

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

16th July 2012

held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

118 Present

Cllrs B Molog (Chair), K Sutherland, T Bruce, G Parsons, C Smith, T Comerford, P Marshall, R Perrin, B Garner and B Tooley (B Tooley is also a District Councillor).

D Cllrs D Dear and L Clark and 6 members of the public were also in attendance, including G Garner.

119 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Nash, J Blaker and K Saxby.

120 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18th June 2012 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

The meeting was suspended to allow questions to the First Responders.

121 First Responders

Matthew Briggs spoke from the First Responders. The First Responders have held several well attended fundraising events and also attended the recent 999 weekend in Eastbourne.

There are now ten trained Responders, Alex and Brian Still cover this parish and they introduced themselves to those present. They are to attend the March meeting and show how the defibrillator works and they thanked the Parish Council for their continued support.

Cllr Bruce entered the meeting and apologised for being late.

The meeting was then re-opened.

122 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

The signed Indemnity Agreement for the Section 106 money from Ketcham Corner has been duly returned to Wealden.

The External Audit spot check now appears to be complete, Stone Cross Football Club have replied to the Parish Council's letter and this is covered later in the agenda.

Mr and Councillor Mrs Garner have fitted the new cassette to the lifebuoy at Westham Pond and stickers to the dog bins in Stone Cross.

Funding has been confirmed by SITA for the works to Westham Pond.

The grant towards electricity costs has been paid to Stone Cross School and Pevensey and Westham Junior Football Club have signed to use Adur Park for another year.

The bank have rejected the Parish Council's request for a debit card as it contravenes the mandate requiring three signatories for each transaction.

122 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest in any items on this agenda nor were there any changes to the Register of Interest.

Councillors who haven't already done so were reminded they must return the new Register of Interest forms, duly signed, by 28th July 2012 or risk facing prosecution.

123 Reports on Committee Meetings held

The following Committee Meeting Minutes were received and adopted by the Parish Council.

Cllr Parsons	Finance and General Purposes	9 July 2012
Cllr Marshall	Parks and Open Spaces	9 July 2012
Cllr Molog	Planning	9 July 2012

124 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings held.

There have been no sub committee meetings since the last Full Council Meeting.

125 Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllrs Molog and Parsons attended a special meeting of the Pevensey Town Trust and accepted the resignation of its Treasurer. The Trust now needs a new Treasurer.

Cllr Molog attended the East Sussex Association of Local Council's meeting, through the Wealden District Association of Local Councils (WDALC), where they agreed the new draft Code of Conduct.

Councillors attended a meeting with Wates Developers on the 22nd June where Wates outlined proposals for a new development in the parish and they also met Highways on the 20th June to see about a separate pedestrian access gate at Adur Park.

Cllr Molog attended the WDALC AGM on the 4th July. There will be elections for the new role of Police and Crime Commissioner on 15th November and all residents are encourage to use their vote.

The meeting was suspended again.

126 Reports from County/District Councillors

D Cllr D Dear reported that she attended the pre-meeting for the Wind Turbine planning application. The officer's recommendation is for rejection and she said their report was very efficient.

D Cllr Clark is no longer on the Planning Committee at Wealden. She is now the Chair of the Standards' Committee and there is a new Code of Conduct coming out shortly.

D Cllr Tooley has details of the position of the wind turbines in relation to local properties and he also announced the Wealden move to Hailsham should be complete by 6th August 2012.

127 Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs Rosco asked for the path alongside Westham pond to be cleared.

Mr McMillan from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association asked when the Parish Council is replanting the land they recently cleared in Geering Road. This is to be an agenda item for the September Full Council Meeting.

The meeting was re-opened.

128 Emergency Plan - update

There are no new updates to report at this stage.

129 Register of Interests

Having been circulated beforehand, Councillors were reminded to return the new Register of Interest Forms, signed by the 28th July 2012.

130 Code of Conduct

Members expect to approve the new Wealden Code of Conduct once it has formally been approved by Wealden.

131 Allotments

Eastbourne Borough Council's allotment group are currently working on providing 90 new allotments in Eastbourne. They will be happy to help this Parish Council in the future.

132 Stone Cross School

Councillors **resolved** to defer the decision to consider buying a defibrillator until March, when they hope to have some surplus funds.

133 Dog Mess

It is not practical to use the services of the Dog Warden from Eastbourne Borough Council but the Parish Council now has no dog mess stickers on its dog bins.

134 Stone Cross Football Club

After much deliberation two proposals were considered. Councillor Sutherland proposed and Cllr Perrin seconded that, subject to proof of successful CRB checks and satisfactory insurance, the Club is allowed to play at Adur Park on a separate pitch from Pevensey and Westham. This proposal was rejected by four votes to six.

Cllr Molog was concerned about the level of qualifications in the club and proposed that a meeting is arranged between the two clubs to see if they can work together. Cllr Comerford seconded this proposal which was carried by seven votes to one. There were two absentions. Cllrs Molog, Marshall, Perrin, Sutherland and Parsons will also attend this meeting.

135 Butcher's Field

- i: The Parish Council is not able to consider any new uses for Butcher's Field as it has a grazing licence in place for another year.
- ii: Following consultation with Richard Webber, arboriculturist at Wealden, the Jubilee Oak needs to be moved in the autumn. Councillors **resolved** to move the tree as part of a planting ceremony in September/October. Deputy Lieutenant Marion Shepherd is to be invited to plant the tree, the position of the tree is to be agreed at the Full Council Meeting in September.

136 Questions from Members

Cllr Comerford repeated his concerns about the cracked drainage pipe in Castle Bolton. He also asked if the list showing land owned by the Parish Council is complete.

Cllr Tooley said that he and C Cllr Freebody are working with their councils to get the weeds cleared in the Parish.

Cllr Sutherland said the verges at Arun Close/Rother Avenue have been left in a terrible state by contractors. He is to send photographs to Cllr Tooley for action by C Cllr Freebody. Cllr Sutherland also asked the Parish Council to consider the Maintenance Contract well before the March Meeting.

Cllr Bruce also asked that something is done about the potholes at the Stone Cross crossroads.

Cllr Perrin questioned the tendering process for the Maintenance Contract. Councillors are to consider giving the Parks and Open Spaces Committee the responsibility of drafting the Maintenance Contract.

Cllr Molog said that ESCC are to attend a Parish Council Meeting to discuss the new lighting arrangements. It is proposed that street lights will be switched off/dimmed down at night. She also said that the Strategic Sites Consultation preferred option 3 (as did the Parish Council). There have been some minor alterations.

137 Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider.