

## **WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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

15<sup>th</sup> September 2014

held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

118 Present

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

County Councillor Pursglove, PCSO L McDonagh, A Hillman (Clerk) and fourteen members of the public were in attendance.

119 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Comerford and accepted by those present.

120 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

121 Clerk's Report

Stone Cross Royals would like to site a storage container in Adur Park. Councillors asked the Clerk to find out the size of the container and agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman should meet representatives from the Club to see where they would like it positioned. The Clerk and Chairman will then report back to the next Full Council Meeting.

122 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest nor changes to the Register of Interests.

123 Reports on Committee Meetings held

The Minutes of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee Meeting which was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were received and adopted by the Parish Council.

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

Councillor Stevens attended the Wealden Parish Planning Panel Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Members of that meeting were told;

- the Hailsham Waste Water Treatment has no capacity for windfall sites.
- six solar farm applications have been approved.
- CIL and SHLAA decisions have been deferred until June/July 2015.
- SANGS is to be reviewed.
- officers wrote to 600 businesses to see if they would consider having roof mounted solar panels but only one replied.
- planning changes will mean there will be less consultation with Parish and Town Councils and ESCC Highways will no longer be consulted on planning applications involving five or less properties.
- about updates regarding fracking applications.

Councillor Molog attended the;

- Wealden Food and Wine Festival Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> August where members finalised the car parking and steward arrangements.
- Pevensey Town Trust Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> August where members discussed changing its charitable status, the rising cost of insurance and the use of the car park for the Food and Wine Festival. Councillor Parsons also attended this meeting.
- Pevensey Villages Partnership (PVP) Committee Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Members of the PVP discussed their stall at the Food and Wine Festival and their plans to have a new website in 2015.
- SSALC AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Full details are on the SSALC website.
- PVP Core Group Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August. Members of the Core Group made plans for the Dickens Evening.
- PVP Committee Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September to plan for a 15 year business plan.
- Wealden Parish Planning Panel Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor B Garner attended the Stone Cross Memorial Hall meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. Two new trustees have been appointed and the Trust is looking for two more. There is to be a fund raising quiz at the Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting was then suspended.

#### 126 Report from PCSO Liz McDonagh

PCSO McDonagh reported that since the last meeting, there has been one attempted vehicle break in, one smashed vehicle window, one bike stolen and some vandalism to the teen shelter.

There has also been a break in at Peelings Lane, a break in at Concept and another at Eastbourne Property Services. Lead has been stolen from Stone Cross School, there was vandalism to the play park at Castle Bolton, shoplifting at Tesco and a window was smashed at The Heron pub.

Two males have been arrested for the shoplifting, the police have a suspect for the break in at Peelings Lane and two people were caught stealing the lead from the school.

PCSO McDonagh then left the meeting to attend police business elsewhere.

127 Reports from County/District Councillors

County Councillor Pursglove reported;

- ESCC support 20% of bus services.
- Midwifery Service at Eastbourne DGH is now midwifery led.
- meals on wheels subsidies are to end.
- there was flooding in Rattle Road on the August Bank Holiday.

Councillor Marshall asked County Councillor Pursglove to look into a complaint from a resident that there is a serious road safety issue in Westham. County Councillor Pursglove confirmed he will liaise directly with the resident.

District Councillor Clark sent a written report which described the success of the recent Pevensey Wine and Food Festival. Copies of the report are available, upon request, from the Clerk.

128 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr McMillan from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association asked when the brambles in the area are being cut.

Ms Durling asked if grants are available to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Westham Parish Council has previously agreed not to produce a plan.

Mr Lentil reported brambles which need cutting from Oaklands to Peelings Lane. County Councillor said he will investigate.

Mr Fox reported a van which has been parked for a long time in Gallows Lane as it is causing concern. Councillor G Garner said that the PCSO has checked the vehicle and it is legal but he will take it up with her again.

Mr Bradley feels that traffic speeding through Westham will result in an accident there one day.

Mrs MacKinnon is involved with the Pevensey Villages Partnership. She said that the PVP is arranging a Dicken's Evening in Pevensey on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 from 5pm to 8pm. Pevensey High Street will be closed from 4pm which will affect residents in this parish. There will be a childrens' procession, Father Christmas and various entertainment. She appealed for volunteers.

The meeting was re-opened.

129 Verges in Westham and Hankham

Councillor Marshall has drafted new plans for bollards on Westham green. The Clerk has submitted the plans to contractors for pricing but they need stats from ESCC to show where the utility pipes are.

ESCC is in the process of producing the stats and once the contractors have them they will send prices to the Clerk.

130 Shuttle Bus Service between the District General and Conquest Hospitals

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

131 Butchers' Field

Councillors considered plans from Ms Durling to plant a wildflower meadow in Butchers' Field but **resolved** to keep the field for grazing because previous attempts to plant wildflowers there were unsuccessful. They also feel animals grazing there is more in keeping with the field origins.

132 Bus stops in Dittons Road

Councillors considered plans by the County Council for two new bus stops in Dittons Road. They agreed to a new wooden bus stop to replace the plastic one at Arun Way and that there will be a new wooden one opposite. Future maintenance will be the responsibility of the Parish Council who will own the bus stops after installation.

133 Dickens' Evening

This was covered under 'Questions from Members of the Public'.

134 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Perrin asked that the Butcher's Field sign is replaced as it describes the field as a wildflower meadow. This is to be an agenda item for the next Full Council Meeting.

Councillor G Garner asked why Zurich are inspecting the play equipment in Adur Park. It was a routine inspection, the findings of which will be brought to the next Full Council Meeting. He also asked for proof of his identity as a councillor for when he inspects the play equipment.

Councillor Molog asked for copies of all committee meetings to be emailed to all councillors.

Councillor Nash confirmed he will be attending the SECAMB Resilience Event. He also said the new vicar at St Mary's has made an excellent start, the church bells are ringing again and he has organised a free Flower Festival from the 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor Sutherland asked of the Clerk will check to see how often hedges are cut under the maintenance contract.

Councillor Bruce reported that Hamble Road play park is often left unlocked by Contractors.

Councillor Parsons reported that local resident, Joe Townsend, has just won four gold medals at the recent Invictus Games.

135 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2014/1783F – 4 Pelham Close, Westham – Rear conservatory - **Westham Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.**

WD2014/1915F – Pevensey Park Road – Porch extension to front - **Westham Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.**

Councillors also asked the Clerk to write to Wealden District Council about application WD2014/1586F as there could be a loss of rural habitat if the application goes ahead. They also feel it is not clear if occupancy will be permanent or seasonal and they expressed concerns about noise and whether the neighbours will have access across the land. They add that the footpath is obstructed and note that the last ecological report was in 2009. The applicant has only completed a walkover visit in March and councillors feel the applicant needs to carry out one over the other seasons.

Councillors also asked the Clerk to express concerns about the Certificate for Lawful Development for WD2014/1589PDR as they feel the access needs to be carefully specified from Hankham Hall Road as the track needs upgrading.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:25pm.