

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

28th March 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, Lucy Cameron (Age UK Mobile Warden), the Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies: None

2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Cornish under item 7.

3. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 24th January, 2022 were signed as correct following approval by the Council.

4. Age UK Mobile Warden: Lucy Cameron, who lives in Streetly End, introduced herself and spoke about her job, supporting older people in their homes to keep them independent, looking after their needs and visiting sometimes twice a week and doing shopping or collecting prescriptions etc. This costs £9/week for one person and £11/week for a couple. Shas 13 people needing her care over 7 villages and works 15hrs a week over five days.. A Contact No. will be put on the two noticeboards.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Planning:

21/03986/ LBC	G.McNeillie	45 Streetly End	Window repair & replacement	9/9/21	Support	
21/03933/ HFUL	Mrs P Fletcher	34 Streetly End	Replacement of exist. Ancillary bldg. With oak framed outbld.	9/9/21	Support	
021/3934/ LBC	“	“	“ “	9/9/21	Support	
0/1564/F UL	Lodge	Land SE Burton End	Further amendments re solar farm	25/10/21		Refused
21/5456/S 73	J Goodchild	The Meadow Streetly End	S73 app to vary condition 1 etc.	22/1/22		Granted

21/4361	E Fairhead	Hill Farm, Streetly End	Demolition of 2 exist.bldgs & erection of grainstore.	7/10/21	Support	
21/4340/F UL	W Stone	Balsham Hill land	Further amendment	29/10/21		Granted
21/5120/C L2PD	J Warren	57 High St.	Cert of Lawfulness	6/12/21		

S/3626/19/LB	R.Giles	61 Streetly End	Replacement of window	13/1/22	Gone to appeal	
22/00795/LBC	G Ireland	19 High St.	Replace dormer windows etc. with d/g	8/3/22		
22/1039/FUL	B Pope	Platts Farm	Alt.& conv. Of barns to form 2 dwellings etc.	21/3/22		

22/1038/39FUL: This application is for two existing barns to be turned into two dwellings with particular reference to altering the entrance so it fits between the two proposed dwellings. Concerns have been made about the small space allowed either side and it was agreed that the Parishioners will be encouraged to submit their objections as private residents, as this holds more weight with the planning department. The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

S/3626/19/LB – R Giles – Cllr Harvey understood this will be ‘called in’ to be discussed..

The White Horse appeal: The application to build a house in their grounds was turned down.

7. Finance:

a) Update of Accounts to be distributed to Councillors.

b) *Authorised payments:*

£734.64 Groundwork UK repayment of unused NP funds (chq.995) **paid**

£149.60 HMRC 4th qrt. PAYE (chq. 996)

£398.70 Mrs J Richards Feb/Mar. salary less PAYE (chq. 997)

£ 24.84 Mrs J Richards expenses (stamps & travel re audit) (chq.998)

£1499.00 AEDonate (Defibrillator Inv.1976) (chq.999)

£300.00 West Wickham PCC (Maintenance of churchyard) (chq.1000)

£300.00 West Wickham PCC (contribution to church fabric mnt.) (cheq.1000)

£ 36.00 Parish On-line Inv. 12UG095-0006. (chq.1001)

£ 35.00 E&E Plumridge – printing Village Voice News Inv.941. (chq.1002)

£ 43.46 Bluefish Office Products (STP) printing inks Inv.IE129465) (chq. 1003)

c) *Monies received:*

£222.22 VAT reclaim from HMRC.

£15.00 M. Goodrich (Allotment fee)

d) **Parish Clerk’s salary increase for 2022/23:**

£120.00 will be back paid instead of the agreed 1.75% increase for 2021/22, and will receive a 5% increase after adding in the 1.75% for 2021/2022 with a review in 6 months.

e) The three signatories for cheques will not be standing for re-nomination and therefore the Parish Clerk asked the three remaining councillors if they would set about becoming signatories as it can take time. The existing signatories have agreed to sign any cheques if necessary in the interval. This will be dealt with. On-line banking was discussed but would still need 3 new signatories.

