

ARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Arlington Parish Council held on 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Arlington Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr M Garner (Chairman), J Parsons, P Stenning, V Radtke and N Kinghorn.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor N Bennett, District Council D White, District Councillor M Pinkney, A Stevens (Clerk). There were two members of the public present.

98. PUBLIC SESSION

County Councillor N Bennett said Cabinet is to set its budgets on the 23rd January. The areas of cuts will see significant changes in Education, School Support and Adult Social Care.

There will also be a number of changes to the Transport and Environment Portfolio and members could be asked to consider reducing the number of times verges are cut, to twice a year. Parish Councils may be asked to pay if they want more. Verges will still be cut more regularly where there is a safety issue.

District Councillor M Pinkney said;

- Wealden has recently purchased Vicarage Fields for £12.35m but at no cost to the rate payer. The move was taken because Wealden needs to find other sources of income, and this also provides an opportunity to stimulate regeneration in parts of Hailsham.
- Councillors have had a very vigorous debate about a proposal to introduce parking enforcement in our towns and villages. It was rejected because Councillors consider parking enforcement to be the responsibility of the police.

District Councillor D White said;

- It was also decided that Decriminalisation (Civil Parking Enforcement) would take trade away from town centres and it was noted that all profits from the money raised would go to the County Council and not to parishes.
- He was disappointed by the results of the recent Consultation on Health Facilities because a new Medical Centre would have taken pressure off and saved patients travelling to and from the DGH.
- A decision is due soon as to whether to provide a new school in Hailsham.
- Hackhurst Lane has re-opened and should help alleviate traffic on the A22.

Residents said they were very impressed at the way Tye Hill Road was cleaned.

99. APOLOGES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Collins and J Robinson-Sivyer and they were accepted by the Full Council.

South East Water sent apologies for their absence but hope to attend the Full Council Meeting in March.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CHANGES TO THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interests nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

101. MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER 2017.

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 16th November 2017 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

102. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications:

WD/2017/2833/LB - Claverham Manor, Wick Street, Berwick, BN26 6TL - Erection of a two-storey extension to replace an existing extension to the north-west elevation, with associated minor internal reconfiguration works – Arlington Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as it meets the Listed Building Requirements.

WD/2017/2832/F - Claverham Manor, Wick Street, Berwick, BN26 6TL - Erection of a two-storey extension to replace an existing extension to the north-west elevation, with associated minor internal reconfiguration works – Arlington Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as it meets the Listed Building Requirements.

b. The following Planning Applications have been approved by the District Council;

WD/2017/2241/F - 1 Copyhold Cottages, The Street, Arlington, BN26 6RY - Single storey side extension and new porch

WD/2017/2316/F - Spindlewood, Station Road, Berwick, BN26 6TG - Proposed single storey extension to the side and rear of the property and the replacement of the existing garage with a new garage.

c. Planning Matters – No other planning matters were discussed on this occasion.

103. FINANCE.

To approve list of payments – Councillors resolved to accept and approve the list of payments to the 18th January 2018 which totalled £3870.77.

1837	Glen Elphick – Sign fitting	£ 192.00
1838	T Hoad - Grass Cutting	£ 78.00
1839	Jakk - Fingerposts	£1553.28
1840	Recycling Partnership - Bin Emptying	£ 73.33
1841	Stripes - Grass Cutting	£ 90.00
1842	Wealden - Bin Emptying	£ 72.00
1843	A Stevens - Salary - Nov	£ 556.96
1844	A Stevens - Salary - Dec	£ 556.76
1845	ESCC - Pension	£ 202.53
1846	HMRC - PAYE	£ 475.91
1847	Arlington Village Hall - Hall Hire	£ 20.00

b. To approve the accounts to date – Members **resolved** to approve the accounts to 29th December 2017.

104. HIGHWAYS –

The Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) Meeting took place on the 16th January 2018. Mr Ling from Bedes attended and said the School Trust has serious concerns with regard to traffic speed and pedestrian safety at the Coldharbour Road staggered crossroads and pedestrian crossing. Bede's engineering consultants have drafted a scheme and are attending a pre-application meeting with ESCC on the 18th January to explore its viability. Councillor Parsons circulated a diagram of what is proposed which includes two mini-roundabouts on Coldharbour Road, one at the junction with Michelham Priory Road, the other at the junction with Camberlot Road.

Councillor Kinghorn asked if the 40mph Coldharbour/Camberlot/A22 triangle speed limit could be introduced at the same time. Councillor Parsons agreed in principle but qualified this by pointing out that the Bede's proposal is funded by the school and is aimed at a specific hazard immediately outside their premises in a 30mph zone whereas the SLR proposal refers to a much wider area covered at present by 40mph and national limit sections. Furthermore the SLR proposal is at present deferred until publication of Wealden's Hailsham Development Plan clarifies the situation and the impact of any extra housing is known.

Councillor Parsons said that once Bede's discussions with Highways are underway and plans for the crossroads scheme are progressing it will be desirable for the matter to be introduced for discussion at the

next available Parish Council Meeting, followed by a consultation with Upper Dicker Village and perhaps the wider Parish being undertaken by the school in the normal way. Mr Ling agreed that this would be the intended course.

Councillor Stenning said it has been nearly a year since the Parish Council first reported the loose drain covers in The Street Arlington Village. Councillor Parsons said they have now been sent a strongly worded email from the Principal Traffic and Safety Engineer at ESCC.

Councillor Garner attended the A27 Stakeholders Meeting on the 16th January. £75m has been allocated for small improvements. A by-pass would cost approximately £400m.

105. RISK ASSESSMENT – i: Play park updates – The Play Park bin is broken and beyond repair so Councillors resolved to remove the bin as soon as it is practically possible to do so.

ii: Defibrillator update – Councillor Collins continue to risk assess the defibrillators. The batteries register low but will need replacing later this year.

106. VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT – Having received the prices from an approved contractor, Councillors resolved to supply and fit the following before the end of the financial year;

1: Palisade fencing along the main road to incorporate a pedestrian entrance gate and a short section at right angles to the main fencing run to finish by the notice board.

2: 3 litter bin enclosures in the same style, with an opening door to enable access to the bin for emptying.

3: 1 hardwood Sign, ground mounted with two legs 600 x 200mm – wording to be confirmed.

4: 2 Eastbourne style Iroko hardwood benches with an inscribed brass plaque and fixing bracket set – wording of the plaque to also be confirmed.

107. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS – Councillor Kinghorn said the works to the Rights of Way paths have been carried out yet. She suggested waiting until the spring to see if they have been carried out by then.

Councillor Garner attended the Wealden District Association of Local Council's Meeting on the 10th January. The main subject on the agenda was the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The current Data Protection Act is out of date and does not take into account Social Media. The new regulation (GDPR) will take effect from 25th May 2018. The Clerk is to attend training in February to find out how the changes will affect Town and Parish Councils and will report back. Decriminalisation was also discussed.

Councillor Parsons went to fit the new lock to the car entrance at the recreation ground but found the old lock had been welded to a chain and the chain was fixed to a post with a coach bolt so he was unable to remove it. A local resident, Mr Warren, had the tools to help and managed to remove it. Arlington Parish Council would formally like to thank Mr Warren for his help with this matter.

107. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – No items were suggested for the next agenda.

The Chairman thanked Ms Becky Coode who set up the laptop and downloaded and displayed tonight's planning applications on a screen for everyone to see.

108. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be the Full Council Meeting which will take place on Thursday 15th February 2018 at 7.30pm at Upper Dicker Village Hall.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8:40pm.