

Minutes of a meeting of **WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7pm at the Dunn Village Hall

PRESENT: Mike Smythe (Vice-Chairman), Keith Graham, Steve Williamson, Caroline Thompson and Celia Davies

Also present: ESCC & WDC Bob Bowdler
1 members of the public
Jackie Cottrell – Parish Clerk

00401 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cook – work commitments
Cllr Long – family commitments
Cllr Wells – Parish Council engagement
Cllr Iremonger - unwell
WDC Sue Stedman – family commitments
PCSO Cathy Gilling – absent

The Chairman informed Members that David Powell was no longer a Councillor for Warbleton Parish Council.

00402 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES

To resolve that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st October 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

00403 RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st October 2021.

Matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public expressed disappointment with the increase in the Parish Council's precept for 2021/22 and hoped there would not be a further rise next year. He requested that a big ravine at Rushlake Green located at the Iwood Dip would be added to the next SLR agenda.

He drew Member's attention to Iwood Lane (one of the five wildflower routes) which ESCC had not mowed in the autumn. He stated the lane was very narrow and was dangerous for drivers. The Chairman confirmed the PC had noted his comments and would report the necessary items.

REPORTS

5.1. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

ESCC & WDC Bob Bowdler referred to his previously circulated report. He stated on behalf of WDC Sue Stedman that a few large planning applications had been refused at Wealden District Council's Planning Committee South but had been "called in" by Planning Committee North which was an unusual occurrence.

He confirmed ESCC were continuing to work towards reducing the impact of climate change and since 2009 they had reduced their carbon emissions by 66%. Permission

had been granted for 301 solar panels at County Hall in Lewes. 10 other ESCC buildings were also hoping to take part in the scheme. The Chairman of CIL requested he provided the Clerk with more details on the ESCC cycling route map consultation.

5.2. To receive reports from PCSO Catherine Gilling

None

5.3. To receive reports from Parish Councillors

There were no further Councillor reports to note.

5.4. To receive reports from the Parish Clerk

The Clerk report was noted.

The Clerk updated Members that Finger Post G located at Padgham Lane would be re-instated imminently.

The Clerk thanked the vice-chairman for help obtaining quotes for items on the asset register in need of repair.

She updated Members with a thank you letter received from a member of public to the parish council and the Clerk for the installation of the David Bysouth bench.

Lastly she informed Members the Planning & Development Committee Chairman would be stepping down from his chairmanship in May 2022 but would continue to remain on the committee.

The vice-chairman suggested the PC should write to the owners of the turning circle at Dunn Village Hall and note it's appreciation at the new repair works that had been completed which would benefit lots of the village hall users.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

6.1. To receive the acts and proceedings of the following committee meetings:

- (a) F&GP 9th September 2021
- (b) CIL 7th October 2021
- (c) Planning & Development 14th October 2021
- (d) SLR 28th October 2021

Noted

FINANCE

7.1. To authorise the bills for payment

Cheque No/BACS No	Payee	£	VAT	£ Total	Purpose
43	Jackie Cottrell				Clerk salary November 21
44	Jackie Cottrell	9.99		9.99	Printing cost invoice 1034676083 18 th Sep-17 th Oct 2021
45	J F Construction	600.00	120.00	720.00	Installation of the David Bysouth bench
46	Brian Bishop	150.00		150.00	Yearly clock winding services
47	Douglas Andrews	2860	572.00	3432.00	Finger post repairs for post A,B and C
48	Douglas Andrews	629.08	125.82	754.90	Finger post repairs for post D
49	Warbleton & District Horticultural & Poultry Society	200.00		200.00	Deposit returned

00404 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the payments listed above.

The Clerk to investigate with WDC how VAT, refunds and matched funding should be accounted in relation to CIL funds received.

7.2. To note the Finance Reports, bank reconciliation and budget monitor for October 2021

Noted

NEW COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

8.1. To resolve dates for the councillor co-option

The Clerk to request a Notice of Vacancy from WDC for another Councillor vacancy that had arisen. If both vacancies were going to be filled by co-option it was agreed that this process would be completed at the same time.

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the January Full Council meeting.

TO RESOLVE AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIRE OF RUSHLAKE GREEN VILLAGE GREEN

9.1. To agree suggested amendments to the Conditions of Hire

The Clerk clarified BHIB's response to the Parish Council's questions. It was agreed the Clerk would make one further amendment to state the public liability insurance figure should be £10,000,000 on the booking form.

00405 The amendments to the Terms and Conditions of Hire of Rushlake Green Village Green were **RESOLVED**

TO CONSIDER ANOTHER COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR WDALC

- 00406** It was **RESOLVED** Cllr Graham would be the additional councillor representative for WDALC

RUSHLAKE GREEN BIG JUBILEE LUNCH 2022

11.1 To agree the Big Jubilee Lunch can be held on Rushlake Green Village Green on Sunday 5th June 2022

The Chairman clarified the details of the Big Jubilee Lunch to Members.

The Chairman of CIL stated the tree planting idea suggested by the Big Jubilee Lunch group could be considered by the CIL Committee in the future.

- 00407** It was **RESOLVED** the Big Jubilee Lunch could be held on Rushlake Green Village Green on Sunday 5th June 2022

LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE MICHAEL GOVE

12.1. To agree the proposed letter drafted by the Focus Cluster Group

The Vice-Chairman who also represented the Parish Council on the Focus Cluster Group meetings advised the Council to use the synergy of the group and support the letter in the hope that progress would be made. He added WDC were thoroughly support of the letter.

- 00408** It was **RESOLVED** the Parish Council would be a signatory on the proposed letter to the Secretary of State RT Hon Michael Gove MP

TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE PARISH FOR 2022

13.1. To instruct the Clerk to investigate the cost of Christmas lighting in the parish

The item was discussed amongst Members and it was **AGREED** to not take this item further.

TO CONSIDER TWO COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES FOR ESALC

A Councillor expressed concern about the usefulness of the ESALC website and value for money of the membership for the Parish Council.

It was noted ESALC were responsible for the recruitment process for the existing Clerk and they do provide technical advice and access to NALC.

- 00409** It was **RESOLVED** Cllr Williamson would represent the Parish Council at the ESALC AGM

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING and/or INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA – NONE

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

The meeting was closed 19.46

