

Minutes of a meeting **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of **WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thursday 9th February at 6.30pm at the Dunn village hall

PRESENT: Councillors A Long (Chairman), Williamson, Saunders, Ansell, Wells, Graham and Iremonger

Also present: Jackie Cottrell – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Simpson – work commitments

00000 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wells – Personal interest – 4.1.- Osborne House car park

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

OSBORNE HOUSE CAR PARK – Resolution required 4.1.

4.1. To consider and resolve the car park quotation for the repairs to Osborne House car park

Councillors considered the amended quotation from Nicholls Bros (Sussex) Ltd as a result of several test holes which had been dug in the car park in the presence of Cllr Long and Cllr Wells. Both options which were to repair the entire car park or to repair part of the car park were discussed and it was **AGREED** that repairing the **whole** car park would be the most beneficial option.

The Clerk informed the council that a member of the Warbleton Housing Association had requested the re-painting of the yellow ambulance space. Members noted it was a public car park.

The Chairman instructed the Clerk to add the item to a future council agenda.

00000 RESOLVED to accept the quotation to repair the whole car park for a fixed price of £14,820 plus VAT £2,964. The Council agreed payments could be made in line with the quotation and any contractual obligations.

FOCUS GROUP LETTERS TO EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND THE SOUTHERN WATER AUTHORITY – Resolution required 5.1. To consider if the Parish Council wish to retract their support for the letter sent from the Focus Group to the East Sussex County Council Highways department and to the Southern Water Authority

The Chairman clarified that both letters had been sent with the support of the seven parishes in the Focus Group without firstly obtaining Warbleton Parish Council's approval. The Clerk of Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council had brought the matter to the attention of the Clerk and the Chairman of each parish advising them that the letter had no legal basis.

The Clerk of Warbleton Parish Council reported that at least two parishes would be retracting their support.

Members discussed both letters at length. It was **AGREED** that the council supported the sentiment of both letters and by retracting the councils support it would potentially weaken the argument to both parties and undermine the work of the Focus Group. It was noted that parts of the letter to ESCC Highways had been poorly written. It was **AGREED** the terms of reference of the Focus Group produced by Horam Parish Council needed to be clarified.

It was **NOTED** that any future letters produced by the Focus Group would need to be approved at a Warbleton PC Full Council meeting or a committee meeting.

00000 **RESOLVED** to support both letters. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Focus Group to clarify that any future letters would need the approval of the Warbleton Parish Council before their support could be added.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th March at the Dunn Village Hall at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.05pm