

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

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

**AGENDA**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Fisher was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Scott was elected.

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

5 Local Government electors attending

Late Items. A member of the public has advised damage to a footpath bridge and stile but given no Footpath number for this. Councillors checked the footpath map and it is possibly 9a or 10.

The clerk will contact Footpath Warden Bev Marks to clarify number before reporting damage to East Sussex Council.

The clerk reported that National Highways are looking into why an advertisement by them advising road works from Johns Cross Roundabout to Marley Lane A.21 junction starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May with overnight closures and lasting approximately 14 weeks appeared in the Battle Observer as they have no knowledge of this.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Underhill, who had advised he would be willing to be appointed, was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Scott was elected.

**4. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Ratcliffe and Underhill, County and District Councillor Field

**5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No Interest disclosed

**6. APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ROTHER ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS**

Councillors Fisher and Scott appointed

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022, copies of which had been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

**East Sussex Highways- work on drains by Village Hall** was completed after four days on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. During this time some Storm Water Drains were cleared but many were not. Highways have promised to clear the remaining ones as soon as possible.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a **East Sussex Highways repairs** – They have replied to our request for repairs to Whatlington Road from its junction with Woodmans Green Road down to Riccards Lane, saying there were no potholes meeting their safety criteria found, but they have noted the condition of the road and will continue to monitor this.
- b **KSS Air Ambulance Charity** – A copy of their financial statement had been received which was discussed, with the decision that no grant to be given this time.

**10. SPEED WATCH**

As meetings for this were cancelled there is no report.

**11. FINANCE**

Direct debits Hugo Fox – Silver Service	71.97
100832 East Sussex ALC subscription - £78.63	
National Association of Local Councils- 20.37	99.00
100833 BHIB Insurance – Annual Premium	177.35
100834 V. Bennett re Platinum Jubilee 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	175.00
100835 McCade, Ford, Williams- Internal Audit	228.00
100836 Whatlington Village Hall – Annual rent for the hall	200.00
100837 Whatlington Parochial Church Council -Grant for Churchyard Grass cutting	500.00

**12 AUDIT 2021/22**

The Internal Audit of the council's finances has been completed with receipt of the auditor's report and letter advising all in order.

- a. **The AGAR form needs to be agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Officer.**  
The form allows the council not to also have an external audit saving the council unnecessary expense  
The Chairman and Officer signed the form
- b. Both Accounting sections 1 and 2 need authorising and signing by the Chairman  
The Chairman sign both forms.

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

18<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05p.m.**

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