

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Stone Cross School, Adur Drive, Stone Cross

East Sussex BN24 5EF

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday, 16 September 2019

Present:

Cllr MH Haffner (Chair), Cllr F Durling, Cllr N Beany, Cllr J Hayward, Cllr D Upton, Cllr J Jones, Cllr K Farley, Cllr J Belcher

ESCC Cllr T Liddiard, WDC Cllr A Douglas

In attendance: S Sanders (Clerk)

5 members of the public

64. Apologies – Cllr I Fenner, Cllr R Mayfield

ESCC Cllr D Shing

WDC Cllr R Cade, Cllr P Doodes, Cllr A Snell

65. Declarations of Interest

None

66. Questions from members of the public on matters on the Agenda at the discretion of the Chairman –

None

67. To receive reports from East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council

Cllr Liddiard reported to the Council on a number of issues including:

Pevensey Bay library official opening on 28 September between 10.00am and 4.00pm

The Highways department will replace 'cats eyes' as they carry out surface dressing in the area

Complaints regarding anti-social driving in the Westham area particularly in Eastbourne Road. He said that this problem has now been addressed by police in the area after the Police Commissioner had been contacted.

Re-phasing of the traffic lights at the Stone Cross / Hailsham Road / Lion Hill Junction was needed as too many cars were jumping the lights at certain times.

Hugh Merriman MP has been touring the new estate with Cllr Liddiard to find out if there are any problems and asking residents to email / telephone him. Casework would be worked on jointly.

School intake September 2020 – Willingdon Secondary School intake will be increased next September.

Cllr Liddiard then took questions from Cllrs which included:

County Council ear marked reserves / general reserves

The sale of cars on the road and the improvement of the junction at Golden Jubilee Way and Dittons Road Roundabout so that pedestrians and cyclists can cross safely.

ESCC Cllr D Shing sent a report saying that a package of improvements for the A22 Corridor has been submitted to Government including replacing the Golden Jubilee Way / Dittons Road roundabout with a traffic signal controlled junction that included improvements for non-motorised users.

WDC Cllr P Doodes had submitted a report to the Chair but was unable to attend (see report as per Cllr Douglas below).

WDC Cllr Douglas attended and outlined a number of topics including:

The recent change to the new waste contractor to Biffa was going well. He also mentioned a preparation for a separate food waste collection and was awaiting details.

Climate Change - what the Council can do

Economic and Tourism – Business workshop ‘Improving Efficiencies’ planned for 20 November 2019

Drive to Digital – ongoing project

Rural Road Safety – Hugh Merriman MP will be present at a rural road safety meeting on 3 October 2019 at Hooe Village Hall.

Wealden Local Plan – Inspectors Report – not received yet

WDC Cllr A Snell did not attend but submitted a report on Wealden DC approach to Brexit which included details of a Brexit Lead Officer.

68. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 19 August 2019

The Chair asked that the Minutes of the above meeting be agreed as a correct record

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 August 2019

Proposed: Cllr N Beaney

Seconded: Cllr D Upton

Resolved: That the Minutes of 19 August 2019 be agreed

Unanimous agreement

69. Committee Minutes / Working Group Minutes

- (i) To resolve the Minutes of the Communication Group meeting held on 5 Sept 2019**

The Chair asked all Councillors to note the Minutes of the Communications Group

Resolved: That Councillors agreed to note the minutes

- (ii) To approve the Pond Working Group update statement of 15 July 2019 (deferred from previous meetings)**

The Chair asked all Councillors to agree and note the above statement

Proposed: Cllr F Durling

Seconded: Cllr M Haffner

Resolved: That Councillors agreed to note the minutes

Unanimous agreement

- (iii) Updated Statements**

Cllr Durling explained that it was a good idea to use the Notice Board by the pond for updates of the work of the Group. Before any notice was displayed it would be circulated to Councillors for their comments and 48 hours given for a reply. If no comments then the notice would be displayed.

