

## WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall .**

Those present were: Chairman Cllr P Charlton, Cllrs. M.Cornish, 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:** None
2. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Sargeant under item 6.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 were signed as correct following approval by the Council.
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Planning:**

<b>21/941/TTCA</b>		61 Streetly End CB21 4RP	Tree cutting	20/8/21	<b>Support</b>	
<b>21/1012/TTCA</b>		24 High St.	Reduce crown of walnut tree	25/8/21		
<b>21/03986/LBC</b>	G.McN eillie	45 Streetly End	Window repair & replacement	9/9/21	<b>Support</b>	
<b>21/03933/HFUL</b>	Mrs P Fletcher	34 Streetly End	Replacement of exist. Ancillary bldg. With oak framed outbld.	9/9/21	<b>Support</b>	
<b>021/3934/LBC</b>	“	“	“ “	9/9/21	<b>Support</b>	
0/1564/FUL	Lodge	Land SE Burton End	Further amendments re solar farm	25/10/2 1		Refused
0/4349/Ful	W Stone	Balsham Hill land	Further amendments	14/11/2 1		
21/05456/S73	J.Good child	The Meadow, Streetly End	S73 – vary condition	8/1/22	No recom.	

Re 21/05456/S73 – The Meadow, Streetly End. This bungalow is being altered making it a chalet bungalow with two bedrooms in the roof space where there are already two skylights that are being raised to normal window height.. The roof height remains the same. After being discussed it was agreed to there should be “no recommendation” to the application.

Re S/3626/19/LR – application for replacement double glazed windows in a listed building which had been turned down. This is being reapplied for.

### 6. Finance:

- a) Update of Accounts to be distributed to Councillors.
- b) *Authorised payments:*

£149.60 HMRC 3rd qrt. PAYE (chq. 990) **Paid.**  
£398.90 Mrs J Richards Dec/Jan salary less PAYE (chq. 991)  
£241.36 D. Sargeant (N.Plan expenses) (Chq. 992)  
£325.00 R.Giles (ABC Tree Surgery) Inv. 385 Hedgecutting (chq. 993)  
£ 87.00 E&E Plumridge Ltd. (Inv.1807, 1892 V.Voice printing) (chq.994)

c) *Monies received:* None

d) *Budget for 2022/2023, Precept & Council elections:*

1. **Budget:** The coming years extra expenses were looked at before making any decisions about the budget. It was agreed to allow for £2000 to cover costs of the Jubilee celebrations. A request for an extra contribution to help with the internal decoration of the Church (£20,000) was agreed, an extra £500 being added to the usual contribution of £600. The Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have any further costs. The Chairman therefore felt that the Budget should remain the same.

2. **Precept:** In view of the agreed budget the Chairman did not want to increase the Precept as he believed there would be considerable increases in family costs this year. The Council supported this view and therefore the Precept requested is £12,000 as for last year.

3. **Council elections:** These take place in May and as 3, possibly 4 councillors will be resigning there may well have to be an election. **There will be an item in the Village Voice written by Andrew Morris on how the Parish Council works.**

## 7. Traffic & Parking issues:

a) *Speed Indicator equipment:* Trevor Hall reported that he had still not got an answer regarding the cost of the posts. **The Parish Clerk will contact West Wratting Parish Council about this.**

b) *SID and Speed Watch Reports:* Trevor Hall reported that 70 cars monitored outside White Gables were doing 30mph and 20 were doing 35mph. Streetly End's monitoring of 2068 cars in a week showed 285 doing 35mph.

## 8. Maintenance:

a) *Street sign missing in Streetly End:* Still no action taken. It was suggested we find out how much it would cost for the Parish Council to replace it. A broken drain cover in West Wickham High St. has been reported but again no action, as Highways had referred the complaint to a utility company but it is Highways property.

b) *Defibrillator:* Cllr Schuilenburg had received an invoice for £1,499.00 from AEDdonate but before ordering he needed to know what the Parish Council would like putting on the plaque alongside the equipment. **It was agreed to show the logo of the Village Sign and underneath "donated by the Parish Council".**

c) *6 free trees:* These have now been planted in the Church yard. Cllr Licence was thanked for organising this.

d) *Road closures:* The road closures have been cancelled for the present and we will be notified well in advance when this work is to be done.

## 9. Village Hall & Recreation ground:

a) *New Heating system:* Work on putting this in begins on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

b) *Siting two new benches:* This will be carried out at the end of March.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Sargeant reported that he had completed the “end of grant” form for 2020/2021 and monies which had not been spent would be returned. Whilst the working group have helped publicise the current consultation it is administered by SCDC and any consultation responses should be submitted directly to them.”

**11. Allotments:** Cllr Licence said an allotment holder was moving to the USA for 3 years and therefore his allotment was being offered to the couple who had asked about availability. The present holder will be asked if he wishes to continue paying for the allotment whilst he is away so he can have it back on his return. The couple asking about it will only want it for one year. **The Parish Clerk will contact the allotment holder about this.**

**12. Jubilee 2022: Queen Green Canopy:** Cllr. Licence reported that the owner of the piece of land offered wishes to plant this up but has offered a strip of land to the village to plant possibly up to 40 trees. **Cllr Licence will send the Parish Clerk some details about what is happening to distribute.**

**13. Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Hazelhurst had sent his report in on the Joint Parish Council meeting. He will be attending the Highways meeting and will report on the missing Streetly End sign (now two years since reported) and the broken manhole which is dangerous. Also a diversion sign which has been thrown into the ditch along Webbs Lane and a broken bridge alongside a footpath, already reported by Cllr Licence.

**14 Reports by District Cllr Harvey & County Cllr Batchelor:** Reports distributed on website.

**County Cllr. Batchelor** reported that the recently appointed Highways Officer has been moved to a different section in Cambridgeshire. A new Officer will start in February but Highways very short staffed at present. He also reported that the Council tax will be increased by £70 for a d rated house. **Dist.Cllr Harvey** reported that the Community Chest has been increased from £1500 to £2000.

**15. Any other business:**

a) Cllr Licence asked for feed-back on the litter picking equipment. Cllr Grieve said several people have used it in Streetly End but will put a reminder in the Village Voice. It was suggested that an unlocked waterproof box containing the equipment could be kept outside the Village Hall.

b) Cllr Cornish has trimmed the hedge in front of the Village Hall down to 37 High Street, the Chairman thanked Cllr Cornish as the responsibility to cut the hedge is Bryn Pope’s not Cllr Cornish. Ted Fairhead has indicated that he planned to maintain this hedge going forward

c) Trevor Hall had spoken to some youths playing on skate boards who had asked if there were any tall rugby poles available so they could do some goal practice. He also enquired about having a skate board ramp. He felt there were not enough activities for youngsters to do in the village and the possibility of setting up a Youth Club was suggested. He said he would put an article in the Village Voice and ask what activities youngsters would like.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm at All welcome to attend.**

**Chairman.....**