

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

15th April 2013

held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

326 Present

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

County Councillor T Freebody and 5 members of the public were in attendance, including G Garner.

327 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Tooley (Cllr B Tooley is also a District Councillor).

Councillors **resolved** that items 12 and 14 are moved to the end of the meeting and are declared 'confidential'.

328 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18th March 2013 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

329 Clerk's Report

The Clerk has written to the junior football club in minute 309 to tell them they do not have permission to you Adur Park but has yet to receive a reply.

An all Member Briefing has been arranged at Wealden District Council to discuss the Wind Farm Application. Councillors agreed that Cllr Saxby attends as this council's representative.

330 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.

331 Reports on Committee Meetings held

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

332 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings held.

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

333 Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllr Nash attends regular Westham and Pevensey Transport Partnership Meetings. New drivers are currently being trained and more telephone operators are needed.

Cllr Perrin reported from St John the Baptist Trust meeting. The Trust continues to regularly inspect its properties and all is generally well.

Cllr Molog attended the Wealden District Association Meeting where the content of the next Parish Conference was discussed. She also attended the recent Joint Action Group Meeting where members were asked to ensure residents keep key boxes out of sight from potential burglars.

Cllrs Molog, Marshall and Parsons attended a meeting in Church Avenue following an increasing number of reports that sheep are escaping Butcher's Field. Councillors agreed the post and rail fence needs to be continued and Cllr Marshall will liaise with the clerk to get prices for this work.

The meeting was then suspended.

334 Report from PCSO Ali Shadbolt

PCSO Shadbolt sent a written report in which she said that;

There has not been any major crime in the area but heating oil thefts are on the increase. Police are carrying out operations where they call into rural properties and provide crime prevention advice. Any residents who are offered cheap fuel are asked to call the police.

The police are also cracking down on speeding drivers and inconsiderate parking outside schools.

Their current priorities are;

- i: parking at schools
- ii: Operation Creosote (property marking).

It was noted that the third priority was going to be dog fouling but this has not been granted by the Inspector.

335 Reports from County/District Councillors

C Cllr T Freebody reported that Public Health is now the responsibility of East Sussex County Council. Health and Wellbeing now has statutory powers.

336 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from the members of the public present on this occasion.

The meeting was re-opened.

337 Emergency Plan - update

Cllr Nash reported that he has now called off the 'Be Aware' weather warning status.

Cryphonectria parasitica remains a threat to sweet chestnut trees although Cllr Garner (Tree Warden) is not aware of any sweet chestnut trees in this Parish.

Cllr Nash is currently working on the latest updates to the Emergency Plan.

338 Ketcham Corner Money

Councillors received two prices to fence the new exercise equipment at Adur Park and asked the Clerk to find out if the lower of the two prices allows for the fence posts to be concreted in and if so how high the fence posts will then stand. The Clerk is to report back to the next Full Council Meeting.

Matting will be considered when the playpark contractor carries out the repairs from the annual inspection.

339 Playparks Inspections

Cllr Parsons suggested that it would be more cost effective to pay for monthly inspections of the playparks and Councillors agreed to consider this when the precept figures are agreed in November.

In the meantime Councillors **resolved** that the playparks will be inspected by Councillors Marshall and Sutherland on a monthly basis and annually by Zurich. Playparks Inspections are to be a regular agenda item.

340 Questions from Members

Cllr Saxby asked the Clerk to write again to ESCC about the state of Hankham Hall Road and Hankham Street.

Cllr Comerford asked the Clerk to contact the owners of Langney Shopping Centre and ask them to keep us informed of the centre's progress.

Cllr Bruce asked if the County Council can be asked to paint yellow lines on the road at Pevensey Park Road. Inconsiderate parking there causes a blind bend.

Cllr Garner asked when the non urgent works in the Tree Report are going ahead.

Cllr Sutherland asked for new desk signs for Parish Councillors.

341 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.

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.

342 Planting at Foxes Hollow

Foxes Hollow Residents' Association requested a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss this situation further.

Parish Councillors unanimously **resolved** that whilst the door for communication is open to Foxes Hollow Residents' Association the Parish Council will not meet the Association at this stage.

The Clerk notified the Parish Council of five potential legal cases against the Parish Council, mainly from tree damage, which have resulted in a lot more work. One resident in Tillingham Way is also claiming a fence at the end of his garden is owned by the Parish Council and wants it repaired. Councillors **resolved** the fence is not the Parish Councils and agreed they will not pay for the repairs. The Clerk is to notify the resident concerned.

343 Westham Pond

Following advice from Cllr Marshall Councillors **resolved** to register the pond with Land Registry at a cost of approximately £70.