

WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday

28th November 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall .

Those present were: Chairman A Schuilenburg, Vice Chair D. Sargeant and Cllrs. A. Hazelhurst, G McNeillie, C.Mulley-Richards and R. Temple, District Cllr Harvey, one visitor and the Parish Clerk.

- 1. Apologies:** County Cllr. Batchelor & Cllr. Ling.
- 2. Declaration of Interest:** Cllr. Schuilenburg under item 6b.
- 3. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September, 2022 were signed as correct following approval by the Council.
- 4. Correspondence:**
 - Parish Nurse Scheme Report:* Cllr M-Richards had reported back to the Council and it was agreed to support this scheme financially when needed.

5. Planning:

22/02970/ HFUL	S Sutch	35 High St	Const. oak framed summer hse. At rear	19/7/22	25/7/22	object
22/03534/ LBC	G Ireland	19 High St.	E single glazed units with double glazed altns.	2/9/22	16/9/22	Support
22/0351/S 73	A Covey	Streetley Hall Farm	S73 variation – amend to create estate office/meeting room	2/9/22	16/9/22	Support

22/04206 planning application re ground mounted solar panels has been reissued as the original application was not valid.

22/04912 – 61 Streetly End – re-rendering using a sympathetic lime render. No decision was made on this as not all the councilors had looked at the application but the rest of the Council were in agreement to support it.

6. Finance:

- Update of Accounts distributed to Councillors..
- Authorised payments:*
 - £ 58.00 E & E Plumridge – Village Voice Costs -Inv.2502 (Oct.) (on-line payment)
 - £426.20 J.Richards Oct/Nov. salary less PAYE (chq. 1032)
 - £20.05 J.Richards for ink cartridge (Printer Inks inv.23235292). (chq. 1032)
 - £163.80 Wicksteed Inv.0000819727 – cradle seat for play area (chq. 1033)
 - £21.00 A.Schuilenburg for purchase of wood from J.Bradnam & Sons. (chq.1034)
 - £22.40 A.Schuilenburg for purchase of parts – TC Fixings Ltd. Inv.375724. (chq.1034)

£10.00 Royal British Legion Poppy wreath (chq. 1035)
£385.00 Rob Giles (ABC Tree Surgery) Inv., 473 re grass cutting. (chq.1036)
£100.00 Steve Licence – 10 cuts of Wildlife area (chq. 1037)

c) *Monies received:*

£6000.00 Precept 2nd tranche.
£ 219.50 Rents for allotments 2022/2023

7. Traffic & Parking issues:

a) *Speed Indicator equipment:* Before any decision can be made about purchasing our own SID equipment the Chairman said he needed to check with County Cllr Henry Batchelor Council which village had bought two and what make they were, if different to the shared SIDs, as Morelock SIDs are not acceptable in an LHI bid. **The Parish Clerk will investigate.**

b) *Speed Indicator report:* At North end – 3423 total vehicles, 363 over 30mph, maximum speed 53mph. At the West end – 795 total doing over 35mph., maximum speed 58mph. **The Chairman asked Trevor Hall if he would put these and previous figures on the website.**

c) *Speed Watch:* It would be good to start this up again and Trevor Hall said he would put something in the Village Voice with an appeal for volunteers. **The Parish Clerk was asked to enquire of the Balsham Parish Council where the speed watch equipment is held and, if not used now that Balsham has two SIDs, West Wickham P.C. would be happy to look after them**

8. Maintenance:

a) *Footpath maintenance:* Cllr Temple was in touch with Peter Gaskin, the Footpath officer regarding footpath marker posts. He was told that due to lack of money they were unable to replace posts and markers and the landowners should take on the responsibility. The Parish Council has no legal obligation to repair them. Marker disks may possibly still be available from the Footpath Dept. **Cllr Temple will check the number of posts which need replacing and obtain marker disks.**

