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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
PAVILION, WALBERTON, ON TUESDAY 26th JULY, 2016 AT 6.30 P M**

Present: Councillors Mrs Clark (Chair) Camerer Cuss, Strickland,
Mrs Wallsgrove, Ms English, Mrs Parsons

In attendance: District Councillor N Dingemans
Mr M Mitchell (prospective new Councillor)
8 members of the public

26816 Apologies for absence
Apologies were recorded from Councillors Rogers, Moores and County
Councillor Whittington

26916 Declarations of interests
No declarations were made

27016 Confirmation of the minutes
The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24th May, 2016 were
approved and signed by the Chairman.

27116 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising from the minutes for further discussion

27216 Co-Option of new Councillor

1. RESOLVED that Mr Marc Mitchell be co-opted as a member of the
Parish Council.
2. Councillor Mitchell then joined the other Councillors
3. Councillor Mitchell will take over Parish Council responsibilities for
Community Resilience and will work closely with Mr A Siragher.
4. Councillor Mitchell was appointed to serve on the General
Purposes Committee.

27316 Report from West Sussex County Council
There was no report available

27416 Report from Arun District Council
District Councillor Dingemans presented the attached report

The meeting was adjourned at 6.42 for public questions

Mr K Perry asked if was possible for the seat on the verge opposite the shops to be
repaired and for overhanging foliage to be cut back.

The meeting reconvened at 6.45 pm

27516 Extension to Churchyard
The Chairman read a report submitted by Mr P Brown on the efforts of
the PCC to purchase some additional land to extend the churchyard.,
The Council resolved to support the proposals but were unable to
offer any financial support.

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Reports from Committee Chairs

Planning Committee

Councillor Camerer Cuss presented the minutes, which had already been circulated, of the Planning Committee meetings on 14th June and 12th July, 2016.

Councillor Mrs Clark asked if details of Permitted Development Rights could be available for the next Planning Committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Councillor Strickland had been elected Committee Chair and reported that income and expenditure were running as per plans. The Asset Register had been updated with some minor modifications. A sum of £300.00 would be made available to the WalBinFont website to be taken as needed.,

There were no questions

General Purposes Committee

Councillor Mrs Clark, re-elected Chair, presented the minutes, already circulated of the meeting held on 5th July, 2016. Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove had been elected Vice Chair with special responsibilities for the playing field, both play areas, the Pond, the Green and Rights of Way. A grant of £1950.00 towards Finger Post refurbishment has been obtained, and an application has been made to SITA for a grant towards refurbishment of the Pavilion. During May/June Community Speedwatch recorded 331 offences of which 244 resulted in letters being sent.

There were no questions.

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Reports from other Organisations

Joint Downland Area Committee

Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove had nothing to report apart from the Finger Post grant.

Walberton Task Force

No report available

Village Hall

Councillor Rogers submitted a report which was read by the Chair. After the AGM there was a Committee meeting and Mr V Cooper was appointed Vice Chairman. Councillor Rogers has agreed to work with Mr Cooper in updating the constitution and the charity's reserves Policy. The accounts show reserves of £23000.00 A new boiler and carpets will be purchased this year. The fireworks will be on 6th November. The siting of the defibrillator had been discussed and the Village Hall Committee seemed shocked by the AGM and felt that the Parish Council had attended "mob handed" and they felt "blackmailed". A show of hands was called for and it was unanimously in favour of the defibrillator being sited on the Village Hall wall. Councillor Rogers tendered his resignation as Parish Council representative to the Village Hall Committee.

Parish News

Deadline for the next issue is 10th August. The News is now being sold

in Fontwell Village Stores.

Allotments

Councillor Rogers submitted a report read by the Chair. The allotments are having a good season. Regrettably two allotment holders will be asked to fulfil their obligations with regard to the condition of their plots and will be given a timetable for visible improvement. Work on stabilising the fence will begin in the autumn. The Clerk is still waiting for the quotation to clear along the northern Boundary.

