

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

27th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall .

Those present were: Chairman Cllr P Charlton,, Cllrs. P. Grieve, A. Hazelhurst, D Licence, A Schuilenburg and D. Sargeant, District Councillor G Harvey, County Cllr. H Batchelor, the Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr Cornish

2. Declaration of Interest: None

3, Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2021 were signed as correct following approval by the Council.

4. Correspondence:

a) *Letter from Lucy Fraser (MP) re Covid Community Champion awards:* The Chairman will look at this.

b) *SCDC offer of 6 free trees:* The Parish Clerk has completed the acceptance form and will receive further information about the type of tree to be chosen. They will also need to know where they are to be planted. The Chairman thought fruit trees a good idea, possibly to be planted on parish land which is on the boundary of the land recently purchased by Ted Fairhead. The Chairman will check with Ted Fairhead to establish the exact boundaries and see if he would be happy for trees to be planted on the boundary.

5. Planning:

21/02254/FUL	M Pope	Platts Farm	New dwellings	2/7/21	6/7/21	Not suptd.
20/02564	Mr Lodge	Land SE of Burton End	Installation of solar farm & assoc. infrastructures	7/9/20		Supt with comment
21/0161/TTCA		35 Hih St. West Wickham	Tree work	3/3/21	15/3/21	Support
21/00680 HFUL & 21/00681 LBC	A McWilliam	38 Streetly End	Erection of a barn carriage house	12/3/21	2/4/21	Support & appvd
21/01607/ HFUL	Mrs S Preston	2 Manna Cottages, Burton End	Two story side & front ext.	12/5/21	14/6/21	support
21/1752/HFUL	R. Ling	49 High St.	Timber framed gdn stud.	18/5/21	2/5/21	Supt & appvd
21/01754/ HFUL	K Dicks	96 High st.	Det.garage inc. home office/bedroom to 1 st fl.	27/5/21	10/6/21	Support
21/3086/FLB	A Covey	Streetly Hall	Ext.& conv. Cart lodge into office space	21/7/21	13/8/21	Support

Decisions to be made on 21/39886, 21/3933/34 and 21/1012/TTCA - All were supported by the Council.

6. Finance:

a) Update of Accounts to be distributed to Councillors.

b) *Authorised payments*

£398.90 Mrs J Richards Aug/Sept. salary (chq 975)

£ 15.84 Mrs J Richards – postage stamps cost (chq. 975)

£155.00 Robert Giles (ABC Tree Surgery) Inv. 330 (chq. 976)

£149.60 HMRC 2nd qrt. PAYE payment (chq.977)

£315.36 West Wickham Village Hall - shared cost of social event (chq. 977)

c) Monies received:

£50.00 Donation from Agricole Oil for purchase of litter picking equipment

£6000.00 2nd tranche of Precept.

Regarding item c) £50 donation for litter picking equipment, once the litter equipment is purchased a decision needs to be made as to where to keep it and how to dispose of the rubbish collected. **It was agreed to store the equipment in the telephone box at Streetly End and any rubbish collected could be taken home in a black bin bag or put in the black bin outside the Village Hall to be collected by the refuse collectors. A notice will go into the Village Voice once the equipment has been purchased explaining how it will work.**

7. Traffic & Parking issues:

a) *Speed Indicator equipment:* Trevor Hall said several of the 8 villages who share in the use of the existing SID have now purchased their own SID costing approx. £3000 and these give out more data on speeding and can also be moved to other parts of the village and used for Speed Watch. Trevor reported that results from the SID at Burton End showed that 2% were over 50mph and at Streetly End 13% were over 50mph. **The Chairman thought perhaps instead of an LHI bid for kerbing we should bid for a grant to purchase a SID and he asked Trevor Hall to investigate costs etc.**

b) *Farm vehicles speeding during harvest:* The Parish Clerk wrote to the various local farmers asking them to remind their drivers to drive slowly through the village which is really all one can do.

c) *Cycleway:* Cllr Licence and Dist.Council Cllr Harvey had as yet not found a suitable date to meet and walk a possible route for this. However as Bartlow is no longer going to have a Hub, which is where a cycleway would have led to, no time has been wasted. **Once it is known where a Hub will be sited the walk for a route can take place.**

8. Maintenance:

a) *Dead beech tree at Streetly End:* The dead tree remains standing.

b) *Street sign missing in Streetly End:* The Parish Clerk sent a reminder but no action taken.

c) *Defibrillator*: The Parish Clerk checked with CAPALC and was told that the Parish Council can donate towards the cost of the equipment as it is classed as a charity.

d) *Diversion signs*: These have now been removed.

e) *Footpath 6*: The vegetation has now been cleared by a SCDC Footpath officer, following requests made by the Parish Clerk and Cllr Schuilenburg.

