**WEST WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th**

**January 2018 in the Village Hall at 8pm**

Those present were: Chairman Ross-Bain, Cllrs. Nichols, Cllrs. Bonfield, ,Holness, Lock, Roberts and Dist.Cllr. Fraser & County Cllr. Batchelor, three residents and the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies: None**
2. **Declaration of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 13th November 2017 were signed as correct by the Chairman.
4. **Co-option of new councillor to replace Cllr. Okkenhaug:**. The necessary documents for signature were signed by Susan Lock having been previously nominated at the last Parish Council meeting, to which she was unable to attend due to ill health. Cllr. Lock was welcomed on to the Council by the Chairman.

***5. Opportunity for public statement:***

1. James Baker, a resident of Six Mile Bottom Road wished to appeal against the planning application as it now stands, for 4 houses on Six Mile Bottom Road, 3 being affordable houses and one a commercial project outside the village envelope. He considers that it is absolutely necessary for safety reasons to provide a pavement from this development to join up with the existing pavement which begins at the last house before open countryside, 130m from the proposed development. The road is busy with traffic, particularly at peak times, with cars going at 60mph. There is very little verge on either side of the road and what verges there are have drainage slits cut into them at intervals, making it very hazardous to walk and impossible to push a pushchair/wheelchair along. The Parish Council agreed with what was said and the Chairman said he would look at the application on-line and see what could be done as the Parish Council had already given their support for this application and it would be going to Committee possibly next week. Dist.Cllr. Fraser said if the meeting is next week he could attend and represent West Wratting. James Baker could also attend as a resident representative.
2. Colin McCall and his volunteer group are under considerable pressure due to Fox Road having its holes filled up with planings thus allowing tipping to be carried out, 5 in the last couple of months, and travellers to settle on it and youths to meet up with their bikes. Although the travellers were provided with bin bags there was still a considerable amount of rubbish left, they had collected 5 bin bags after they had moved on. Dist.Cllr. Fraser said he had tried to put in an application as Chairman of Balsham Parish Council to have a barrier put across but was told the application was wrongly completed and would never get passed because it is a bridleway. There was a need for two barriers one at each end of the unmade part of Fox Road. The Chairman said he would bring this matter up with the new Head of Highways to see what could be done. Mr McCall is hoping to get further volunteers from Weston Colville. He said he would be going to an Amey Cespa open meeting on 27th February to learn what is done with all the rubbish.

**6. Planning: PC SCDC**

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| **S/2497/17/FL** | Tim Spicer | 12 The Common, CB21 5LR | Proposed replacement of stables with outbuildings. | 26/7/17 | 12/8/17 | 1/8/17 | **support** | **Approvd** |
| **S/3996/17/FL** | Mr Waygood | 9 Honey Hill | Ext. & alt. of existing 3 bedroom bungalow | 13/11/17 | 30/11/17 |  | **No recom.** |  |
| **S/3951/17/FL** | Hastoe Housing | Site adj. 27 Six Mile Bottom Rd. | Proposed housing development of 4 houses. | 13/11/17 | 30/11/17 |  | **Support** |  |

**7. Finance: Account spread sheet for 2017/18 distributed to councillors.**

**a) Authorised payments**

£ 80.00 M. Grimwood Gardening – Inv.(chq.1050)

£138.50 HM Rev.& Customs 3rd qtr. PAYE (chq. 1051)

£377.76 Mrs. J. Richards Dec/Jan salary. (chq. 1052)

£ 84.08 WWFC – share of cost of security chain (chq. 1053)

£150.00 Challenge – towards cost of production for 2017/2018 (chq.1054)

**b) Monies received:** None

**c) Precept to be set and discuss budget:** Cllr. Nichols went through the past year’s finances, the income and expenditure and was pleased that there were adequate funds to enable the Parish Council to cover the parishes share of the Highways Minor Improvements scheme and also possible work required on the Village Hall, and any unknown eventualities that might occur. She felt that the budget set for 2017/18 had worked out well and therefore felt no change was necessary. Cllr. Holness proposed that the Precept requested should be a 2% increase, in step with inflation, which was seconded by Cllr. Roberts and all were in agreement. This would increase the Precept to £11,134.02 for 2018/19. Regarding the budget, Cllr. Holness proposed that we keep the same budget as for 2017/18, seconded by Cllr. Bonfield and all agreed.

