**WEST WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th**

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

Those present were: Chairman Holness, Cllrs. Nichols, Cllrs. Bonfield, Lock, Roberts and Dist. Cllr. Harvey, & one parishioner and the Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr. Batchelor and Cllr. Ross-Bain.

1. **Co-option of new Councillor:** Louise Chandler had offered her services as a councillor. Cllr. Lock proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Roberts and agreed by the Parish Council. Mrs Chandler was therefore welcomed and co-opted onto the council and signed the Register of Interest form and Declaration of Acceptance.
2. **Declaration of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 14th May 2018 were signed as correct by the Chairman.
4. ***Opportunity for public statement:*** None

**8. Parish Nurse Scheme:** Following the presentation made by Suan Rowland at the last meeting the matter was discussed by the Parish Council. Cllr. Nichols had held a straw poll in the village and the general opinion was against giving money to charities or the NHS as it sets a precedent. Cllr. Lock said we already gave to charities by contributing towards Age UK mobile warden scheme so this would not set a precedent. Cllr. Roberts felt money should not be given to this scheme. A vote was taken after the Chairman gave the three following options: 1. Give support but no contribution; 2. Give a contribution of £100/year for two years; 3. Give contribution of £250/year as given to Age UK. The Parish Council voted and the majority voted for the second option and this was agreed.

**6. Planning: PC SCDC**

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| **s/0687/18/fl** | Cam-grain | Valley Farm House, Valley Farm Road | Proposed new cart lodge | 9.3.18 | 23/3/18 | 26/3/18 | **Support** |
| **S/1005/18/FL** | D Stanley | 17 The Common | One & half storey rear & side extensions. Internal alterations to existing dwelling | 24/3/18 | 10/4/18 | 7/4/18 | **support** |
| **S/1141/18/PN** | Camgrain | Valley Farm, CB21 4HH | Prior notification of agricultural development – proposed new road | 5/4/18 | 20/4/18 | 7/4/18 | **support** |
| **S/0248** | CCC | Wilbraham Chalk Pit, Mill Rd. | Fuel storage etc. further proposals | 29/4/18 |  |  | **support** |
| **S/2537/18/LB** | L Elmes | Concordia, 21 The Common | Underpinning, excavation of contaminated soils etc. | 3/7/18 | 17/7/18 |  | **support** |
| **S/2360/18/PN** | A Crossley | Weston Woods Farm | Prior notification of agrig. O r forestry dev. For a general purpose agricultural building. | 4/7/18 | No other papers | 21 days | **support** |

The last two applications had been discussed prior to the meeting and agreed to give support.

**7. Finance:**

1. **Authorised payments**.

**£** 80.00 Mark Grimwood re Pocket Park tidy-up (cheque 1081) paid

£141.60 HMRC PAYE 1st qtr. (cheque 1082) paid

£377.76 J. Richards June/July salary (cheque 1069)

£105.00 SCDC – charge for uncontested election (cheque 1070)

£561.00 WWFC for cost of grass-cutting the recreation ground (cheque 1071)

£ 45.00 J. Dockerill – internal audit fee (cheque 1072)

1. **Monies received:**

£250.00 West Wratting Sports Pavilion rental from Jan.2018 to Jan.2019.

£200.00 West Wratting Football Club contribution to grass cutting.

£ 60.00 Henry d’Abo Tennis Club contribution to grass cutting.

1. **Parish Clerk’s salary increase**: It was agreed that an increase of 2.3%, being the rate of inflation, should be made.
2. **Internal audit**: This has been carried out satisfactorily by Running Total.

**9. Maintenance:**

a) *Fox Road barriers:* Cllr. Harvey told the Council that nothing has yet been agreed between the District and County Council regarding the placement of barriers at each end of Fox Road to prevent the parking of caravans, general disruptive behaviour and pollution and as Nicola Burdon was not present at the last Parish Councils meeting questions could not be asked. A Traffic Restriction Order is required from Highways. Cllr. Harvey will try and get more information and he suggested that we contact Balsham Parish Council and possibly put in an application for a Minor Highways Improvement award. Sharron Piper, Policy & Regulations Dept. is the person to contact and Cllr. Ross-Bain will be asked if he could do this.

b) *Road markings & pot holes:* A number of pot holes have been repaired as a new piece of equipment has been purchased which does the job very quickly and well. There are still road markings in need of re-painting as they are almost obliterated.

c) *Poo Bins:* Cllr. Harvey told Council that Michael Parsons is in charge and he would chase this matter up with him. The Chairman had sent again to CCC the plan showing the sites for the bins.

d) *Dilapidated building action:* Cllr. Nichols had tried to find out what would now happen regarding the order put on this building since the fire in the roof has caused the house unfit to repair but has had no reply to her query. She will try again. The question was also asked whether it was in the Conservation area and the Chairman said he would check.

**10. Correspondence:** A letter from West Wratting Sports Pavilion Committee notifying the Parish Council that a Music Charity event would be held on 28th July on the recreation ground.

**11. Football Club:** Cllr. Holness had distributed his report to the Parish Council and this will be put on the website.

a) The ‘non-parking’ notice has been put up at the entrance.

b) The Sports Pavilion Committee wish to replace the entrance gate which will have a number lock so the public can also enter with their cars and will also protect the car park, building and recreation ground from joyriders etc. entering. The Parish Council will support the cost of this, approx. £300 being their share.

c) Upkeep on Grounds & Buildings: A fallen tree had been cut up and removed. The cost of water and electricity is considerable and they are getting quotes for a solar panel for the roof and for a borehole to be dug.

d) Play area: The Chairman has checked a bolt on one of the swings and has asked John Horsfield to mend it and let us have his bill. The safety covering round the play equipment needs replacing and the Chairman has organised a quote to be done. Rachel Causton said she would be happy to apply for funding to cover the cost. The Parish Council would be most grateful for her input as she has successfully applied for funding in the past.

e) Code for defibrillator: It was agreed to put this on the cabinet along with the address and postcode for identification by the police etc. in an emergency.

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

a) Speed Indicators (SPIDS) are working well and providing very useful information regarding quantity of traffic and the speeds being done, with 41% of cars breaking the speed limit. An extra SPID was used this week coming from another parish who were unable to use it. The Chairman suggested we purchase another SPID because although nothing can be done about the volume of traffic we could do something about the speeding. Cllr. Bonfield said that it is possible to get money towards its cost. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr. Bonfield for all his input in getting this scheme off the ground so successfully, which is also providing such useful information.

**13. Report of meetings:** Cllr. Nichols reported on the Joint Parish Councils Meeting.

a) Need to check insurance now that our speeding boundaries have been changed.

b) On asking about white lines on the road, she was told that it was not possible as the road had to be a certain width.

c) Any drain problem need to check markings on the drains as could be owned by a company and not Highways.

**15: Report by County Councillor Batchelor:** The whole report is shown on the village website.

**16. Report by Dist. Cllr. Harvey:** The whole report is shown on the website.

a) *A1307:* The A1307 Local Forum received the results of the recent public consultation of 3 different schemes put forward by the ~Greater Cambridge Partnership. They favoured scheme 1.

b) *Local Highways Improvement Scheme:* Closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st July.

c) *Shire Hall:* It had been agreed to relocate the County Council from Shire Hall to a new location, possibly Alconbury.

d) *Planning Update:* The SCDC have met its 5 year land supply threshold and once the final report from the Local Plan Inspector is received it will mean that the planning policies will be back in place.

**17. Any Other Business:**

a) The Chairman would like to see the junction at Honey Hill/Six Mile Bottom Road made safer by enlarging the grass verge to prevent cars driving straight across the road from Six Mile Bottom Road. A Minor Highways Improvement scheme award would need to be applied for.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend.**

**Chairman……………………………………….**