

**MINUTES OF WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2017
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00pm**

PRESENT:- Councillor Fisher in the Chair
Councillors Underhill and White

OPEN SESSION / LATE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There was 1 local elector attending

LATE ITEMS

Rother District Council were asking for the councils comments on three proposals, with the principle of moving on-street car parking responsibility from the police to East Sussex County Council under Civil Parking Enforcement legislation. By the 4th December 2017. It was agreed councillor's would forward their views to the clerk to collate and forward to Rother.

1) APOLOGIES

Councillors Apthorp and Scott, District Councillor Kirby-Green and County Councillor Field

2) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interests made

3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th August 2017 copies of which had been circulated, were proposed by Councillor Fisher, confirmed and signed.

4) MATTERS ARISING

- a. **Highways England** – They are still unable to give a start date for the work and advised this is due to the agreed funds not yet being released. Councillors discussed the length of time this has all taken, over 17 months since it was first discussed. As it has been agreed by Highways England audit department, Sussex Police and the funding section any further delay was not acceptable. The clerk was asked to write setting out councillor's views and asking for confirmation that the funds for the work has not been spent elsewhere.
- b. **Southern Water** – They advise the scheme is more complex than previously thought, and in order to allow sufficient time for preparation they have deferred construction until a future investment period. They will be carrying out some mitigation works on the existing infrastructure to improve the resilience. They will keep us updated and let us know how the scheme progresses

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **An email received from a parishioner requesting a copy of the August council minutes in respect of council planning decision for RR/2017/1854/P.** The parishioner has been informed that as the application was received too late for the August meeting this was not including in the minutes, also advised that councillor's decision and comments are available on the Rother District Council planning website.
- b. **R. Parker-Harding, Rother District Council** – They are conducting a consultation on their proposals for a Public Spaces Protection Order. Councillors discussed and agreed with the proposals:- 1-Nuisance begging, 2- Sleeping in vehicles etc. 3- Drinking alcohol in public places after being told not to, 4 - Dangerous Cycling, 5 - Fly-tipping by residents or businesses on the street and 6- Removing or attempting to remove fossils from the beach or foreshore, but would like emphasis in section 2 that no commercial vehicles to be parked up or slept in overnight.
- c. **South East BCE Consultation Panel on Constituency Boundary changes** – The map showing the revised proposed boundary for Bexhill and Battle had been received and councillor's had no comments.
- d. **Andrew Wedmore update on Broadband**
He is still chasing East Sussex County Council for answers as to why the delay in this area receiving faster Broadband and whether monies allocated is still available, he will keep us informed of any development.
- e. **Process Matters 2** – The clerk had attended the training day covering the Open and Transparency Order and the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on the 25th May 2018. The Order and Policy will involve changes to council records and councillor's need to be aware of the changes. After discussion it was resolved that a training session for the council should be arranged. The clerk will look into arranging this.
- f. **East Sussex Highways.** - They have advised their coming programme. Sign cleaning in the parish will take place during June 2018 and Line refreshment during 6th July – 12th July 2018
- g. **East Sussex County Council Highways Steward.** Response to councils email for works to be undertaken.
A hedge cutting notice has been issued to clear all vegetation obscuring warning and priority road signs.
After inspection of the high friction surface by the river bridge it was decided that although there is some wear it is not at a level to cause a safety issue, so no work will be carried out at the moment but the steward will monitor the area and if work is needed will arrange for this to be done. An order has been arranged to clear both drains by the village hall and bridge.

6 ONGOING PROBLEMS WITH RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTION IN THE PARISH

The Chairman said there have been problems with the collection almost since it started with all areas in the village affected. After discussion on the various delays in collection after missed collection it was resolved to write to Rother asking for a problem that should have been corrected months ago should now be done and that consideration should be given to a financial goodwill gesture for parishioners, a payment or perhaps a reduction in their council tax next year. It was also agreed that parishioners should be encouraged to telephone or email themselves regarding problems with waste collection and electric cuts. As at the moment very few people do this. The editor will put this in the newsletter.

.7 PLANNING

ENF/157/17/WHA	Woods Cottage Farm, Mill Lane	No breach of planning control – No further action
RR/2017/1407/P	Cottage Wood Farm, Mill Lane	Granted
RR/2017/1731/P	Meadows, Whatlington Road	Granted
RR/2017/1771/L	Hancox Woodmans Green Road	Granted
RR/201762160/	Harpenden, Whatlington Road	
	Proposed side extension, alterations and large replacement	
	Rear dormers including a balcony	Granted
RR/2917/1854/P	Maddomswood Barn, Whatlington	
	Agricultural storage buildings (alternative to RR/2016/2712/P – part retrospective)	

The council have received planning permission granted papers but as there was some confusion over the wording in section 2 which appears to contradict the wording in section 1, the Clerk was asked to clarify the wording with the planning officer and the present permission.

8 FINANCE

The balance in Barclays Bank as at 2nd November 2017 was current account - £3985.44 Deposit -£7056.82

The current account reflects the final payment for our Precept.

There were three accounts to pay:-

100739 V. Bennett – Salary - £1247.50

100740 Cancelled

100741 Sussex, Surrey Association of Local Councils Ltd – Clerks Technical Training Day- £78.00

100742 V. Bennett – Norton Computer Protection - £79.99, Administration - £45.66 - £125.65

All payments agreed with cheques drawn and signed

A cheque is to be drawn and signed to cover the Grass and Willow cutting when the bill is received.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18th January 2018

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.450p.m

The minutes are in draft form until agreed at the next council meeting