Pavements: Complaints have been received about the pavement outside #51 High Street, where someone slipped and hurt themselves. The Chairman investigated and found that the small loose stones on #51 High Street's drive were being pushed onto the pavement making it slippery. There are also problems with some hedges which need cutting back: Hedge opposite Cobwebs narrowing the path making it difficult for buggys to pass through, which Mr Kimble agreed to cut back; alongside White Gables which Mr Coulson already had in hand. Mr Coulson also mentioned two Ash trees on his land which are in a poor state and may need attention. He is checking this out. Another query was put to Mr Coulson by the Chairman about the gate off the Common from White Gables and who owns it, Mr Coulson, the Parish Council or SCDC? **Cllr Temple will ask Peter Gaskin who owns it.**

b) *Winter gritting volunteers:* Cllr McNeillie and Robert Giles have volunteered to look after gritting in Streetly End.

c) *Trees for wood:* A quote has been received from English Woodlands which although was more costly than expected it did include carriage costs. £240 has been received in donations from the village and hopefully more will be received. The Parish Council will make up any difference. It was agreed to accept the quote of £414.96 (incl VAT). **Cllr Sargeant will put in another appeal for donations for trees in the Jan edition of the Village Voice.**

9. Village Hall & Recreation ground:

a) *Solar panels:* Trevor Hall reported that the paper quote for solar panels from Greenscape Ltd. would be £14000. They are coming on 19th December to carry out a physical survey and provide a final quote.

b) *RoSPA report:* A quote had been received from Tom Licence for £915 to carry out the necessary repairs required to the MUGA and the fence.. Two other companies were asked if they would quote but nothing has yet been received. The Cradle seat has been supplied by Wicksteeds and installed by Cllr Schuilenburg and Cllr Temple. Cllr Schuilenburg has repaired the steps on the cable way and has undertaken to install safety caps on some exposed bolts. Cllr Sargeant will order safety notices for the overhead cables and arrange inspection of the cable way in the spring. With regard to the damaged fencing round the play area the Chairman has tracked down one of the teenagers observed on CCTV inflicting damage and accepted an apology from a parent.

c) *Tennis net suggestion:* The Chairman had checked the CCTV covering the car park and it is mostly used by those playing football, basketball and skateboarding. The space is also used in teaching children how to ride their bikes and the cost of maintaining it needs taking into consideration. Trevor Hall said that the car park belongs to the Village Hall so it is for them to make a decision about a tennis area.

10 Allotments: The rents have now all been collected.

Water meter: Cllr Mulley-Richards who reports on the allotments said there had been complaints regarding the inclusion of sewerage charges in the calculation of the water used by the allotment holders. The Chairman asked her to consult with the allotment holders and Trevor Hall to sort out the issue of payment for the water and how best it should be done, and this was a matter between the allotment holders and the Village Hall Management Committee and that the parish Council would be willing to help facilitate a solution if necessary. At the moment each allotment holder makes voluntary payments for water which would not cover the present cost.

11. Meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Sargeant apologised for being unable to get to the Joint Councils Planning meeting.

12. Reports by District Cllr Harvey: Reports distributed on website.

District County Cllr Harvey:

a) Cllr Harvey was pleased that there was an article in the Village Voice regarding the Congestion charge consultation.

b) **Electric charging points:** It was felt that at present there were insufficient electric cars to warrant putting in chargers. However it was agreed that things would change with more and more electric cars being used over the next 20 years and it would need to be discussed again. Trevor Hall suggested contacting a company e.g. Shell, who might be looking for suitable places for chargers and would pay the Village Hall a fee.

c) **Greater Cambridge Partnership Congestion Charge Consultation:** The Chairman referred again to the Congestion consultation and felt that it read as if the decision had been made.

13. Any other business: Cllr Temple pointed out the sign to the Village Hall was hidden in a hedge and not visible enough because when he attended the History Club last week a man was sitting in his car and he asked Cllr Temple if this was the Village Hall (he was the invited speaker). South Cambs County Council would be requested to cut back the hedge and

asked if a more suitable sign could perhaps be placed opposite the hall entrance on the High Street.

The next Parish Council meeting, which is the Budget meeting, will be held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.30pm.

Forward dates: Mon. 23rd Jan 2023, Mon. 29th March, Mon. 22nd May.

Chairman.....