Community Playcentre @ Walberton

Mr A Siragher was appointed to be Parish Council liaison with the Community Playcentre. The AGM held on 18th May was well attended. An additional trustee is still required and there is a vacancy for a cook. A new accountant has been appointed. Attendances at all sessions/age groups are better than expected. A grant of £10000.00 has just been received. The area of playing field to the North of the Playcentre needs some attention.

Flood Task Force

Councillor Ms English had nothing specific to report but will ask Landbuild for some quotes on work needed in Eastergate Lane.

Police Liaison

Nothing of note in the area. General advice is to keep windows and doors closed during the warm weather.

Community Speedwatch

A total of eight sessions were held in July with 158 recorded offenders. Reporting accuracy is up to 90%. The new equipment is very effective. Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove asked if it was possible to have some more "Slow Down" signs in Fontwell. Councillor Strickland will ask the Police if they can help.

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A27 Arundel bypass

An update on the ANBC's current campaign was considered. This will receive further discussion at the next Planning Committee meeting.

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Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Camerer Cuss reported that the Examiner's report had now been received but had not yet been discussed by the NPSG. Arun District Council are objecting to the Examiner's recommendation that Fontwell Meadows be given local Green Space status.

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WalBinFont

Councillor Mrs Clark reported that the event had been a great Success with good attendances. There were 280 people for the Willie Austen band. The organising team had only spent £611.00 of the Parish Events reserve. Initial indications are that there will be a profit of approx. £5500.00 after some remaining small expenses have been paid.

Mr V Cooper complimented Councillor Mrs Clark and her team for organising such a lovely weekend.

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Horse Chestnut Tree

The offer of a replacement Horse Chestnut tree from Mr D Harding which he had grown from a conker collected from the now felled tree in front of the Village Hall was discussed. Councillors resolved to accept his kind offer and Mr J Bentley will be asked pick a spot where this can be planted.

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The Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 starting at 6.30 pm.

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Village Hall

1. The letter dated 14th June, 2016, signed by both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee was discussed. The letter had been acknowledged advising that the issues raised would be raised at the next Council meeting. The letter stated complaints had been made by a Parish Councillor and the issues were not Parish Council business. The Chair, Councillor Mrs Clark, said that the comments and suggestions were made by an individual acting on behalf of a number of hall users and with the knowledge of the Parish Council, and that this meeting was not the forum to discuss these subjects, while the issue of the defibrillator placement had meanwhile been settled.
2. In order to allow time for an agreement on the terms and wording of a revised constitution for the Village Hall to be reached, Councillor Strickland suggested that his resolution to revoke the Village Hall Trust be, meanwhile held in abeyance. The Council agreed that the resolution be therefore held over and reconsidered at its November meeting.
3. Councillor Strickland and Mr V Cooper (Village Hall Vice Chair) will arrange to meet in an effort to sort out differences. The next Village Hall Committee meeting is scheduled for 20th September.

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Communications

There was no report to consider.

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Correspondence

The 3SC Devolution Newsletter was noted.

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Other relevant business

1. There has been some ongoing correspondence with Mrs Cathy Ratcliffe relating to dog fouling in the Street. The Clerk has met with Mrs Ratcliffe and a proposed site for a dog waste bin has been identified. Mrs Ratcliffe has offered to do some fund raising towards the costs which was welcomed by Councillors. The Clerk was instructed to speak with WSCC as the proposed site is a highways verge and permission will be required. Mrs Ratcliffe and some friends are planning a poster campaign which the Council supported provided the posters are kept on private property
2. The Clerk has replied to a letter from Mrs Howell concerning overgrown rights of way.
3. Mrs Lynn Ballard has asked if it would be possible to have a dog waste bin along the cycle path. The Clerk will approach WSCC.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 27th September 2016.

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

Chairman of the Council

