

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION, WALBERTON, ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY, 2013 AT 7.00 P M

Present: Councillors Mrs. May (Chair), Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Sargeant, Mrs. Norton , Roddham.

In attendance: 2 members of the public
District Councillor N. Dingemans
County Councillor D. Whittington

03713 Apologies for absence
Apologies were recorded from Councillor Treves

03813 Declarations of interests
None

03913 Confirmation of the minutes
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th November, 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

04013 Matters Arising
None

04113 Report from West Sussex County Council
County Councillor Whittington had nothing to report.
Councillor Mrs. Clark thanked Councillor Whittington for keeping the Parish Council well informed of WSCC developments.

04213 Report from Arun District Council
District Councillor Dingemans submitted the attached report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.20 pm for public questions

Mr. J. Heathcote raised the question of the culvert at Hedgers Hill and the effects of the recent bad weather. Councillor Whittington said that this was not a high priority at the present time.

Councillor Mrs. May asked if there was any news on the proposed work to West Walberton Lane. Councillor Whittington was still waiting to hear.

Mr. J. Heathcote said that the resurfacing work at Lake Lane was good,.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.30 pm

04313 Dispensation
The Clerk confirmed that all Councillors present had applied for and

been granted dispensation to allow them to take part budget and precept setting discussions and votes

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Reports from Committee Chairs

Planning Committee

Councillor Mrs. Sargeant presented the minutes of the Planning meetings held on 4th December 2012 and 8th January 2013. There were no questions

General Purposes Committee

Councillor Roddham reported on the meeting held on 22nd January. There will be a meeting on 12th February to discuss broadband and web sites. The Clerk and Councillor Mrs. Clark have met with a contractor to consider improvements to the pond. Our application to the Woodland Trust was successful and we will be receiving 420 trees for the Jubilee Wood. Councillor Mrs. Sargeant will arrange for the Pre School to do some planting assisted by Task Force volunteers. Councillor Mrs. Clark suggested seeking volunteers in the Parish News. Councillor Mrs. Sargeant said that the staff at the Golf Club would undertake planting and an area would be fenced off to protect the young trees. The Clerk was reminded to obtain a sign for the Jubilee Wood.

Finance and Health and Safety Committee

The Clerk reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on 15th January 2013, A copy of the minutes and the recommendations of the Committee had been circulated to all Councillors.

The Council resolved to:

1. Adopt the proposed budget for 2013-1014
2. Set the precept for 2013-1014 at £32496.00

There will be no increase in the amount of Council tax taken by the Parish Council from residents.

The grant awards recommended by the Finance Committee were considered and the Council resolved to accept the recommendations. The Clerk will with-hold the Cricket Club grant until they are able settle the outstanding invoice for rent. At the present time they are having problems changing bank signatories but this should be sorted soon.

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Reports from other Organisations

Joint Downland Area Committee

Councillor Roddham presented the attached report on the meeting held on 21st January 2013.

Walberton Task Force

Work has been somewhat curtailed by the weather but some clearance of the Avisford Park Road path and the Pound has taken place. The next work session will be at the Pound.

Allotments
No report available

Parish News
No report available

Village Hall
No report available

Community Playcentre @ Walberton
Councillor Mrs. May has met with the solicitors and the lease is proceeding. Interviews of groups who have applied to manage the pre-school and associated services at the centre will be held on 11th February 2013.

Flood Task Force
Councillor Mrs. Sargeant advised that there are some flood warning signs available. The recent bad weather had not caused too many problems in the village.

Police Liaison
No report available. The Clerk had received advice of a tractor being stolen in Yapton Lane and diesel drained from vehicles in Tye Lane. Councillor Mrs. Clark said there were instances locally of vans being targeted and power tools being stolen,.

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Scouts

The request from the Scouts for an additional evening in the pavilion had been discussed on 27th November but had not been resolved. It was agreed that it was important to be able to offer facilities for young people to meet. The Clerk was instructed to offer the Scouts use of the pavilion on Tuesday evenings and move Parish Council meetings to Mondays. As the Council does not meet every Monday this will cause less disruption to the Stoolball Club's summer fixtures.

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Correspondence

1. The Council considered the request for a caravan rally on the playing field. This was refused.
2. There were no takers for the Community Emergency Workshop.

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Other business

1. Councillor Roddham asked that the next Finance agenda has on item for grant sourcing for Council projects.
2. The Clerk was asked to write to St Richards Hospital as advertising for their November Fair needed removing in the Village.
3. Councillor Mrs. Clark advised that she had been asked to help with the Open Gardens day this summer.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 26th March, 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Pavilion.

Signed..... Dated.....

Chairman of the Council