

**MINUTES OF WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
21st OCTOBER 2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

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

The Chairman added the Speed Report and grass cutting bill to the agenda as both were received too late for this. Also, the planning application RR/2021/2344/P to be added but not discussed. Concern was raised regarding our original response on the website, but it was agreed if the comment was there or not it would make no material difference to the planning decision. The applicant's agent has asked if a decision were to be made by email, then they would like copies of councillors' comments. This was accepted.

OPEN SESSION / LATE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Field said county have been discussing- rehousing - traffic calming using speed limits including the area from Caldbeck Hill to the Punchbowl corner where there has been overtaking and speeding problems. With regard to Baldstow - due to problems the roundabout will not now be going ahead and traffic light may well be used. The Chairman then said that at the meeting with our M.P. he had said agreement with the garage has been completed successfully so we will have to await events.

The clerk advised all the stinging nettle, blackberries and bracken blocking the footpath on the other side of the back of the car park were cleared with the cost paid by the village hall committee, then tidied up by our grass cutter and the large hole just the other side of the car park back fence has been filled in. The clerk contacted the field owner asking if their grasscutter would in future cut this area to stop the same build up of bracken etc. and he has agreed to this.

AGENDA

- 1) **APOLOGIES**
Councillor Scott
- 2) **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**
No disclosure made
- 3) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 13th August 2021**, minutes confirmed and signed by the Chairman
- 4) **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) **East Sussex Highways** - In response to our request for a stop sign they have replied- Regulations only permit STOP signs to be installed at junctions where visibility is severely restricted, not permitted to be used at priority build outs. The correct priority sign and give way road marking have been used which are clearly visible to approaching traffic. They confirmed there have been no reported injury crashes in the last 5 years, they are not aware of the recent incident. The give way marking has recently been renewed.
 - b) **East Sussex Highways** – Although the reported drains were cleared, they are now once again blocked. A parishioner reported an additional blocked drain near the bus shelter. He tried to clear it but the blockage was too solid. The clerk will once again report all the blocked drains to East Sussex Highways.
- 5) **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) **Report on the meeting with Huw Merriman as attached** - Councillors said the meeting was well worthwhile and covered - schools free transport -protection for the A.N.O.B-Neighbours continuing to have a say on planning application-speed limits-road signs- HS2 and Broadband
 - b) **Report from National Highways online meeting** – Councillors who attended this found it very helpful and we await being informed of any action to be taken over the coming years. The clerk advised Sedlescombe parish council had contacted her asking if we had any problems with our exits onto the A.21. She had advised them, this is now Woodman's Green Road however we have six exits, but problems with three. Riccards Lane – visibility if vegetation not cut and both Park Lane which we believe work is to be carried out and B.2089 by Vinehall Farm both with limited visibility of vehicles coming from the North

21ST OCTOBER 2021 MINUTES CONTINUED

6) PLANNING

RR/2021/1165/P	Benham Cottage	REFUSED
RR/2021/106/P	Cottage Wood Farm, Mill Lane	UNDECIDED
RR/2021/1458/P	Riccards Farm, Hastings Road	UNDECIDED
RR/2021/1522/P	1 Forstals, Woodmans Green Road	
	Removal of condition 1 (restriction on development) of planning Approval A/50/281/A to allow permission to development land for pair of detached cottages	
RR/2021/1560/P	Mill Stream Cottage, Whatlington Road	
	Alteration to existing garaging to include additional garage space, roof revisions to include half-hip gabled ends plus roof pitch change from 29 degree to 42 degree enabling adequate storage space within, Addition of 3no 550 x 770 roof lights to north roof plane and 32sqm of photovoltaic solar panels to the south roof plane	
RR/2021/1594/P	Morrells, Park Lane	
1595/L	Proposed single storey side extension.	
RR/2021/1868/P	Mill Farm Land, Mill Lane	
1868/L	Proposed change of use of land at Mill Farm to create Glamping site for 6no shepherd huts	
	Together with associated facilities and enlargement of pond.	
RR/2021/1931/P	Riccards Spring, Riccards Lane	
	Positioning of two shepherds' huts on land at Riccards Spring for use as tourists' units.	
RR/2021/1908/P	Brook Cottage. Stream Lane	
	Replacement of existing UPVC dining room window with UPVC patio doors within original opening. Demolition of existing attached garage and erection of kitchen and dining extension with mezzanine level. Extension and alteration to existing detached garage and parking court.	
RR/2021/1937/P	Springfield Nursery, Whatlington Road	
	Proposed demolition of existing dwelling, outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling.	

7) FINANCE

The balance in Barclays Bank as at 1st. October 2021 was current account - £275.18
deposit account -£13,591.01

Direct Debit Barclaycard payments made: -

August –H.P. Photocopying -£1.99 Fasthost email fee - £2.63 July email fee £4.62

September – H.P. Photocopying - £3.49 Fasthost email fee -£2.63 £6.12

Hugo Fox – Website September quarterly fee £71.97

There were three accounts to be paid

100821: -Averdell – Grass cutting £378.00

100802 – V. Bennett – Half yearly salary £1,350.07

100803 - V. Bennett – Administration costs £137.22

All agreed with cheques drawn, signed and to cover cheques a transfer from the deposit account to be made.

16) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st January 2021

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

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