9. Village Hall & Recreation ground:

a) *Report from Rob Giles (grass cutting contractor)*: He had several queries:

1. *Benches*: He would like to know where the new benches will be permanently situated as he has a problem cutting the grass around them. After some discussion it was agreed the benches should be sited at the top of the slope behind the hall. The turf should be removed and the space filled with bark so no need to strim round the benches and would give a clean affect. **The Parish Clerk will let Rob Giles know of the decision and ask if he can carry out the work. If not perhaps he could recommend someone. A turf cutter will be needed.**

2. *Condition of the Grass Mound*: Cllr Licence has spoken to Rob about this and he will strim it and remove any stones to make it safe for children to play on.

3. *Extra cut of rec*: It was agreed this should be done if needed. Trevor Hall said there was some Village Hall work needed to be done and will pay Rob to do this. He will also be hedge cutting for the Parish Council next month.

b) *Report on social event*: There was general agreement that it went well although not as well attended as hoped and the Chairman thanked all those who had helped organise it and those who had run the various games, bar-b-q etc.

10. Zero Carbon Funding: The Village Hall application had been discussed at the Grant Committee meeting last week and stands a good chance of an award.

11. Parish Communication: Cllr Sargeant had carried out a survey on the use of the website or aps for village information etc. Sadly he only received 11 responses with 35% of the response look at the website at least once a month, 90% of people use What's ap. Little weight can be given to the results but he will circulate the results. The Chairman thought we should encourage people to join Whats ap and Cllr Schuilenburg said he could advertise this on the website. Cllr Sargeant was thanked by the Chairman for carrying out this survey.

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Sargeant told Council that since the last Council meeting five working group meetings were held going through the 165 comments made by the village and SCDC following on from the Regulation 14 Consultation. Those made by SCDC were more technical and so planning consultant Rachel Hogger is helping with this.

13. Allotments: A request to rent an allotment plot had been received but there are none available. However one family holds 6 plots which are not all being used for cultivation and therefore something should be done about it as there is a need for more allotment space. The Parish Clerk said that she would be writing a letter to holders reminding them of rent to be paid and giving a date when it would be collected and she could ask if any of them wanted to give up their allotments or part of them as there was a need. **It was agreed that this should be done.**

14. Meetings attended by Councillors:

a) A1307 Parishes Forum was attended by Cllr Hazelhurst who said there was a lot of talk but nothing decided. 2030/40 is the deadline when Greater Cambridge Plan ceases so time to think about ideas. The fact that the ‘Hub’ will not be sited at Bartlow means that any possible cycle-way will need re-routing to wherever the hub will be placed. His notes were distributed to the Council.

b) Cllr Sargeant had attended a presentation of the Local Plan – First proposals. The proposals for the next Local Plan appear to be compatible with our draft Neighbourhood Plan.

15. Reports by District Cllr Harvey & County Cllr Batchelor: These are published on the website. Since publishing the following matters are arisen:

1. Cllr Harvey said that at the Local Plan 1st Proposal meeting they were told certain areas will be used for major development and the villages left alone.

2. Cllr Batchelor said he was trying to get a meeting set up with Mr Johnson, the new Mayor, to get his thoughts on proposals for the A1307. Talks on public transport was something that WWPC might like to be involved with. Cllr Hazelhurst said he would be interested.

3. Joint Parish Council meetings – Cllr Batchelor is hopeful that these will start up again. At present the Highways Officer position is only temporary but the Planning Officer, Julie Ayres would be happy to attend, possibly October or November.

16. Any other business:

a) *Platinum Jubilee celebrations* : Cllr Licence, who organised 3 days of events for the Diamond Jubilee was happy to organise this if acceptable to everyone. This was agreed.

b) *Village Hall AGM*: to be held on Monday 4th October.

c) *Burning plastic*: Cllr Licence had received a complaint about a neighbour burning plastic on their bonfire. The person complaining has a lung condition and asked if the Parish Council could help but was told it was not within the remit of the Council but she would put an item in the Village Voice about this.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome to attend.

Chairman.....