**13. Report by Dist. Cllr. Fraser:** As Cllr. Fraser had to go on to another meeting he gave his report at this point. The full report will be put on the website but here are a few of the main points.

**a) *Local Plan –*** The main modifications are available for comments during the consultation period between 5th January until 16th February.

**b) Greater Cambridge Partnership (formerly called City Deal) Cambridge South East Transport Study Consultation (A1307 and A1301)**. The consultation begins on 9th February and closes 9th March.

**c) Dual Carriageway Action Group**- This group, set up at West Wickham Village Hall by West Wickham Parish Council, to oppose a new dual carriageway, north or south of the A1307 as proposed by the A1307 Strategy Board.

**d) Community Awards**: Nominations for this award closes on 19th January at midnight.

**e) Community Chest: £80,000 in grants has been awarded this financial year but funds still remain to be applied for.**

**8. Maintenance:**

**a)** *Dog poo bins:* Still have not been sited and the Parish Clerk will enquire as to their whereabouts.

**b)** *Dilapidated building action Section 215 Town & Country Planning:* Nothing further heard and the Parish Clerk will make further enquiries.

**c)** *Road Markings:* Despite pointing out to Highways the danger spots where the road markings need renewing nothing has been done. Nicola Burdon of Highways will be at the next combined parishes meeting on 31st January at Castle Camps and Cllr. Holness said he would attend and bring the matter up.

**d) *Continuing work in Conservation area:***Cllr. Nichols will check and look into the situation.

**9. Correspondence:** A folder of correspondence was given to Cllr. Nichols to read and pass on.

**10. Football Club:**

**a) Football Club accounts:** Cllr. Holness reported that he would be attending a meeting next Wednesday 17th January with the Sports Pavilion Committee at the Sports Pavilion when the accounts will be discussed and also lease issues. He will write a report on the outcome of this.

**b) Security issues:** The football club have put a heavy chain and padlock across the entrance to the rec which seems to have stopped any fear of travellers moving onto the ground and also is preventing undesirable behaviour from youths. The Parish Council were asked if they would share the cost of this chain and it was agreed they would and a cheque was made out and signed.

**11. Traffic Issues & Speed Restrictions:**

**a)** *Local Highways Improvement scheme project:* The start date has been delayed as they are re-costing the work but will be informed by CCC when the start date will be.

**b)** *Speed Indicator*: Cllr. Nichols had attended the last joint meeting. The equipment has been paid for and all the parishes involved have paid their share. The siting of the posts to hold the equipment has still to be decided upon although Cllr. Holness had sent out a list of possible locations. It was agreed that several councillors would walk round the village on Saturday 13th January, meeting at noon, to make a decision.

**c)** *Traffic issues:* None at present.

**12. WWPC Information:** Nothing further to report. The photographs will be laminated.

**13. Report of meetings:** Cllr. Nichols had attended the Combined Parishes meeting and was also asked to go to Six Mile Bottom Parish Council with regard to agreeing to a signed being erected saying “Unsuitable for HGV” at the end of Six Mile Bottom Road which is in the Six Mile Bottom parish but they want Balsham P.C. to pay for it. To be discussed further.

**14. Report by County Cllr. Batchelor:** The full report will be put on the website but here are some of the main points:-

a) County Council funding: The budget has not yet been fixed and therefore it is not yet known what the increase will be in the council tax.

b) Park & Ride charge: The Greater Cambridge Partnership has agreed to subsidise the removal of the charge to park from April this year. It is hoped that usage of the Park & Rides will be considerably increased.

c) Support Lodgings: This scheme has been relaunched and is looking for people with a spare room or annex who can support a young person leaving care aged 16-21. There would be an allowance of £250 per week granted to anyone offering this support.

**15. Any other business:**

**a)** Cllr. Holness requested that Challenge receives a donation, the last time we gave a donation was at the beginning of 2017 and that was for 2016. It was agreed that we should pay £150.00 to Challenge to help them cover their costs.

**b)** Cllr. Holness requested that the Pocket Park be cut more than 3 times a year in order to keep it in good order and it was agreed that an extra two cuts per season was sensible.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th March 2018 at 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend.**

**Chairman……………………………………….**