

ARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Arlington Parish Council held on 15th November 2018 at 7.30pm in Arlington Village Hall

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

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

82. PUBLIC SESSION

District Councillor Pinkney said;

- The opening of the new crematorium has been delayed by a further two to three months.
- The government has given local authorities extra money to repair potholes.

Mr Collins said he wished to bring the following information to the Parish Council's attention in respect of his planning application (WD/2018/2098). He said;

- The application reflects the grounds for the previous refusal in that the fence to the front of the property has been reduced to 1 metre high and does not now need planning permission.
- The application reflects that the old fence adjacent to Robin Post Lane could not be repaired and had to be replaced 'as it now stands' on the following grounds:

Health and Safety

Both adults and children were breaking through the old dilapidated fence and trying to climb oak trees and other items in the garden.

Security

Multiple thefts have occurred of garden ornaments and also incidences of items being thrown from the patio through open windows.

Loss of privacy

Increased pedestrian and equestrian activities along Robin Post Lane cause the main garden to be overlooked.

He asked the Parish Council to appreciate these concerns and support the application in the form of the following words:

'The Parish Council supports planning application WD/2018/2098 especially as it addresses the concerns of the occupants in terms of health and safety, security and privacy'.

Miss Proctor spoke out about Bede's latest planning proposals. She said;

- She particularly objects to the removal of two rows of oaks which are 100-150 years old and cannot be replaced. She said they form ancient boundaries, are part of our historical landscape and heritage, absorb carbon dioxide and are home to three species of bats.
- The footpath forms part of the Weald Way and it is popular with both tourists and residents alike. There will be fencing alongside it which will block the views.
- The fields are too close to houses and the noise impact on those living there will be considerable.
- The plans could exacerbate existing flood problems at Michelham Priory and at the Cuckmere.
- The fact the turf is artificial and she asked Bede's to consider the impact on the village.

District Councillor Pinkney said;

- Charles Lant has now resigned as Chief Executive at Wealden. His successor has been appointed and is Trevor Scott.
- Wealden is waiting for an examination date for its Local Plan.

Mr Hitchen from Dicker Cricket Club;

- Said the Club is now back on a sound footing.
- Asked the Parish Council to consider donating £1000 towards the cost of a new roof for the changing room because it leaks.

County Councillor Bennett said;

- ESCC has some Community Match Funding available. If anyone has some minor works they would like help with, please let him know.
- He previously circulated a report from Southern Water which reassured residents Southern Water will be able to cope with the extra development. He also plans to circulate a summary of Costain's End of Year 2 contract soon.
- ESCC has to find further cuts of £46m and is asking for residents views. He said ESCC has also put a case forward to Central Government which identifies why savings here are not feasible.
- He is hoping to set up an Environment Board.

83. APOLOGES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors J Robinson-Sivyer, J Sellars and V Radtke and they were accepted by those present.

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

Councillor Stenning said he attended another SCATE meeting, Councillor Kinghorn said she is on the organisation's email distribution list.

85. MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2018.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 18th October 2018 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

86. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications:

WD/2018/2098/FR - Robin Post House, Robin Post Lane, Hailsham, BN27 3RA - Retrospective applications for the retention of two-metre high close-boarded boundary fence (re-submission of WD/2017/2149/FR) – Arlington Parish Council supports planning application WD/2018/2098 especially as it addresses the concerns of the occupants in terms of health and safety, security and privacy'.

WD/2018/2099/OA - Old Barn Farm, Michelham Priory Road, Arlington, BN27 3QS - Minor material amendment to WD/2016/2732/O (Outline application for the demolition of redundant barn and erection of dwelling and garage) to remove Condition 4 and to vary Condition 9 (to allow for a new access to be created to the property). – Arlington Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

WD/2018/2301/F - The Mount, Camberlot Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3RH - Construction of new two storey extension and bay to existing living room – Arlington Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds because it is in keeping with the area and it is well screened.

b. Approved Planning Applications – The following planning applications have been approved by Wealden District Council;

WD/2018/1979/F - Bangalore, Hempstead Lane, Hailsham, BN27 3PR - Rear extension.

WD/2018/1807/F - Camberlot Hall, Camberlot Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3RH - To replace an all-weather tennis court with a partially walled garden and open sided garden shelter, returning a portion (82.5 m. sq.) of the tennis court to open garden.

c. Planning Matters – Councillor Kinghorn said she contacted ESCC because she is worried that the sport facilities at Bede's cross a public footpath and it might be used as justification to do it again.

Councillor Parsons reminded those present Bede's is holding a 'Drop In' consultation on 17th November and encouraged everyone to attend. He said he hopes the three proposals will be dealt with a separate applications and encouraged Councillors to make their observations both as a Council and as individuals.

87. FINANCE.

To approve list of payments – Councillors resolved to accept and approve the list of payments to the 15th November 2018 which totalled £3048.50

1919	WDALC - Subscription	£ 18.00
1920	PKF Littlejohn – Audit	£ 240.00
1921	Upper Dicker Village Hall - Grant	£ 750.00
1922	Arlington Village Hall - Grant	£ 750.00
1923	SSALC - Training	£ 72.00
1924	Trevor Hoad – Grass Cutting	£ 108.00
1925	Recycling Partnership – Bin Emptying	£ 34.61
1926	Stripes – Grass Cutting	£ 180.00
1927	A Stevens – Salary	£ 568.90
1928	ESCC – Pension	£ 210.39
1929	Playsafety Ltd – Parks Inspections	£ 96.60
1930	Arlington Village Hall – Hall Hire	£ 20.00

- b. To approve the accounts to date – Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts to 31st October 2018.
- c. Grant Applications and Precept 2019- 2021 – Arlington Parish Council **resolved** to award Dicker Cricket Club £1000 towards the cost of a new roof for the changing rooms.

After careful consideration of the figures distributed by the Clerk, Councillors resolved the precept for 2019-2020 will be £20835.

88. HIGHWAYS –

There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

- 89. RISK ASSESSMENTS** – The Clerk asked Councillors to look at the ROSPA Parks Inspection Report in preparation for the next meeting.
- 90. ALLOTMENTS** – There is currently one vacant allotment which the Parish Council the Parish Council hopes to fill soon.
- 91. CAROLS ON THE GREEN** – Councillors resolved to hold the Carols on the Village Green again this year. Tess Flowers will organise the event on the 10th December and will need to comply with the insurance requirements.
- 92. VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT** – One more maintenance session is planned before the spring.
- 93. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS** – Councillor Stenning;
- Said he found ESCC’s response to the Local Plan interesting and is waiting to see what the Inspector makes of it.
 - Asked to be booked in to attend the Wealden Parish Conference. The Clerk said she will book him on.
 - Asked the Parish Council to invite Nus Ghani MP, to a future Parish Council Meeting to address residents’ concerns on the A27 and transport in general. The Clerk said she will invite her.
- 94. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** – Planning Applications and ROSPA Report.
- 95. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be the Full Council Meeting which will take place on Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Upper Dicker Village Hall.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8:20pm.

