

## **WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF**

18th November 2013  
held at The Village Hall, Westham

236 Present

Cllrs K Saxby (Chairman), P Marshall, M Nash, B Garner, B Molog, K Stevens, G Garner, K Sutherland, R Perrin and T Bruce.

County Councillor M Pursglove and 7 members of the public were in attendance.

237 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Comerford, J Blaker and G Parsons.

238 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

239 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the MP's Surgery which was originally planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> November and subsequently rearranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, has now been cancelled.

240 Disclosures of Interests

Councillor Molog declared a prejudicial interest in the Stone Cross Mill grant application as she is a Trustee for Stone Cross Mill. Councillor Nash declared a prejudicial interest in the grant application for Westham Village Hall as he is a Trustee for Westham Village Hall.

241 Reports on Committee Meetings held

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

242 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings held.

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

243 Reports from Outside Meetings

Councillor Nash attended the latest Westham and Pevensey Transport Partnership Meeting. The handover to Cuckmere Community Bus is progressing well.

Councillor Molog attended;

- the Parish Planning Panel Meeting which provided updates about Permitted Developments.
- the SALC AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- two street meets which were poorly attended, one in Peelings Lane and one in Tillingham Way.

Councillor Molog also attended a recent Planning Committee Meeting at Wealden as a resident of Wealden. The Wells and Uplands Farm applications were discussed and comments made about the location and future responsibility of the play areas.

The meeting was then suspended.

244 Report from PCSO Liz McDonagh

PCSO McDonagh sent her apologies. She was not able to attend this meeting due to sickness.

245 Reports from County/District Councillors

There were no reports from District Councillors.

County Councillor Pursglove reported that he will;

- talk to Pevensey Parish Council to see if Councillors will contribute towards the sponsorship of the School Crossing Patrol at Westham. He will pay for a high visibility jacket.
- support the Parish Council's bid for a pedestrian crossing at Golden Jubilee Way.
- see whether anything can be done to stop lorries driving through Westham.

246 Question from Members of the Public

The Chairman introduced Mr Ayers from Cuckmere Community Buses. Mr Ayers explained that Cuckmere Community Buses will take over the services currently carried out by Westham and Pevensey Transport Partnership with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The new service will run to a timetable on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and will follow a fixed route, although the route can be adapted. Its buses will have seatbelts, will therefore be available for private hire and will be housed at Sharnfold Farm.

Cuckmere Community Buses is a limited company with five directors and a Stakeholder Advisory Board. The Board meets every three months and Westham Parish Council is invited to elect a representative to the Board.

Mr McMillan from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association asked when the open space at Geering Road is to be grassed over. Instructions have been issued to contractors.

Mrs Bounds complained about the state the utility companies left the verges in, in Westham. County Councillor Pursglove will take this up with ESCC.

The meeting was re-opened.

247 Emergency Plan - update

Councillor Nash said the Plan is up to date. The Emergency Radio went down recently but is working again now. He thanked Parish Councillors for looking after their areas and making him aware of any problems.

248 Business Plan - update

Councillors **resolved** to refer the Business Plan to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The Finance and General Purposes Committee will review and update the Business Plan regularly.

249 Foxes Hollow – collapsed drain update.

The collapsed drain at Geering Road has now been repaired and works are complete. There were three breaks in total.

250 Paths on Foxes Hollow – to consider upgrading

The Clerk presented the new specification to the contractors but only received a price from one which was more than his original price. Councillors **resolved** that the Clerk will seek another price and ask the original contractor for a breakdown of his latest price.

251 Castle Bolton.

Councillor Comerford and the Clerk met the Crime Prevention Design Adviser following security concerns about the land opposite number 33, from Castle Bolton Residents' Association.

The Crime Prevention Design Adviser is to ask Taylor Wimpey to reinstate the fencing on its land and the Parish Council will reinstate the fencing at Castle Bolton.

252 Westham School Crossing Patrol

ESCC is considering withdrawing funding for the School Crossing Patrol at Westham. Councillor B Garner met the Head Teacher at Pevensey and Westham School who agreed that the school will contribute £500 towards the patrol and that he will talk to the Parents' Teacher Association to fund £1000. Pevensey Parish Council is to be approached to match Westham Parish Councils' contribution.

253 Provision of Play Facilities in the Parish

The Working Party met play park suppliers who are to submit a plan for new play park facilities to them at their next meeting in January. The Working Party will then submit the plan to the Full Council for approval.

254 Wish List

The Wish List is a list of assets and services that Developers can be asked to provide with proposed future developments and is currently as follows;

Cover printing and delivery costs of the glossy brochure for new residents.  
Provide a new Community Leisure Facility.  
Contribute towards Community Transport.  
Help local schools accommodate the extra pupil numbers.  
Provide picnic tables throughout the Parish.  
Sponsor grit bins for, say, 5 years.  
Replace the plastic bus shelters.  
Upgrade the play parks.  
Adur Park – to include a car park.  
Butcher’s Field.  
Westham Pond.  
Allotment Site.  
Outside Christmas trees for each village.

Members were asked to bring any changes to the next meeting.

255 Precept Request 2014-2015

After very careful consideration, Councillors **resolved** that the precept for 2014-2015 will be £133110.00. This represents a net increase of 2% and takes into account the predicted changes to the Council Tax Support Grant and precept capping so that, if continued, the precept will eventually fall in line with expenditure.

Councillors **resolved** to award the following grants for 2014-2015;

Stone Cross Mill Trust	£ 400.00
Westham Village Hall	£ 504.00
Community First Responders	£ 420.00
Eastbourne Stroke Support	£ 150.00
St Lukes’	£ 250.00
Stone Cross Memorial Hall	£ 400.00
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Members recommended that Westham Village Hall also approaches the Police Auction Fund and if unsuccessful, applies to the Parish Council again.

256 Grit Bins Refills

Westham Parish Council **resolved** to fill the grit bins twice over the forthcoming winter but will review its position if this winter is severe.

257 Questions from Members

Councillor Perrin asked what the Parish Council can do to alleviate damage caused to the verges in Westham. He suggested that the PCSO's take enforcement action. Councillor Stevens recommended that residents also use Operation Crackdown which guarantees anonymity.

Councillor Molog asked Councillors to read the information sent by Wealden District Council, particularly that relating to Strategic Sites and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Councillor G Garner noted the concrete at Hamble Road had been finished with timber edging.

Councillor Saxby asked for the Council to support efforts to have a meeting between residents of Hankham and Highways in respect of the road between the school and Milton Street

258 Planning Applications

The following applications were considered;

WD2013/2272LDE – 1 Isfield Mill Close – Block up existing garage door and convert integral garage to habitable accommodation – **Westham Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.**

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:50pm.