Proposed: Cllr F Durling

Seconded: Cllr J Hayward

Resolved: That Councillors agreed that Pond Working Group updates should be displayed on the Notice Board

Unanimous agreement

70. Reports on outside meetings attended since the last Full Council Meeting

The Chair said that he and two Councillors had attended a meeting with developers regarding the Rattle Road developments.

Cllr Belcher said that she had attended a meeting of the St Johns Trust and would continue to attend as the Councils representative.

71. Agreement to approve emergency work to trees etc.

Currently there are no emergency tree works to be agreed

72. Parks and Open Spaces Committee

(i) To elect an extra member to the Committee

Cllr J Jones and Cllr N Beaney were nominated to be members of the Committee

Proposed: Cllr F Durling

Seconded: Cllr K Farley

Resolved: That Councillors agreed to the new members

Unanimous agreement

(ii) To be responsible for maintenance of the play equipment

There was much discussion between Councillors about play equipment inspections and the frequency and quality of the inspections. It was agreed that ROSPA should be contacted regarding the cost of a) carrying out a thorough inspection b) guide the Council as to how often the inspections should be carried out c) supply training to a Councillor so that they may carry out local weekly inspections.

This subject will be continued at the next Parks and Open Spaces Committee meeting on Wednesday 16 October 2019

73. Litter Picker

To agree the expenditure for high visibility safety equipment.

All Councillors agreed that this was necessary and to be purchased as soon as possible.

Proposed: Cllr J Hayward

Seconded: Cllr J Belcher

Resolved: That Councillors agreed to the purchase of high visibility safety equipment

Unanimous agreement

74. To receive and approve the quote for replacement of barrier at the car park adjacent to Stone Cross School

The barrier on the car park owned by the Parish Council has been damaged beyond repair. It had been hit by an unknown vehicle.

It was decided to source a stronger more durable barrier and quotations were sought. One estimate has been received from EMS Ltd., for a replacement.

After a short discussion it was agreed to accept the estimate and this would also support a local business.

Proposed: Cllr J Belcher

Seconded: Cllr J Jones

Resolved: That Councillors agreed to the purchase of a replacement barrier for the Stone Cross Car Park

Unanimous agreement

75. To consider response to the Wildlife and Pond Watch Group

A letter has been received from the above group with concerns about the pond.

Cllr Durling will reply to the group addressing their concerns.

Proposed: Cllr J Hayward

Seconder: Cllr D Upton

Resolved: That Councillors agree to a response being sent by Cllr F Durling

Agreed with one abstention

76. Planning

The Chair said that notification had been received of two planning applications:

WD/2019/1803/F

Location:

HANKHAM HALL COTTAGE, HANKHAM HALL ROAD, HANKHAM BN24 5AH

Proposal:

ALTERATIONS AND A FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION TO FORM BEDROOM & DRESSING ROOM, SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO FORM ENTRANCE HALL & WC AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS

WD/2019/1768/LDE

Location:

THE DOWNS VIEW, HAILSHAM ROAD, STONE CROSS BN24 5AS

Proposal:

USE OF A STRUCTURE KNOWN AS THE POOL HOUSE AS A UNIT OF ACCOMMODATION

Recommended: That the Clerk write to Wealden District Council informing them that Westham Parish Council could see no reason for objection to both of the applications

Planning Application Approvals

WD/2017/2020/MAO

OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A RESIDENTIAL SCHEMELAND SOUTH OF DITTONS ROAD, STONE CROSS, BN24 5ET

WD/2019/1670/F

PROPOSED OAK FRAMED GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION INCLUDING NEW PORCH / BOOT ROOM.....GARDEN BUNNGALOW, HAILSHAM ROAD, STONE CROSS, BN24 5BS

WD2019/1531/F

PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION (ALTERNATIVE TO PLANNING PERMISSION WD/2019/0721/F.....3 OAKLANDS, WESTHAM BN24 5AW

77. Next meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 21 October 2019 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 21.10 hours