

**MINUTES OF WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:-** Councillor Fisher in the Chair  
Councillors Underhill and White  
District Councillor Cook  
County and District Councillor Field

**OPEN SESSION / LATE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There was 1 local government elector attending  
No items raised

**Late Items**

The clerk reported that with many of our storm water drains blocked and with no advice received if and when any work will be undertaken to stop the continuing blocking of both village hall drains, she had written to East Sussex County Council. They had replied saying work on the drains would be undertaken in April, she had emailed back saying hopefully we will have no bad weather before then as when water runs across the bridge road it is dangerous for motorists. They have emailed back saying work will be undertaken on the 21<sup>st</sup> April until the 26th April no mention what this entails.

A parishioner had written to Rother District Council asking for the road signs for Hoath Lane to be removed, after investigating Rother have replied to her explaining that Rother are legally responsible to ensure all street are named and numbered and road signs are a mandatory function by s19 PHA 1925 signs. The road signs must remain for Rother District Council to meet its statutory obligations. If the parishioner feels there is another way for the naming of the road in a conspicuous manner at the entrance to the road to please let them know.

**1) APOLOGIES**

Councillors Scott and Ratcliffe

**2) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

No disclosure of interests made

**3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and the Planning meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, copies of which had been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman:

**4) MATTERS ARISING**

**Amended Planning Policy.** Councillor White gave copies of the amended policy to councillors.

The policy now under section 3 states that the clerk will forward planning applications to councillors and their response needs to be to the clerk within seven days, the clerk will advise the end date for this.

After discussion on the clerk, after collating councillors' comments on the application, will forward our proposed submission to Rother District Council to councillors for any comments, these need to be received by the clerk within two days. It was agreed to add this to the policy at section 4c.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons.** -Obviously we do not have a beacon but the Chairman advised some parishioners are discussing holding a lunch in the road by the Royal Oak and the council need to have meeting with the Chairman of the Village Hall, a member of the Parochial Church Council and a representative from the group speaking about the lunch in the road. We need to have a full village inclusion in the celebrations. After discussion and the suggestion from District Councillor Cook that as all communities are being asked to consider having a Jubilee Platinum lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June perhaps it could be held then. It was agreed to have a meeting as above to discuss having events on the Sunday. The clerk will check on what needs to be done to obtain closure of the road in case it will be necessary and contact the village hall booking clerk to see which dates in February are free for this meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED**

- 5 b **Parochial Church Council-** Emailed asking if the council are doing anything for the Jubilee, covered as above in 4a
- c. **Letter from Wealden Councils to M. Gove M.P. regarding overdeveloping of villages.** After discussion on the continuing excessive building of properties in villages councillors agreed to support any action for this. The clerk will contact Battle, Sedlescombe and Mountfield to see what they are doing in order for us to show our support.

- 6) **REPORT ON SPEED WATCH FROM STEVE TURNER**  
No report as no meetings have been held

- 7) **REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING  
ASSET REGISTER  
RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT POLICY**  
Both were agreed.

- 8) **PLANNING**
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| RR/2021/1522/P  | 1 Forsters, Woodmans Green Road  | GRANTED |
| RR/2021/2876/TN | Footland's Wood, B.2089 off Park Lane  |         |
|                 | Removal and replacement of 3x existing Telefonica antennas of 30m  |         |
|                 | Installation of new 0.3m transmission dish on the tower of 31.5m, installation of radio units, feeder cables, GPS modules and other ancillary items. |         |
|                 | <b>This notification is for information only.</b>  |         |

9) **FINANCE**

The balance at Barclays Bank as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - Current account £391.53  
Deposit account - £11,591.33

Barclaycard Direct Debits

October -Fasthosts email fee - £2.63, HP printing £3.49 -	£6.12
November – H.P. Printing - £3.49-Fasthosts – email fee - £2.63	£6.12
December - H.P. Printing - £3.49 – Fasthost – Email fee - £2.63	£6.12
Hugo Fox – Website quarterly fee	£71.97
100824 Averdell maintenance paid by Clerk	£90.00

100825 Averdell cutting of Willows – Bill awaited

All the above agreed with cheque being drawn and signed

10) **PRECEPT**

The Precept was agreed with the amount staying the same as last year £7,100.00 This will be the fourth year with no increase. .

13) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**PARISH ASSEMBLY** - It was agreed in view of the present situation to not hold an Assembly but have the reports from councillors and local groups as an agenda item at the March meeting.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30pm

**Minutes remain in draft format until approved at the next Meeting of the Council**