

## WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF

21st May 2018

held at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross

14 Present

Councillors K Stevens, G Garner, K Saxby, T Bruce, A Lovell, J Blaker, F Durling, T Comerford, R Perrin, P Marshall, G Walker and G Parsons.

County Councillor T Liddiard, County Councillor D Shing, A Stevens (Clerk) and two members of the public were also in attendance.

15 Apologies for Absence

District Councillor D Dear sent apologies for her absence.

16 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

17 Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Clerk reported the bus stops which are being replaced in Stone Cross and Westham;

- now have the approval of Stagecoach
- the work meets the requirements of the Disability Act in so far as it can
- the licence has been applied for from ESCC.

18 Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests

19 Reports from the County Councillor

County Councillor D Shing congratulated Councillor Stevens on his re-appointment as Chairman and said;

- ESCC plans to make changes to the Music Service and its proposals are now out for consultation. Cuts in Government funding mean it cannot continue to fund individual and small group instrumental lessons. Ideas on how to retain those services have been invited.
- ESCC is still expected to announce who will take over Pevensey Library on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- He has referred the problem of cars advertised for sale on the verges by the Golden Jubilee Way roundabout, to Wealden District Council.

County Councillor T Liddiard

- Confirmed ESCC will announce who will take over the running of Pevensey Library on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

- Said the Social Care budget is being reduced by £17m and difficult decisions are going to have to be made. He encouraged everyone to take part in the consultation and lobby their MP.
- Said the line writing has been delayed because of the recent bad weather but the work is now planned to take place in June.
- The worst potholes in Pevensey Park Road have now been repaired.
- Said he is looking into the practicality of getting some of the verges in the Parish cut more often.
- Encouraged anyone with any County Council related problems to contact him and said he will do whatever he can to help them.

20 Report from the District Councillors

There were no reports from the District Councillors on this occasion.

21 Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Haffner asked if the Parish Council would consider using an outside agency to handle the management of Westham Pond. The Parish Council has already agreed to carry out another survey of the pond and will consider any appropriate action from there. Councillors said they would not consider handing over the management of the pond to an outside agency.

The meeting was then re-opened.

22 Reports on Committee Meetings held

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

23 Reports from Outside Meetings

Councillor Saxby attended the latest Hankham Village Society Meeting. The Society is planning to hold a Summer Fayre.

Councillor Parsons attended the latest Pevensey Town Trust Meeting and Councillor Blaker attended the latest Stone Cross Memorial Meeting.

24 Emergency Plan

Councillor Marshall said he hopes to have the updated Emergency Cards by the end of this week.

25 Firework Display

The Friends of Stone Cross School have changed the venue for the display and will not now be holding a Fireworks Event on the field next to the Parish Council's car park.

26 Annual Governance Statement (i) and Accounts (ii) for the Financial Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

Councillors resolved that they approved the Receipts and Payments Account, Bank Reconciliation, Income and Expenditure Account, Asset Schedule, Debtors and Creditors List, Annual Governance Statement, Annual Accounts, Risk Management Documents and Internal Control Arrangements for the financial year to 31st March 2018. It was noted the

Internal Audit Report said 'there were no matters to consider – well done'. Councillor Bruce asked for it to be recorded that the Clerk produces excellent sets of accounts.

27 Cars for sale at the Golden Jubilee Way Roundabout

Trading Standards say that as far as they are concerned parking on the verge is not illegal and no further action will be taken. Any cars causing a danger or parked illegally should be reported to the Police on Operation Crackdown (operationcrackdown.org)

28 Mimram Road Roundabout

Councillor Durling suggested the sponsorship of Mimram Road roundabout could be shared with local businesses and agreed to bring suggestions to the next Full Council Meeting.

29 Request for 'no horse signs' on the footpath from Springfield Close to Rattle Road

Councillors resolved to supply and fit two 'no horses' signs to the fencing at each end of footpath 7 which runs from Springfield Close to Rattle Road. Some of the elderly people who use the path have walking aids or mobility scooters and neither they nor riders can back up so the risk of an accident is high. ESCC Rights of Way and both adjoining landowners have given the Parish Council permission to fit the signs. County Councillor Liddiard will ask ESCC to repair the surface of the path.

30 Grant Request – Pevensey and Westham Junior Football Club

Councillors resolved to award Pevensey and Westham Junior Football Club £500 towards the cost of providing new goal posts and training equipment.

31 Dog Bins – update for request for stickers

Councillors rejected the 'dog poo fairy' stickers and opted instead to provide their own stickers which would be cheaper. The stickers for the litter bins will read 'This bin accepts bagged dog waste', the stickers for the dog bins will say 'If this bin is full please use the nearest litter bin'.

32 Westham Pond Competition

Councillors looked at all the entries and chose two they would like to put in the Westham Pond noticeboard. The Clerk will let Hankham School know who the successful applicants are.

33 New notice board for Hankham

The existing noticeboard is broken and beyond repair. Councillors resolved to fit a new oak noticeboard in Hankham to match the others in the Parish.

34 Questions from Parish Councillors

ESCC approached the Parish Council at the end of last week as a matter of urgency as they have to make a decision regarding the libraries on 25<sup>th</sup> May and they need confirmation that the Parish Council will support the successful bid to take over Pevensey Library with a grant of £2000. The Parish Council originally offered the money on condition the applicants had secured the rest of the £29000 they needed at the time. Councillors agreed they would support the bid ESCC felt was likely to be the most successful.

Councillor Durling reported that a hedge at Ketcham Close has been destroyed and is in breach of one of the planning conditions imposed when the houses were built. Councillors asked the Clerk to check with Enforcement.

### 35 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2018/0875/FR - Tresor, Hankham Hall Road, Hankham, Westham BN24 5BA – Retrospective application - New roof and first floor rooms – Westham Parish Council supports this application which it feels will enhance the property.

WD/2018/0653/F - Ranmore, Peelings Lane, Westham, BN24 5HG - Single storey extension to front of property and front porch – Westham Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

WD/2018/0508/F - 17 Rattle Road, Westham, BN24 5DF - Construction of detached single timber garage - Westham Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

The Parish Council also considered and had no objections to licence WK/201803007 which has been made by Westham News, 37 High Street, Westham, East Sussex, BN24 5LR.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8.15pm.