

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

19th March 2012

held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

348 Present

Cllrs B Molog (Chair), B Garner, K Saxby, T Comerford, K Sutherland, T Bruce, C Smith and B Tooley.

There were 7 members of the public in attendance including Gerry Garner. C Cllr T Freebody and PCSO Alison Shadbolt were also in attendance.

349 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Nash, P Marshall, R Perrin, G Parsons and J Blaker. Apologies were also received from D Cllr Dear.

Cllr Saxby requested that item 15 – Staff Pay Meeting, was moved to the end of the meeting and treated as a confidential item. All agreed.

350 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20th February 2012 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

351 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

The allotment rent letters have all been sent out to the allotment holders, Westham Village Hall Committee thanks the Parish Council for the new boiler and instructions have been given to go ahead with the work as per the Tree Report.

The Jubilee Oak is here and is to be planted shortly. Councillors are to consider a brass commemorative plate for the tree at the next Full Council Meeting. The Insurance Company is happy with the current gritting arrangements

352 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest in any items on this agenda. There was one change to the Register of Interest as Cllr B Molog is now a Mediation Plus Trustee.

353 Reports on Committee Meetings held

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

Cllr Sutherland	Finance and General Purposes	12 March 2012
Cllr Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	12 March 2012
Cllr Molog	Planning	12 March 2012

354 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings held.

There have been no Sub-Committee Meetings since the last Full Council Meeting.

355 Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllr Garner attended a Stone Cross Memorial Hall meeting and reported that the committee are still actively fundraising.

Cllr Molog attended the Police Joint Action Group Meeting where they announced a Community Information Day and reported that the police are looking into parking outside the three schools in the Parish.

The meeting was suspended.

356 PCSO Report

PCSO Shadbolt reported that a suspect has been arrested following the recent thefts from cars in Stone Cross.

Police 'Crackdown Day' at Stone Cross School recently resulted in more parking prosecutions and property marking is taking place across Wealden.

Councillors asked if it would help if the lines by the school are repainted. The Clerk is to contact ESCC. Cllr Smith also asked if the traffic speeding in Tillingham Way is speeding or whether it is perceived speed.

'Operation Blitz' is still monitoring anti social behaviour in Adur Park and PCSO Shadbolt said she believes the Teen Shelter is suitably sited for the time being. She asked that residents report any anti social behaviour to the police on 101. Councillors suggested a sign could be placed on the outside of the teen shelter so residents know who to report any anti social behaviour to.

357 Reports from County/District Councillors

C Cllr Freebody reported that ESCC are carrying out a review of the library provision in the County. He encouraged residents to add their name to the BDUK website and he confirmed that he has formally requested 20mph speed limit signs outside Stone Cross School. Cllr Molog asked that 'Library Provision' is added to the Council's 'Wish List' for developers.

D Cllr Tooley said that the new single site for Wealden at Hailsham is on time and on budget. The Crowborough Offices are with an Estate Agent.

The Joint Waste Management Contract is progressing, further information about this will be on the Wealden website soon.

Wealden are currently considering more Joint Services. Legal Services, Internal Audit and Building Control are all to be looked into.

He also confirmed there is no Allotment Tsar at Wealden but allotments can be linked to Community Projects.

358 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Jago asked the Parish Council to consider letting Stone Cross Football Club train and play matches at Adur Park. The Club would like to use a second pitch and are currently looking for some sponsorship from the Parish Council. They also asked the Parish Council to consider allowing them containers on site. Councillors checked the Club's representatives have suitable qualifications and whether the Club allows girls to play before agreeing that the Football Club's requests are an agenda item for April's Full Council Meeting. Parish Councillors were formally invited to watch the Club in operation.

Mrs Richards appealed for more volunteers for the Westham and Pevensey Bus. They need more drivers, phone operators and management. She asked for suggestions as to how to attract more use of the bus and Councillors were invited to use it too.

The meeting was re-opened.

359 Emergency Plan - update

Councillors formally wished Cllr Nash a full and speedy recovery and **resolved** to accept Amendment 2-3.

No further Sub Committee Meetings are to be arranged for now.

360 Westham Parking

Councillors **resolved** that the an additional planter is sited in between the two existing planters to prevent parking on the green. Seven councillors voted in favour of this resolution, one voted against.

Councillors also agreed to consider more bollards alongside Butcher's Field. Each bollard costs £253 and Cllrs Bruce, Garner and Molog are to see how many are needed and then report back to the next Full Council Meeting.

361 Westham Pond

The Funding Application for the work required was submitted on 15th March 2012. The MP's visit has been put back from 3pm to 4pm on the 4th May.

362 Foxes Hollow Wall

Councillors **resolved** to accept the price from Poulton Remedial Services to carry out repairs to the entrance wall at Foxes Hollow.

363 Ownership Signs

Councillors **resolved** that an ownership sign is sited at Castle Bolton.

364 Section 106 Money – Ketcham Corner

Councillors considered ideas for the Section 106 from Ketcham Corner and **resolved** to buy adult/teenage outdoor equipment for Adur Park.

The Clerk is to write to Chris Bending, Planning Officer and formally request the money.

365 Questions from Members

Cllr Garner asked for an update on the tree situation at 27 Lambourn Avenue.

Cllr Tooley asked that photos received showing anti-social behaviour at Adur Park are forwarded to the police. Councillors asked the Clerk to formally acknowledge the emails and say that the Parish Council is to consider taking further action.

Cllr Comerford asks the Parish Council to learn from the various issues arising at Penrith Way when dealing with future developments. He also asked that any dead trees are removed from Castle Bolton and that the live ones are re-supported.

Following reports of anti social behaviour at Tillingham Way Councillors asked that the land behind number 7 is cleared. The Parish Council is to consider putting signs and cameras there at a later date.

366 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.

At this point the Chair suspended the meeting and requested members of the public to leave. The meeting was re-opened when the public had left.

367 Staff Pay Meeting

The Parish Council **resolved** to increase the Clerk's Salary Scale from point 33 to point 35 in line with the National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. The vote was carried by 7 votes in favour, there was 1 abstention.

The Parish Council also **resolved** that future Pay Review Meetings have a more detailed Terms of Reference and that five councillors, as appointed by the Full Council, must be present at the meeting.

Cllr Sutherland announced his resignation from the Pay Review Meeting Sub Committee.