

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

17th March 2014

held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

324 Present

Cllrs K Saxby (Chairman), B Garner, B Molog, G Garner, K Sutherland, P Marshall, T Comerford, J Blaker and T Bruce.

County Councillor M Pursglove, District Councillor Clark, A Hillman (Clerk) and seven members of the public were in attendance.

325 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from M Nash, K Stevens, R Perrin and G Parsons and accepted by the Full Council.

326 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th February 2014 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

327 Clerk's Report

There has been a spate of bonfires on council land in Hobney Rise recently, the PCSO has investigated and the fires have now stopped.

328 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.

329 Reports on Committee Meetings held

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 10th March 2014 were received and adopted by the Full Council.

330 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings held.

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

331 Reports from Outside Meetings

Councillors Molog and Parsons attended the latest Pevensey Town Trust Meeting. The Clerk and Treasurer resigned.

Councillor Molog reported the Joint Action Group no longer exists.

Councillors G and Mrs B Garner attended the recent Police Street Meet in Westham. The police have been issuing tickets for inconsiderate parking but the problem is ongoing.

Councillor B Garner also attended a residents' meeting at Westham Village Hall. One hundred and seventy five residents met the applicants for a Certificate of Lawful Development proposed for a property in Westham. The applicants have subsequently withdrawn their offer for the property, the application for the Certificate continues to progress.

Councillors Molog and B Garner attended a Street Meet in Castle Bolton. No police or residents attended, the police were dealing with matters elsewhere in Stone Cross.

The meeting was then suspended.

332 Report from PCSO Liz McDonagh

PCSO McDonagh was unable to attend on this occasion but the Chairman noted particularly bad problems parking in Hankham at school pick up times recently.

333 Reports from County/District Councillors

District Councillors Clark;

- confirmed the situation with the Certificate of Lawful Development in minute 331.
- asked for a Westham Parish Councillor to attend the first Streets Ahead meeting on 31st March.
- invited applications for the Community Dividend and suggested Westham Parish Council might like to support the proposed Heritage Trail around Pevensey Castle.

County Councillor Pursglove reported he;

- is on the Transport and Environment and the Economy Scrutiny Committees.
- is working with Southern Water to resolve flooding problems in Rattle Road on a permanent basis.
- is working with ESCC to try and resolve the blocked gullies at Lusteds.
- has looked into the possibility of painting double yellow lines at Windmill Green. ESCC has confirmed the request will be filed for consideration at the next Westham Parking Review.

Councillor Saxby asked if the Transport and Environment Committee will support the idea of a shuttle bus between the District General and Conquest Hospitals. County Councillor Pursglove will ask its members.

334 Question from Members of the Public

Mrs Bounds asked when the Pevensey Road dog bin is being replaced. The Clerk will chase Wealden and find out.

The meeting was re-opened.

335 Emergency Plan - update

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

336 Paths on Foxes Hollow

Councillor G Garner met the Contractor. Work on the paths has been delayed because of the recent bad weather but is expected to take place within the next two weeks.

337 Westham Residents' Association

One hundred and seventy five Westham residents met the applicants for a Certificate of Lawful Development proposed for a property in Westham. This has been covered in minute 331.

338 School Parking

Councillors considered Councillors Parson's proposal to control school parking in the Parish by walking outside each school in high visibility jackets at school pick up and drop off times. There was no seconder and the motion subsequently fell.

339 Provision of Play Facilities in the Parish

Councillors **resolved** to approve the draft indemnity agreement previously circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk will notify Wealden, the engrossments will follow for the Clerk and Chairman to sign. The money can then be released.

340 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.
New additional bus shelters in the parish' to the list – to include a shelter at The Red Lion.

Councillor G Garner noted the benches in the parish need repainting. Bench maintenance is to be an item for the next Full Council Meeting.

341 Shuttle Bus Service between the District General and Conquest Hospitals

Councillors considered the idea of there being a shuttle bus between the District General and Conquest Hospitals. The bus would run continually between the two destinations, stop within the grounds of each hospital and be for patients, visitors and staff.

Councillors **resolved** that the Clerk writes to the Clinical Commissioning Group and ask them to look into the feasibility of providing such a service.

342 Streets' Ahead

Councillors considered the request from District Councillor Clark for a Westham Parish Councillor to attend the first Streets Ahead meeting.

Councillors **resolved** that Councillor Molog attends the meeting on behalf of this Parish.

343 Tree Report

The tree report had been previously circulated to all councillors.

Councillors **resolved** to accept the price from Chaffins to carry out the works in the 'amber' report. The urgent work to one tree in the 'red' report is being carried out.

344 Business Plan

The Full Council noted the changes to the objectives of the Business Plan Working Party.

345 Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Comerford reported that the rubbish bin in Penrith Way is also being used for dog mess. He said residents do not want a dog bin there.

Councillor Sutherland reported there is broken fencing on the path by Stone Cross pond. The fencing is reported to be from the pond. Councillors agreed that, along with Councillor Marshall, Councillor Sutherland will clear the path and leave the fencing in a safe and tidy state. Councillor Molog confirmed the pond is being advertised for sale with a local estate agent. The Clerk will contact the pond's owner via the estate agent and ask them to reinstate the fencing.

Councillor Saxby confirmed the criteria used for calculating the numbers of children, for educational purposes, with each new development is 0.25 per dwelling.

346 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered;

WD2014/0493F – 27 Rattle Road, Westham – Proposed two storey side and rear extension together with single storey extension at rear. Demolition of existing single garage and erection of replacement double garage - **Westham Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.**

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