8. Traffic & Parking issues:

a) *Speed Indicator equipment:* Trevor Hall was not present at the meeting so could not be discussed.

b) *SID and Speed Watch Reports:* Speeding in Streetly End continues, a new SID would make a difference as data from the new signs is recognized by the police.

9. Election update: Five Nomination forms have been completed and will be hand delivered by either Dist.Cllr Harvey or County Cllr Batchelor to the Electoral Office, SCambs.

10. Maintenance:

a) *Street sign missing in Streetly End:* Cllr Schuilenburg had looked into the cost of a new sign, approx.. £160 which included two posts for fixing. A metal one would be over £1000. Nothing has been heard from Highways about replacing this sign, which got knocked down by a sugar beet lorry some time ago. The Chairman asked Cllr Harvey about Service Level Agreements, do they exist? The reply was negative.

b) *Defibrillator:* Cllr Schuilenburg had received an invoice for £1,499.00 from AEDdonate and a cheque has been signed. He apologised that nothing further had been done but would contact AEDonate.

11. Village Hall & Recreation ground:

a) *New Heating system:* This is working extremely well. The Chairman thanked Trevor Hall for all the work sorting out the best system.

b) *Siting two new benches:* It is hoped to have these sited in early April.

c) *Bench at junction on High St:* This has now been repaired. It was placed there in 1977 in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee. Cllr Cornish suggested a plaque should be placed on the bench giving its date of siting 1977 for Silver Jubilee and 2022 repaired for Platinum Jubilee. **The Parish Clerk will ask Martin Chamberlain, who made the Village sign, if he could do this.**

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Sargeant reported that the Regulation 16 consultation had been completed by SCDC. An independent examiner has been appointed who will be anonymously visiting the village but will be in touch before coming. It is hoped the examination process will be completed in a couple of months. The subsequent Referendum will be administered by SCDC. The Chairman again thanked Cllr Sargeant and his team for all the hard work done in order to get to this point after many years of input.

13. Allotments: Cllr Licence said a young couple had taken over the vacated allotment..

12. Jubilee 2022: Queen Green Canopy: Cllr. Licence reported that a few people had offered to purchase a tree for planting so this is ongoing. Diane Hazelhurst and herself are organising a tea party on the afternoon of 4th June on the recreation ground followed by an evening event starting at 4pm of bar-b-q, and music. Cllr Cornish asked about having a beacon and Cllr Licence explained that last time they had to remove the turf from the bonfire area before the fire and replace it afterwards which took a long time. The suggestion was that straw bales could be used but permission would have to be obtained. Cllr Cornish said he would contact Will Stone about the bales and suggested not removing the turf but sowing grass seed on the burnt area.

13. Meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Sargeant had attended a Planning training session given by Stephen Kelly which was very worthwhile and to be recommended.

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

District Cllr Harvey:

- a. Cross-party meeting to sort out issues re Ukraine crisis and to produce a Toolkit to be discussed by central and local government. He was asked if there was a facility to register any Ukrainians in the area so contact could be made with each other. Cllr Licence she was giving out information about the Ukrainian situation and believed this type of facility is being looked into. They are also fast tracking teachers who speak Ukrainian to help with the children's education.

County Cllr. Batchelor:

- a. The new local Highways officer, Bradley Southwell, will be attending a Joint Parish Council's meeting on 5th April so any issues please inform Cllr Batchelor.
- b. During the period running up to the local elections no decisions can be made by local government.

15. Any other business:

- a. The footpath bridge has now been repaired.
- b) It was suggested that a new printer is purchased with the cost shared with West Wrating Parish Council **This was agreed.**
- c) Green bins – there have been complaints about bins causing obstruction after being emptied, more care should be taken to return it to the same point it was picked up.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7.30pm at All welcome to attend.

Chairman.....