

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION,
WALBERTON, ON TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2015 AT 7.00 P M**

Present: Councillors Siragher (Chair), Camerer Cuss, Rogers, Strickland,
Mrs Clark, Mrs Wallsgrove, Ms English.

In attendance: District Councillor Dingemans
Mr R Moores – prospective new Councillor

44115 Apologies for absence

An apology was recorded from County Councillor Whittington

44215 Declarations of interests

None

44325 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

44415 Matters Arising

The dead Elder tree in front of the Village Hall requires urgent attention

44515 Co-option of a new Councillor

Mr Richard Moores was co-opted as a new Councillor on a proposal by Councillor Siragher seconded by Councillor Mrs Clark with all in favour.

Councillor Moores was appointed to serve on the General Purposes Committee

44615 Report from West Sussex County Council

No report available

44715 Report from Arun District Council

District Councillor Dingemans presented the attached repo

There were no public questions

44815 Reports from Committee Chairs

Planning Committee

Councillor Camerer Cuss presented the minutes, which had already been circulated, of the Planning Committee meetings held on 20th October and 16th November.

There were no questions

Finance Committee

Councillor Siragher presented the minutes, already circulated. of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10th November, 2015.

The next meeting is scheduled for 15th December when the budget for 2015-16 will be discussed together with a suggested precept. These will need to be agreed by Council at the January meeting.

Councillor Camerer Cuss suggested budget items be circulated before the meeting.

There were no questions

General Purposes Committee

Councillor Mrs Clark presented the minutes, already circulated, of the G P Committee meetings held on 6th October, 2015 and 17th

November, 2015

Kevin Durban-Jackson has taken on the role of co-ordinator of the Speedwatch group. The Clerk will make contact with Landbuild in an effort to complete the Operation Watershed tasks. Residual funds could be spent on other flood defence issues in the Parish.

The base for moving the Fontwell phone box needs to be put in quickly. Councillor Strickland will speak to a builder contact for a price for the work to also include breaking up and removing the old base.

There were no questions

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Fontwell Meadows outline planning application

Councillor Camerer Cuss advised that Arun District Council's Development Control Committee will be considering the Planning Officer's report recommending the approval of Dandara's application for Fontwell Meadows on 25th November. Councillor Mrs Clark will be speaking against the application on behalf of the Parish Council. The Cluster group have obtained a legal opinion on the part of the site that is in Eastergate Parish and covered by their Neighbourhood Plan. The opinion is that this part of the site should not be discussed at the DCC meeting and that if a decision to approve is made it will be unlawful.

Representatives from the neighbourhood Plan Steering Group met with Counsel on 20th November 2015 and the report of the meeting was circulated.

Councillor Strickland had concerns that some of the Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan – Fontwell Meadows, Avisford Park, Tupper's Field and the National Trust Triangle – may have to be removed from the Plan. Councillor Mrs Clark replied that the NSPG had considered this possibility at the last meeting and it had recorded in the minutes that if necessary then Avisford Park followed by the National Trust Triangle would be taken out first.

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Reports from other Organisations

Joint Downland Area Committee

Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove advised that the bus shelter grant application was being considered on 14th December, 2015

Walberton Task Force

A tree planting session is being held at the Jubilee Wood on 27th November ,2015

Allotments

Councillor Rogers presented the attached report

Parish News

Included in the next issue will be articles on Christmas scams/thefts, the Love West Sussex web site for reporting faults, and Parish Council grant awards.

Village Hall

No meeting to report

Community Playcentre @ Walberton
nothing to report

Flood Task Force

Since Mr C Baldwin has moved from the village a replacement

Flood Warden is needed.

Police Liaison

Councillor Strickland urged Councillors to consider the Public consultation on policing costs launched by Katy Bourne, the Police and Crime Commissioner. Full details can be found on the Council's web site.

45115 Neighbourhood Plan

1. Councillor Mrs Clark presented the attached report.
2. The Council resolved to approve the decision of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group not to sign the Consultancy Agreement for the Neighbourhood Plan examination. The Clerk will advise Arun District Council of this decision.
3. The Council resolved to reconfirm the authority granted to the NSPG by approval of the following statement:
."The Parish Council notes the restrictive Neighbourhood Plan Reg 15 consultation timetable that has been imposed and notes the NSPG and the Parish Council membership overlaps. For the avoidance of doubt the Council reconfirms the delegation to NSPG of the final negotiation to secure passage of the Plan that has been agreed and submitted, and the exercise of judgement on whether any changes to it that are required are sufficiently extensive, individually or cumulatively, to put at risk the anticipated parishioner support for their Plan at Referendum"

45215 New Councillors

Liss Norton has now officially resigned from the Parish Council. The statutory notice required by law will be placed on the notice board Arun District Council will be informed.

45315 Community resilience

Both the Chairman and Councillor Strickland had attended the venue but found that then meeting was not talking place. Councillor Mrs Clark had been at a SALC meeting earlier on the same day and had learnt of a Parish which had set up a Community Resilience group and through regular e-mail contact and an e-mail newsletter this had brought the community together. This will be explored further as an agenda item at the next General Purposes Committee meeting.

45415 2016 Villages Day

The organising sub committee are meeting on 1st December 2015 and will report at the January 2016 Parish Council meeting.

45515 Grants

Councillor Strickland advised that the Walberton, Binsted and West Barnham Sick Poor Fund had granted the Council £1000.00 towards defibrillator costs. He was currently searching for a further grant.

45615 Correspondence received

A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Curzons concerning the cycle path across the Green. The Chairman has already replied.

45715 Other relevant business

1. The Chairman of Climping Parish Council, had contacted Councillor Siragher about the possibility of the waste transfer facilities at Hobbs Barn being doubled to 50,000 tonnes per annum and the possibility of HGV movements through Walberton. Some vehicles seem to be ignoring the current S106 Routing Agreement and are using Yapton Lane. The Clerk will speak to WSCC Highways and ask them to remind TJ Waste of the Routing Agreement. The Clerk has also spoken to WSCC about Viridor vehicles using Yapton Lane to access the MRF facility at Ford. An article will be included in the Parish News asking villagers to report instances of these HGV vehicles (dates and times) in Yapton Lane.
2. Councillor Strickland asked if the office Wi-Fi could be made more accessible. It was agreed that the facility would be available to Councillors and pavilion users only for the time being.

45815 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 26th January, 2016.

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

Chairman of the Council