

**MINUTES OF WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
21st MARCH 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH
ASSEMBLY.**

PRESENT:- Councillor Fisher in the Chair
Councillors Underhill and White
District Councillor Kirby-Green
County Councillor Field
Battle Town Councillor Kevin Dixon

OPEN SESSION / LATE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were 12 local electors attending
No matters raised in the Open Session

LATE ITEMS

As the clerk, due to family commitment's, is unable to attend the council meeting on the 16th May the date needs to be changed to the 9th May. This meeting must be held within 14 days of the elections. The amended date of the 9th May was noted.

Councillor White advised all the repair work on the electric cables in Stream Lane had now been completed three months after the damage was done.

1) APOLOGIES

Councillors Apthorp and Scott absence agreed with the Chairman

2) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interests made

3) MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 17th January 2019, copies of which had been circulated.
The minutes were proposed by Councillor Fisher confirmed and signed.

4) MATTERS ARISING

- a) **East Sussex County Council** – The blocked storm water drains have been cleared but there are some that have been missed. The clerk will advise them of these.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Highways England** – They have advised our contact details were deleted in error they have now been reinstated.
b) **Whatlington Village Hall Committee** – A copy of the email from the Charity Commission agreeing to changes to the Halls Constitution as detailed in the parish council minutes March 2016, has now been received

6) REVIEW OF THE EQUALITY POLICY

After discussion the policy was agreed

7) APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR ACCOUNT 2019-2020

It was resolved to engage Martin Humphreys – McCade, Ford and Williams, Cranbrook.

8) PLANNING

RR/2019/46/P Woodman Glen, Woodman's Green Road

Proposed garage building

Rr/2019/512/p Holly View, Woodman's Green Road

Proposed extension to the rear of the existing property linking the annex to the main property.

APPEAL APP/U1430/W/18/3218022 Mill Farm

Replacement dwelling and new access

Councillor Underwood advised the new vehicular access has already been granted

GRANTED

Ms Clair Williams

Mr. & Mrs. J. Stephenson

9) PUBLICITY FOR ELECTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS ON 2nd MAY 2019

The Chairman advised the information for this has been put in the village Newsletter and in the Village Voice

10) FINANCE

The Balance in Barclays Bank as at 21st March 2019 statements received, is current account £381.87 and Deposit account £10176.95

Accounts paid to Barclaycard by Direct Debit

January - H.P. Inks - £3.49 - Fast Host email fee - £2.39 £5.88

March - H.P. Inks - £1.99 - Fast Host email fee - £2.39 £4.38

There were two accounts to pay

100771 - V. Bennett – Salary £1266.00

100772 - V. Bennett – Administration costs £86.47

These were agreed with cheques drawn and signed and a transfer from deposit account to cover cheques

11) GRANTS

After clarification and explanation of Whatlington Parochial Church Council finances it was resolved to pay the following:

- Section 137

Whatlington Parochial Church Council - to cover purchase and fitting of two replacement heating thermostat's- £515.26

Good Companions - to cover their annual rent for two meetings of three hours duration each in the village hall - £50.00

Rother Rural Trust - to help with their giving of grants to people in real need - £50.00

To pay these Section 137 would have a shortfall of £165.26 - After discussion on this, it is proposed in the meetings papers with the hall committee not needful of a grant in this financial year, it was agreed to transfer from section 133 this amount..

Cheques were then drawn and signed, the transfer from deposit account will be increased to cover the grant payments

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12) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9th May 2019 in the village hall at 7.30p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7. 50p.m.

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