

WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Warbleton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 June 2019 in the Village Hall , Bodle Street Green.

Present: Councillors – B. Whitton , A Long, Mrs K Cook, Mrs P Velten, R Iremonger, R Reading, D Powell, S Williamson. C Wells

Wealden District Councillor – Councillors B Bowdler
East Sussex County Councillor – None

Clerk – Mrs M Smith

Members of the Public - Five members of the public present.

19/052 Apologies for Absence - Councillor M Smythe and Ms C Davies

19/053 Declarations of interest – None

19/054 Minutes -

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 May 2019 having been previously circulated be agreed and signed this was proposed by Councillor Williamson seconded by Councillor Wells and carried unanimously.

19/055 Matters Arising – The bus service mentioned by ESCC no details have been received by the Parish but it is understood that the pick up time at Bodle Street Green is 10.12 and return at 14.08. Details of the bus service are required for Parish notice boards and website.

19/056 Public Adjournment – Julia Desch addressed the meeting raising concerns on environmental sites within Parish particularly Dog Corner to Bathurst Farm verge. She has been in contact with James Newmarch soft verge engineer who has informed her that every Parish Council and land holding body has an obligation to look after natural assets. JD has attended two group meetings collecting details for the Parish. She suggested speakers for a half day event within the Parish to share what doing well and biodiversity. The bank at the Causeway is a designated site. For the past twenty years Dog Corner has been a designated orchid site 200- 300 orchids which once established will encourage other species. JD asked who is mowing this verge? And verge on opposite edge of road. Councillor Long advised that this site referred to is the responsibility of ESCC. Julia Desch requested that if the Parish Council are aware of any verges to inform her for consideration. Councillor Bowdler advised that ESCC have a policy to cut only twice a year, but public are demanding more. JD, and two others then left the meeting at 19.50.

Mr Turton raised concern regarding deer being a danger within the Parish causing . Deer were a rare site in the past but are becoming a nuisance and unfortunately the Parish Council are unable to do anything about them.

Revd. Manning raised the issue of speed restriction – red strip in road – which was suggested at the last meeting by the Police. This is something that ESCC and the Police will be dealing with.

19/057 Election of Committee Members - following the AGM in May.

Finance Committee

Proposed Mrs K Cook and M Smythe by Councillor Whitton and seconded by Councillor Wells and carried unanimously.

Planning and General Purpose Committee

Proposed R Iremonger as Chairman by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Long and carried unanimously.

Community infrastructure Funding Committee

Proposed Councillor M Smythe and Councillor Reading by Councillor Whitton and seconded by Councillor Mrs Velten

Rights of Way Committee and Hedgerow Committee

Councillor Mrs Cook as Chairman of RoW and Councillor Reading as Chairman of Hedgerow proposed and seconded that these Committees be dealt with together.

This was agreed unanimously.

19/057 Reports –

(a) East Sussex County Council – Councillor Bowdler gave a brief update. ESCC have agreed that conservation areas within East Sussex go to the relevant bodies for consideration ie South Downs National Park.

(b) Wealden District Council – Councillor Bowdler advised that with Councillor Stedman

They have received 40 planning applications to considered since the election in May.

Planning officers are running at 65 cases each.

Councillor Long questioned where CiL funding has been spent by WDC.

A presentation had been given and Councillors had been advised that monies is t be spent on major infrastructure

(c) The Dunn Village Hall – report received from Councillor Ms Davies

I attended the committee meeting and they were very pleased to have a rep there- I don't think there has been one for a while so that was welcomed. All finances are in good order and they are busy with events and bookings. The recent fundraising event 'The Other Band' successfully raised just over £700. I'll keep the PC up to speed on any future fundraising plans.

(d) Bodle Street Green Village Hall - Councillor Mrs Velten reported that a comic evening had had to be cancelled. The Village Fayre is on 22 June 2019 starting at midday with a Pig roast and brass band.

(e) Rights of Way - None

f) Planning and General Purpose Committee - None

.g) Hedgerow Committee – None

h) Wealden District Association of Local Councils – None

(i) Emergency Planning – None

(j) Community Infrastructure Fund Committee - Councillor Mrs Velten reported she will be requested estimates for fencing at Bodle Street Green Village Hall.

A meeting of this committee is to be arranged shortly.

19/058 Clerks report and Correspondence Received

Correspondence received had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

19/059 Finance

Councillor Williamson gave an overview and outlined the Financial Statement dated 20 June 2019

The following payments were proposed by Councillor Long and seconded by Councillor Mrs Cook and agreed and carried unanimously.

Approved Payments for 20 June 2019

Clerks Salary and Expenses –	497.87	Orchard Landscape	15600.00
WDC –Dog Bin	75.00	Pkf Littlejohn	48.00
ESALC Subs 19/20	432.34		

19/060 Items Considered Urgent by the Chairman –

1. Councillor Long – events on the Green , The Big Lunch, Flower Show always cause a parking problem and it is frustrating for drives to move vehicles. He suggested that Parish Council consider requesting users to limit parking at junctions. Wording to use perhaps be aware that parking on junctions need to be restricted as highway code.....

19/061 Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18 July 2019 at 7pm in The Village Hall, Bodle Street Green

The Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Signed BRYAN WHITTON..... Chairman

Date 18 JULY 2019.....