a £1000 grant from the Heart Foundation but due to Covid this funding has been suspended. The Chairman asked if the Parish Council were happy to support having a defibrillator in the village which they were. It was agreed that nothing further would be discussed until the VHMC had heard something about grants. Cllr. Licence suggested that it could be a 50/50 purchase between the Parish Council and the Village Hall.

15. Reports from County Cllr. Henry Batchelor and District Cllr. Geoff Harvey:

Dist.Cllr. Harvey was unable to be present so County Cllr. Batchelor reported:

- a) GCP's new consultation date is 12th October to 9th December.
- b) The possible housing sites listed have been put forward by landowners not SCDC.
- c) Covid 19 is increasing so local authorities need to be prepared for possible new restrictions.

16. Any Other Business:

- a) Cllr. Schuillenburg, who had spent over 2 hours sorting out the Parish Clerk's computer felt it was time to purchase a new one, the existing one being 13 years old. He was happy to look at prices etc. and set it up if agreed. The Parish Clerk was asked to find out if West Wrating would be happy to share the cost, possibly £160 each.
- b) **The next meeting will be on Monday 23rd November 2020.**

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