

## **WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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

16th June 2014

held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

55 Present

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

County Councillor Pursglove, A Hillman (Clerk) and three members of the public were in attendance.

56 Apologies for Absence

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

57 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting and the Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2014 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

58 Clerk's Report

All matters' arising are covered elsewhere in these minutes.

59 Disclosures of Interests

Councillor Nash declared he is a member of the South East Coast Ambulance Service.

60 Reports on Committee Meetings held

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

Cllr Stevens	Finance and General Purposes	9 May 2014
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Cllr Marshall	Parks and Open Spaces	9 May 2014
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61 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings held.

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

62 Reports from Outside Meetings

Councillor Stevens attended the ESCC Community Self Service Event held earlier that day. ESCC launched Community Self Serve which offers Parish and Town Councils the opportunity to pay for, or provide money towards,

extra services. Councillor Stevens said he will circulate more information in due course.

Councillor G Garner attended two Police Street Meetings. Twelve residents attended the meeting at Hobney Rise because they were concerned about neighbours repairing cars late at night. Action has since been taken. No residents attended the meeting at Castle View Gardens.

Councillor Molog attended;

- the Pevensey Villages Initiative (formerly Pevensey Streets' Ahead). Members approved a standard constitution and are to apply for funding to Pevensey Coastal Defence and are to apply to open a bank account.
- the Wealden Coffee Morning held on 30<sup>th</sup> May.
- the Parish Planning Panel Meeting with Councillor Stevens. Southern Water is looking into other sources of capacity. The impact of Windfall Sites on the water system is being investigated.
- the WDALC Management Committee Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June. The Committee finalised details of the Parish Conference and were given updates from the District Council. These updates are now in the Parish Bulletin.

The meeting was then suspended.

63 Report from PCSO Liz McDonagh

PCSO McDonagh was unable to attend on this occasion but sent a report which contained the latest crime updates. Copies of her report are available from the Clerk.

64 Reports from County/District Councillors

County Councillor Pursglove reported;

- the Road Steward, Steven Wilkinson, has resigned.
- the Parish Council's comments are being sought on plans to install 1.8m high fencing along the eastern and north western boundaries of the Pottsmarsh Waste Transfer Station.
- nominations are sought by ESCC. It would like to reward volunteers by holding a celebratory afternoon tea for them in November.
- he is pursuing his plans for the Willingdon Chord and asked if the Parish Council would like a station at Stone Cross. This will be an item for the July agenda.
- ESCC is looking into the feasibility of having a shuttle bus service between the Conquest and District General Hospitals.
- Stone Cross crossroads will be closed for four days from 24<sup>th</sup> June.

65 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr McMillan from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association thanked the Parish Council for the speed they cleared a tree which recently fell at Foxes Hollow.

He also asked if the grass at Glessing Green can be cut shorter and reported a crack in the entrance wall at Foxes Hollow. The Clerk will ask contractors to cut the grass at Glessing Green shorter and Councillor G Garner will look at the wall at Foxes Hollow and report back.

The meeting was re-opened.

66 Verges in Westham and Hankham

Councillor Tooley is working to get the verges at Hankham reinstated. Councillor Marshall will provide the clerk with pictures to present to ESCC to extend the number of posts roadside in Westham.

67 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 plastic bus shelters with wooden ones.

Upgrade the play parks.

Adur Park – to include a car park.

Butcher's Field.

Westham Pond.

Allotment Site.

Outside Christmas trees for each village.

New additional bus shelters in the parish' to the list – to include a shelter at The Red Lion.

Shuttle Bus Service - between the Eastbourne District General and Conquest Hospitals.

68 Shuttle Bus Service between the District General and Conquest Hospitals

This was covered under item 64.

69 Wind Farm Appeal

Westham Parish Council remains opposed to the Wind Farm Application WD2013/0346MEA for the reasons given at the time. Councillor Saxby will attend and speak at the appeal being conducted by the Planning Inspectorate in July

70 Tree Report

Westham Parish Council **resolved** to accept the price of £1440.00 plus VAT to carry out the works in the green schedule of the Annual Tree Report.

71 Play Park - update

Councillor G Garner circulated a written report before the meeting which said;

Playdale started Cherwell Play Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June as originally planned. The pre ecobond installation of the equipment was completed that week. This allowed the ecobond safety surface to be laid at Cherwell Close on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. Hamble Road was started on 9<sup>th</sup> June as programmed, but delivery of the equipment was postponed until 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Limited groundwork has continued at Hamble Road until that equipment arrives. Playdale has confirmed equipment for Adur has a planned delivery date of Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> June as programmed. Although there are variations to programme the completion date still seems achievable.

72 Hobney Rise – Right of Access

Councillor G Garner said the owners of the land next to the Parish Council land at Hobney Rise have offered an informal right of access for council contractors over their land if the Parish Council will install a gate there. Councillors agreed they would need a more formal arrangement. Councillor G Garner will take this up with them.

73 Geering Road – request to seed an area.

Westham Parish Council received a request from a resident in Geering Road to extend the recently seeded area by the pathway. Councillors deferred a decision to the next Parks and Open Spaces Committee Meeting to allow them time to carry out a site visit.

74 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Molog asked how the Parish Council's bid for money from the Community Dividend is progressing. Councillors asked for District Councillor Tooley to update them at the next Full Council Meeting.

Councillor Bruce asked the Clerk to chase ESCC to get the grass cut at Ketcham Corner. She also asked if Stone Cross Nursery can add colourful plants to the planters at Westham.

75 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD2014/1165F – 6 Hobney Rise – Proposed demolition of existing single storey extension at side and erection of a replacement two storey extension, together with replacement front porch – **Westham Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.**

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:10pm.

