

**MINUTES OF WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

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

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

There were three local government electors attending

A near neighbour of the 'Rights of Way and Countryside Management' proposed diversion order in agenda item 5d advised they had no objection to their proposal. Our footpath warden said he has been in discussion for some time with them on the possible routes for this and was supportive of their proposal.

Councillor Kirby-Green said Rother have been busy with discussions with the police and county on how to deal with Civil Parking enforcement and further discussions are to take place.

Councillor Field advised County is working on improving Broadband and although there are problems is progressing.

The clerk had today received a telephone call from a parishioner asking for the council's help in having her household and recycling refuse collected, this had not been done for the past five weeks. The parishioner is on Rother's assisted collected list. Councillor Kirby-Green said she was aware there were problems with collection in Whatlington and would look into this. The clerk will, if there has been no collection by Monday write to Rother asking for a collection to be made and why there was no regular collection from this property. Councillor Field said county were involved with this, road safety issues, and Broadband.

**Late Items**

An invitation for councillor's to attend the East Sussex Community Resilience Conference being held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 6pm – 9pm in Hailsham City Community Centre had been received.

**1) APOLOGIES**

Councillor Underhill

**2) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Councillor White declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Item 9 as partner of the applicant applying for planning permission in respect of Hancox. Woodmans Green Road.

**3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman Councillor Fisher

**4) MATTERS ARISING**

**a. New Data Protection Act** - Booklets on this had been purchased and distributed to councillor's, the clerk is attending a training meeting in November for this.

**b Highways England** - They have advised Sussex Police have approved having the double white lines on the A.21 by Riccards and Stream Lanes and costing has been agreed. A start date is now being looked into this will probably be in the autumn.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Rother District Council** - They have advised that although Councillors Interests are on their website, they now have to be on the parish councils own web site. Councillors checked the information on their forms and confirmed no amendments. The clerk will now put these on our website.

**b. East Sussex County Council.** In reply to the clerks request for the grass areas either side of the bus shelter to be cut, they advised they now only cut a meter swathe so pedestrians can use the highways safely. With their limited resources it is impossible for the entirety of all highways verges to be cut

**c. Aon UK. Limited** They will no longer be involved with council insurance, we will however be covered up to our renewal date. The clerk will ask other clerks which insurance companies they are using and will obtain quotes in time for next year

**d. Rights of Way and Countryside Management.** Advised proposed diversion of footpaths 2 -5a and 5b this had been covered in the open session. The clerk will write to them advising the council have no objections to the proposal.

**e. Ordnance Survey (OS)** .A map for all open green spaces in the U.K. is now available on a website but there is a problem as all green spaces including private areas such as golf courses are shown also schools and hospital areas have been included. It is probable the map will be reissued on the web site.

**6 REVIEW OF CHARGING POLICY**

After discussion the policy was agreed

**7 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS POLICIES**

After discussion the Financial Management policy was agreed.

**7. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS POLICY**

After the following amendments the policy was agreed

- 3.3 - Second line - delete head and insert heading
- 4.2 - Second line -delete before and the word to.
- 4.3.1- Second line delete - the word all and insert are
- 6.2 - Delete
- 6.3 - First line - change her to herself
- 6.4 - First line - delete from Duty to authorization
- 12 - Amend fourth line -£250 to £50
- 12A - Amend to – 12a.1 -12a.2 – 12a.3- 12a.4
- 12a.2- Fourth line - amend £250 to £50
- 13.3 - First line - amend affected to effected

**8. BROADBAND CONNECTION PROBLEMS IN THE PARISH.**

Councillors discussed the low speed experienced by many in the village. Councillor Field said that county is behind with their rolling out plan. Councillor Kirby-Green said Rother are trying to do what they can, they had organized a meeting to discuss this but was cancelled due to sickness and they have not yet been contacted to arrange a new meeting.

**9 PLANNING**

RR/2017/867/P	Forest Lodge, Hooks Beech	Mr. Pearson	GRANTED	22nd June 2017
RR/2017/910/P	Riccards Farm	L.Parson & Miss D. Bradbury	REFUSED	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Enforcement Notice	Oakley Farm, London Road		ENFORCED	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
ENF/157/17/WHA	Woods Cottage Farm		Being investigated	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
RR/2017/1292/P	Stables, Mill Farm	M. & Mrs. Stevenson	Granted conditionally	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2017
RR/20171407/P	Cottage Wood Farm			
	Erection of new livestock building and extend existing livestock building to cover yard			Mr. J. Tassell
RR/2017/1648/P	Vinehall Business Park			Mrs. M. Elliott
	Refurbishment and change of use of existing farm store to B1 and/ or B8			Mrs. M Elliott
The parish council have approved the above two applications				
RR/2017/1731/P	Meadows, Whatlington Road			
	Erection of detached timber garage with tiles roof			Mr. S. Bronock

Councillor White disclosed his interest in the following application and took no part in the discussion

RR/2017/1771/L	Hancox, Woodmans Green Road			
	Internal alterations to relocate first floor bathroom			Ms. C. Moore

After discussion the council supported approval of the above two applications

**10 FINANCE**

Virements made from Contingency to cover Insurance, £4.29 - Churchyard Grass cutting £500 and Repairs to car park and barrier £82.00

The Account at Barclays Bank as at 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Current Account - £508.61 Deposit Account - £7356.83

One cheque has not yet been presented – 100733 - RALC - £25.00

Direct Debit for the Information Commissioner – Date Protection fee - £35 made on 9th June 2017

Three agreed payments had been made between meetings

100731	- Ripley Forge – Amendments for car park top bar	- £456.00
100732	- J. Tassell - Repairs to car park fencing	- £432.00
100733	- RALC - Subscription	- £25.00

There are three accounts to be made

100735	- V. Bennett re SSALC- Councillors information booklets	- 54.00
100738	- V. Bennett Administration/Maintenance costs	- £160.17
100737	- Averdell - Grass cutting	- £384.00.

Cheques drawn and signed and transfer to cover to be made

**11 EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The council accounts have been returned – Audit completed and all found in order.

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.35pm