

**MINUTES OF WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** - Councillor Fisher in the Chair  
Councillors Ratcliffe Scott and White

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

There was 1 local government elector attending

Councillor Ratcliffe advised the bus has had to drive into the middle of the road by the Royal Oak as the property opposite's hedge has not been cut and protrudes into the road. The clerk will contact the owner about this.

He also advised that a car had knocked the bollards by the garage over but they had sprung back, but the bollards at junction B2089 were still laying down. The clerk will contact Highways England about these.

**Late Items** – The clerk advised she had personally emailed East Sussex Highways regarding the state of our grass verges. At the moment you cannot step onto or walk along as the grass and weeds are too high. They cut the verges twice a year but with all the recent weather these should be cut now. Trevor Leggo from ESALC has asked parishes to let him have details of any problems they may have with East Sussex Highways and the clerk has advised him of both the verges and our regular blocked drains.

An invoice from Rother Associated of Local Councils had just been received for our subscription and contribution towards The Geosphere online mapping. Councillors White said he has used this and found it useful, there are other sites we could use but the £50 a year was reasonable. Councillors agreed to continue with this and the cheque to be drawn under finance.

**1) APOLOGIES**

Councillors Underhill, Field and Cook

**2) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

No disclosure made

**3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, copies of which had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman Councillor Fisher

**4) MATTERS ARISING**

- a. **Hoath Lane road signs.** As the siting of these is now a police matter we have to wait until hearing from them or via Rother.
- a. **Repairs to the car park fencing.** The repairs were carried out by Tate & Tonbridge Fencing on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **Sedlescombe and Whatlington -P.C.C.** They sent their grateful thanks for the annual grant towards grass cutting in the Whatlington churchyard
- b. **Rother District Council** – They asked if Whatlington wished to continue being covered by the Public Spaces Protection Order. Copies of the order had been sent to councillor and it was agreed to continue with this.
- c. **East Sussex Highways** – The clerk had met on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 a Highways Drainage Engineer regarding the drains in the parish being continuing blocked. He said he would send a report for a meeting in August and we would be advised of any action to be taken to solved this matter. No communication on this yet. As noted in Late Items.
- d. **National Highways-** Following a recent meeting they advised possible improvements to the A.21 including Woodman's Green Road. The Chairman advised they have 20 million pounds for the improvements and they will be holding meetings from September to the end of the year with parishes to explain what their proposals are. The Chairman advised one area is to regulate speed limits with some increasing and other decreasing.

**6) SPEED WATCH REPORT FROM STEVE TURNER**

Copy of report attached to minutes. As Radar Speed signs had been mentioned at our May meeting a brochure covering these was given to the Speed Watch coordinator. A sign for this would cost £1969 plus vat and permission would be needed for the siting.

**7) REVIEW OF FOLLOWING**

Accessibility statement .

Asset Register

Financial Management Policy

Financial Regulations Policy

With the Asset Register to be updated all were agreed

Planning Policy – As Councillor Underhill had forwarded comments it was agreed for all other councillors to forward their Comments and the policy to be agreed at the October meeting.

8) **PLANNING**

RR/2020/426/P	Mill Farm, Mill Lane Replacement dwelling and new vehicle access. Alternative to RR/2018/1763/P	GRANTED ON APPEAL
RR/2021/1425/FN	Hancox Oast – Construction of new road	Refused as full planning permission required
RR/2021/2247/L	Riccards Spring, Riccards Lane Link detached extension to Riccards Spring, outdoor swimming pool and pool house/plant room, Erection of greenhouse and installation of ground source heat pump system	GRANTED
RR/2021/851/P	Fairmead, Dorrells Farm, Woodmans Green Road Proposed two-storey extensions and house remodeling.	REFUSED
RR/2021/1165/P	Benham Cottage – Land at Woodmans Green Road Construction of a detached dwelling house, gardens, parking and use of existing access to Woodmans Green Road. Resubmission of RR/2020/836/P The council have objected	

9) **FINANCE 404.89**

The balance at Barclays Bank as at 1st August 2021 Current account £404.89 Deposit Account £10,590.70

Payments made between meetings: -

Direct Debits: -

Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection fee -	£35.00
Hugo Fox – Website June Quarterly fee	£71.97
Barclaycard	
May – H.P. Inks – Photocopying - £3.49 Fast Host email fee £2.63	
June H.P. Inks Photocopying - £3.49	£9.61
June -Viking – Stationery -	£56.61
July – McCabe, Ford and Williams – Internal audit fee	£234.12
There were three accounts to pay:-	
100818 V. Bennett re First Strike Computing – Computer hard drive repairs	£198.00
100819 Averdell – Grass Cutting	£324.00
100820 Rother Association of Local Councils – subscription - £25.00	
Geophere on line mapping - contribution £50.00	£75.00

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10p.m.

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