

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 December 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 D Axell, Cllr R Mayfield

In attendance: S Sanders (Clerk)

5 members of the public

109. Apologies – Cllr J Belcher (Cllr J Hayward would be late)

110. Declarations of Interest

None

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

None

112. Co-option of Councillors – Stone Cross Ward

Two applicants had put their name forward to become Councillors for the above ward.

The two applicants are: Amanda Livingstone and Philip Baldwin.

The Chair asked for the two applicants to speak for two minutes about their interest in the Council and why they wanted to be a Councillor. He then asked for the applicants to leave the room for a short time for the Council to discuss the vacancies.

The Chair then asked for Standing Orders to be suspended:

Standing Orders suspended:

Proposed: Cllr Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr Beany

After a short discussion in which Councillors discussed the vacancy, Standing Orders were then reinstated:

Proposed: Cllr Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr Beaney

The applicants were then invited back into the room and informed that both were accepted as co-opted Councillors by unanimous agreement.

Amanda Livingstone and Philip Baldwin were then co-opted onto the Council for the Stone Cross ward.

(Cllr Hayward entered the room at 19.45pm)

113. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 18 November 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 Monday 18 November 2019

Proposed: Cllr F Durling

Seconded: Cllr N Beaney

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2019 be agreed

114. Adoption by Council of the Amended Code of Conduct 2019

The amended Code of Conduct had previously been circulated to Councillors.

It was proposed that all Councillors agree to adopt the amended Code of Conduct with effect from this meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr Farley

Resolved: that the Amended Code of Conduct 2019 is adopted immediately

Unanimous agreement

115. Planning Issues

(i) A brief summary from the Planning Advisory Group

The Chair explained to Councillors about the setup of the Planning Advisory Group and the results of the first meeting. The Chair read out a report that was clear and succinct outlining the comments from Group.

(ii) Recommendation to Council for Resolution-

that "Westham Parish Council is opposed to any further significant house building in the parish"

Proposed: Cllr Axell

Seconded: Cllr Farley

Resolved: that "Westham Parish Council is opposed to any further significant house building in the parish"

(iii) Approval for two or three representatives to attend and voice objections at the Wealden District Planning Meeting on 19th December

The Chair then asked for Standing Orders to be suspended so that a member of the Planning Advisory Group could address the Council.

Standing Orders suspended:

Proposed: Cllr Haffner

Seconded: Cllr Beaney

After a short discussion in which Councillors asked questions Standing Orders were reinstated:

Proposed: Cllr Haffner

Seconded: Cllr Beaney

Approval was then given for two representatives to attend and voice objections at Wealden DC Planning Meeting on Friday 19 December 2019.

Proposed: Cllr Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr Hayward

Resolved: that two representatives from the Planning Advisory Group to attend and voice objections at Wealden DC Planning Meeting on Friday 19 December 2019

(iv) For Councils observations at this meeting:

The Planning applications listed below may be found in detail on the Wealden DC Planning website – **These observations have agreed by Council at this meeting**

WD/2019/1740F – Uplands Farm, Rattle Road, Stone Cross, BN24 5DT

**OBJECTION – ON THE GROUDS OF THE HEDGES BEING REMOVED AND
OVERSHADOWING OF NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES**

WD/2019/1994/MAO – Friday Street Farm, Oak Tree Lane, Eastbourne BN23 8BB

**THE COUNCIL HAS NOT RECEIVED REPORTS FROM MANY OF THE LISTED
CONSULTEES THAT ARE NEEDED TO MAKE A MEASURED RESPONSE**

WD/2019/2437/F – Singleton Mill Road, Stone Cross BN24 5PX

NO OBJECTION

WD/2019/2518/F – The Croft, Hankham Hall Road, Hankham BN24 5AQ

NO OBJECTION

The meeting closed at 20.30 hours.

The date of the next meeting is the 20 January 2020

