**WEST WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th**

**March 2016 in the Village Hall at 8pm**

Those present were: Chairman Ross-Bain, Cllrs. Causton, Holness

and Nichols. Dist.Cllr.Turner, County Cllr. Hickford

and the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Okkenhaug & Snow, Dist.Cllr Turner. At this point Mr Keith Roberts who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council signed the Declaration of Acceptance form and the Register of Interest and then joined the council at the table.
2. **Declaration of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 11th March 2016 were signed as correct.
4. ***Opportunity for public statement:***

Mr John Wilkinson of Viking Close wished to complain about the constant barking of dogs in his neighbourhood which have been left out in the gardens. Was there anything he could do to get it stopped? It was suggested he write a letter to the Parish Council who could then take it up with the South Cambs. Environmental Dept. Cllr. Fraser said that the addresses would be needed.

1. **Affordable Housing:** Nothing further to report at present.
2. **Planning:**

S/3039/15/FL – New detached garage, 4 High St. Approved by Parish Council & SCDC.

S/0060/16/LB – Proposed Orangery to west facing elevation, Oxcrofts Farm. Approved Parish Council.

1. **Finance:**  Updated spread sheet distributed to councillors.
2. **Authorised payments:**

£576.00 CGM Group, hedge cutting at recreation ground. (Chq. 972)

£44.00 Mrs A Bragg (Challenge) West Wratting website adv. invoice (chq.973).

18.64 STP for ink and stationery inv.3798 & 3799. (chq. 974/975)

£370.30 Mrs J Richards Feb/March salary (chq. 976)

£ 6.66 Parish Clerk’s travel exp. Re audit (18 miles) (chq.977)

£ 16.38 Parish Clerk’s postage costs (chq. 977)

£138.38 HM Inland Rev. 4th qrt. (chq.978)

1. **Monies received:**

**£125.00 West Wratting Sports Pavilion 2nd tranche of rent to Dec.2015.**

1. **Internal Auditor:** It was agreed to ask “Running Total” to again do this.
2. **Cllr.** Nichols, who is taking over the monitoring of finances and budget from Cllr. Okkenhaug, said that the budget was on schedule and it looked as if there would be a small underspend.
3. **Maintenance:**
4. Hedge cutting on footpaths: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Garrod Family Tree Ltd to cut the field maples back 50% and shape along the footpath running up the side of 52 High St.
5. Playground maintenance: Cllr. Causton spoke about fund raising to replace playground equipment and was looking at different outlets. Cllr. Fraser suggested the Community Fund which could give up to £1500. It is worth going to the Windfarm Fund for a grant. Cllr. Holness asked whether this fund raising should include funding for the Bowls area but Cllr. Causton said she would prefer just to concentrate on the children’s play area. Cllr. Nichols wondered if putting equipment for disabled children might help with funding. The Parish Clerk will write to Wicksteeds to let them know we are looking for grant money to help purchase the Log Traverse and would keep them informed and will provide Cllr. Causton with the 2015 RoSPA report.
6. A request had been made to replace the bollard at the Pump Shelter which has been broken. It was agreed that a wooden post would be best and Cllr. Holness would contact Andrew Hodge to see if he could do this.
7. **Correspondence:** Letter has been received from SCDC to say that The Chestnuts has been added to The Assets of Community Value. Cllr. Causton said this was for five years only and it was suggested the Agreement is placed on the pub’s notice board as a reminder and this was agreed.
8. **West Wratting Football Club:** Cllr. Holness reported
9. **Dug-Outs** – These are not yet in place.
10. **Bowls area:** They have got no further with fund raising to help with the cost of putting up chain-link fencing to make the place safe and secure if the youth football club were to use it as a training area.
11. **Defibrillator:** Installed but the key pad is inoperative and so Mrs Miller is contacting the supplier. There will be a training course available at the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth date to be notified.
12. **Security:** They have decided to purchase grills rather than roller shutters, the former being the least costly. Funds to come from their own resources, including the sale of the lawnmower.
13. **Functions:** They are allowed 18 functions a year but they must liaise with the landlord of The Chestnuts and the Village Hall to avoid a clash of events.
14. **Shower:** The repair of showers has been carried out.
15. **Traffic issues:** Cllr. Nichols reported on:
16. **Rondels**: She, Cllr. Holness and Nicola Burdon of Highways had walked round the village and five sites were chosen for the 30mph rondels to be placed. The quoted cost is approx. £550 for the five rondels. The cost of moving the 30mph signs further out would cost between £8000 and £10,000. They also looked at the flooding in The Causeway and this will be addressed. Cllr Nichols is logging every incident along Common Road, Six Mile Bottom Road etc. and informing the Police. Speed Watch is carried out but has to be done within the 30mph limit, Cllr. Hickford thought it was 40mph and will check. It would be good if the Police could do a speed check on the 60mph limit Common Road. Cllr. Hickford suggested the parish ask for a 40mph sign to be put between the 60mph and 30mph signs on the Common Road as soon as possible. The Chairman said he would contact Ciaro Cousins about this. Jayshree Ramsurun was thanked for her work on Speed Watch and a letter will be written.
17. **Potholes**: The Parish Clerk had received complaints from various people and asked them to report to the Highways Dept. If everyone does this hopefully they will get something done.
18. **Broadband:** Cllr. Nichols reported that she had been informed by BT that she will be able to get superfast broadband by 17th March 2016.
19. **Report of meetings:** Cllr. Holness was still investigating the village assets and the small bits of land owned by WWPC to see if they are being used or of any worth regarding Land Registry.
20. **Report by Dist. Cllr Fraser:**
21. **Local Plan:**
22. The boundary review – the final decision will be made on 6th September.
23. The Local Plan Examination – SCDC have received a programme of how they are going to examine the plan which will take 20 weeks so unlikely to get through before next December.
24. Community Chest – This will be operational again in April. Can now only be applied for once per year and is for £1500.
25. Devolution between Peterborough, Norfolk and Cambridge is being discussed but no decision made and they are still waiting to hear what is being proposed which will then have to go through council.
26. The proposal that there should be a monthly meeting with the 8 parishes following the changes to the boundaries, and attended by members of the SCDC and CCC who would give out information so each parish would be informed at the same time. The parish meetings would still be attended by a District and County Cllrs. The Parish Council were in agreement that this proposal was a sensible idea.

**15: Report by County Cllr. Hickford:**

1. There will be 63 councils with the Linton Division having 14 villages in 2017.
2. A1307 report out and the City Deal will fund changes from Four Wentways to Cambridge but not a new road from Haverhill to Four Wentways. Because this outcome was so unsatisfactory there is now going to be a full traffic count in April of the A1307 and the major “rat runs”. It is necessary to build a proper business case in order to get money.
3. **Any other business:** None.

**The next Parish Council meeting, which will be the AGM, will be held on Monday 9th May beginning at 7.30pm to be followed by the Parish Meeting at 8.30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

**Chairman………………………………..**