

Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in The Village Hall, Westham on Monday 18th July 2011

86 Present

Cllrs B Molog (Chair), M Nash, B Garner, T Bruce, T Comerford, K Sutherland, P Marshall, C Smith and R Perrin.

There were also eight members of the public, County Councillor T Freebody and A O'Sullivan (Clerk) in attendance.

87 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from G Parsons, J Blaker, K Saxby and B Tooley.

88 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th June 2011 were read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

89 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

Hailsham Town Council quoted to inspect the play parks monthly but have said they are unable to carry out inspections quarterly.

At the Closed Churchyard Meeting, Wealden asked Parishes and Towns to take over the maintenance of the closed churchyards. Those present asked them for costings and said that certain items, for example church walls, would be out of most Parishes' spending limits.

The bench has been ordered for Castle Bolton, the Community Shelter for Adur Park and the entrance to Adur Park has been moved.

The exhibition for Rydens was well attended and plans will soon be on display in the Amenity Hall.

The football posts have been ordered, the extra lifebuoy is to be fitted at the pond soon and there is a new Fire Extinguisher at the Council Offices.

The grazing licence has been signed by both parties and Foxes Hollow roads are soon to be resurfaced.

Contractors have also been instructed to remove the appropriate shrubbery at the wall in Foxes Hollow.

90 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest in any items on this agenda. There were no changes to the Register of Interests.

91 Reports from the Standing Committee Meetings

Cllr K Sutherland	Finance and General Purposes	11 July 2011
Cllr B Garner	Parks and Open Spaces	11 July 2011
Cllr B Molog	Planning	11 July 2011

91 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

The Emergency Plan Sub-Committee carried out their Risk Assessment and, after careful consideration, agreed that no changes are required.

92 Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllr Nash reported that, due to illness and emigration, the Transport Partnership is short of drivers. Existing drivers and a new driver mean normal service continues. The Partnership also has a new Treasurer and now also has its own Driver/Trainer Assessor. The application for charitable status continues.

Cllr Molog attended the WDALC AGM and subsequent Management Meeting. The Association is keen to take on a more active role and working closer with Towns, Parishes and the District Council.

The meeting was then suspended.

93 PCSO Report

The PCSO Report is to be circulated to Councillors by email.

94 Reports from County/District Councillors

C Cllr T Freebody said funding is being made available to enable more people to have Superfast Broadband.

The libraries are offering reading challenges for children and talks at ESCC for a Joint Waste Committee are ongoing. Transport and Environment have completed 100 major resurfacing schemes and work to 20,000 potholes is now complete. ESCC are also to work with utility companies to ensure they leave the roads in a good state of repair when they have completed their work.

95 Questions from Members of the Public

Former D Cllr Balsdon thanked everyone for their help and support over the last year.

Mrs A Painter asked when the ditch is being cleared at Tillingham Way.

Mr Heaseman asked whether there is any more news about the Wind Turbines and he also asked for a grit bin at Windmill Green.

Mr Lovell from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association asked the Community Council why the figure they quote for grit bin refills differs from the figure supplied by ESCC.

The meeting was then re-opened.

96 Emergency Plan - Update

Councillors **resolved** to accept the Emergency Plan Amendments circulated by Councillor Nash.

Councillors also **resolved** to pay Wealden up to £300 to help keep the Emergency Telephone Network running.

97 Business Plan Update

Councillors **resolved** unanimously to accept the Business Plan updates recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 11th July 2011.

98 Risk Assessment

Councillors **resolved** to accept the Risk Assessment and thanked Gerry Garner for his invaluable help.

99 Internal Audit

The Clerk read from the Internal Auditor's Report and will make the recommended updates. The Council thanked the Clerk for her perfect accounts.

100 Annual Playpark Inspections

Councillors **resolved** that Zurich will carry out this year's inspections but will review the situation next year.

101 Questions From Members

Cllr Marshall asked if the County Council will consider delivering grit to locations other than to grit bins. He also asked the Clerk to report that the contractors at Miller's Keep are causing traffic problems with their parking.

Cllr Garner reported that Community Speedwatch will be up and running soon and Cllrs agreed to name the new roads off Penrith Way after local heroes and named Joe Townsend, Margaret Spencer and Maurice Macey.

102 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered;

WD2011/1415F	70 High Street, Westham Refurbishment and rebuilding of existing workshop. There were no objections on any planning grounds to this application.
WD2011/1220F	20 Springfield Close, Westham Replacement windows to front elevation including new oriel bay to existing bedroom. Councillors object as they feel this is not in keeping with the street scene.
WD2011/1196F	16 St John's Drive, Westham Realignment of front boundary fence. Removal of existing boundary wall There were no objections on any planning grounds to this application.