

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 28th
OCTOBER, 2014**

Present: Councillors Roddham, Siragher, Helyer, Mrs Clark, Mrs. Norton

**In attendance: Councillors Treves and Mrs Sargeant
District Councillor Dingemans
17 members of the public**

37414 Apologies for absence

Apologies were recorded from Councillors Rogers and Mrs May

37514 Declarations of Interests

None

37614 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8th July, 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman

37714 Matters arising

1. The dog poo bag dispenser has been fitted to the pavilion wall
2. Operation Watershed work has been delayed
3. The Clerk had met with the CCTV contact but no reply has been received
4. The Clerk had written to the garage in Fontwell concerning litter. No reply has been received but the litter is being cleared

37814 Arundel Bypass

The Chairman invited Councillor Treves to address the meeting and explain what was now being proposed as bypass routes. Maps showing the options were circulated to all present. There is movement away from the original pink/blue (option A) and a new route (option B) is being proposed. This route would be devastating for Walberton and Binsted. There has been no consultation with the Parish Council. The Chairman invited comments from members of the public and allowed a short question and answer session. District Councillor Dingemans stated that Arun District Council's position was to safeguard the original pink/blue route.

The Council resolved:

1. To press for all options to be progressed to Stage 3 and beyond of the Department for Transport's A27 Corridor Feasibility Study. For avoidance of doubt this includes Options A to E and the online improvements as proposed in the Atkins report A Route Strategy and Action Plan for the A27 Final Report 17 July 2013.
2. To object to Options B1 and B2 due to the severe harm they will do to Walberton Parish, its residents, businesses and amenities.
3. To liaise with Arundel Town Council and Lyminster and Crossbush Parish Council over the A27 corridor improvements programme.

37914 Sussex Police

1. The latest crime reports were noted.

- 38014 Playing Field**
1. The quotation from Four Seasons for hedge work was considered and rejected. Councillor Helyer will supply contact details for another contractor.
 2. The Cricket Club have re-laid the cricket square at a cost of £1500.00 from their own funds.
- 38114 Highways issues**
1. The request for grant assistance from Avisford Park Road residents was considered and Councillors unanimously agreed not to support the application.
 2. The letter from Mrs J Barratt asking for double yellow lines at two locations in the Street was considered and Councillors agreed that this was just not possible.
 3. There has been some problems with traffic/parking in the Street recently due the closure of the Holly Tree car park to allow the service trench to be dug for the new development and a traffic diversion due the closure of Lake Lane. However these are only temporary measures.
- 38214 Play Area**
1. The October inspection report was noted. The Clerk will take up the issue of a self closing gate.
 2. S106 funds of £6000.00 have now been received for new equipment. At the Neighbourhood Plan open day on 8th November residents will be asked what they would like to see in the way of additional play equipment and this will be taken into account when the Council next meets.
- 38314 Pavilion maintenance**
1. Window repairs not yet actioned.
 2. Fire safety equipment has been checked
 3. Some small repairs needed to Red Cross Hut
- 38414 Broadband/web sites update**
1. Mrs .M. Chaffe will be asked to continue looking after the PC web site.
 2. The Village web site (formerly WAG) is now being hosted by 123 Reg.
 3. The Chairman will speak to the web designer who has worked with the Neighbourhood Plan team.
- 38514 Fontwell Phone Box**
- There has been no progress on relocating the phone box. The Clerk will speak again with WSCC.
- 38614 Correspondence**
- Lightsource has contacted the Council concerning a proposal for a solar farm on land at Lower Farm in Yapton Lane. An information evening is being held in the Village Hall on 4th November.
- 38714 Other Business**
1. Councillor Mrs sergeant has given a copy of the Councils' Flood Plan to Sims Williams to assist them with property sales.
 2. Councillor Mrs. Norton is unable to open links in the Rural Services Network news digest.
 3. It has been reported to Councillor Treves that there is a bus stop in

Yapton Lane used by schoolchildren which could be dangerous now that the clocks have changed. This will be investigated.

4. Councillor Mrs. Clark advised that there had been some more clearance work undertaken on the pond. The large oak tree on the ditch by the Green needs some attention. The Clerk will check to see if this is the responsibility of the Council.

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Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be advised.

29414 Broadband/ web sites update

1. The June update from West Sussex County Council was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to WSCC asking for a Parish specific update.

2. The Chairman circulated a quotation from Web Spun Solutions which was to be considered along with the quotation from Maroline design which had already been circulated to Councillors .After some discussion the Committee resolved to ask Maroline Design to proceed with updating the Village (WAG) web site. The re-design fee is £600.00 which includes technical support for the first 3 months. Revisions will be charged at £35.00 per hour, extra pages £100.00 per page and technical support at £35,00 per hour. The Chairman will make contact to get work started.

29514 The Pound

Repairs to the wall have been completed and the Council has received some complimentary comments concerning the quality of the work. The information board has still to be erected. The position will be determined at a later date

29614 The Pond

1. The picnic bench has been ripped from it's mountings and the glass panel in the notice board has been smashed. Repairs are in hand.
2. Councillor Mrs Clark gave an update on the events/timetable for the official re-opening of the pond on 12th July following the restoration work funded by a SITA grant. All Councillors were urged to attend and give support. Posters are being put up around the parish.

29714 New bus shelter/stop

The results of the consultation held on 2nd July had been circulated to Councillors. After consideration of the results and some discussion the committee decided unanimously that they were opposed to having a metal framed shelter at the proposed site and resolved to have a wooden shelter which was considered more in keeping with the area. It was also thought that a bespoke built shelter would be preferable provided that this would qualify for grant assistance from WSCC. The Clerk was asked to investigate and advise.

29814 Fontwell Phone Box.

Councillor Mrs Norton reported on the results of the questionnaire placed in the Village Stores at Fontwell. Of the 52 people who had completed the questionnaire 41 were residents of Fontwell, 10 did not live in Fontwell and 1 did not state where they lived. The majority of the respondents were of the opinion that the phone box should stay in Fontwell. The Clerk was asked to speak to WSCC to find out if it would be possible to move the box to a County owned highway verge within the settlement. This would allow the Council to put the box to use as either an information point or book exchange. A final decision on the future of the box will be made at a later date.

29914 Litter in Fontwell

Councillor Mrs Norton was concerned about the amount of litter that accumulates from time to time around the garage site. This appears to be discarded paper cups in the main. The Clerk was asked to write to the garage site manager to see what can be done to resolve this problem.

30014 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider

30114 Other business
Councillor Mrs May raised the possibility of a web cam system in the village which might help security. This idea will be explored.

30214 Date of next meeting
The next meeting will be advised

signed..... dated.....

Committee Chairman