draft WEST WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Those present were: Vice Chairman.Williams-Gray, Cllrs., Chandler, Parsons, & Roberts, County Cllr.Batchelor, 7 parishioners and the Parish Clerk,

1. Apologies: Dist.Cllr Harvey.

2. Declaration of interest: None

3. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11^h May 2023 were approved and signed as correct.

4. **Opportunity for Public Statement:** None

5. Councillors:

a) Vacancies on Council update: The Vice Chairman said there were three much needed vacancies to be filled but was pleased to say that three parishioners had put their names forward to be co-opted onto the Council. Prof. John Harvey, Mr Simon Chandler and Mr Phil O'Donovan. Prof. Harvey was proposed by Cllr Williams-Gray, seconded by Cllr Parsons; Simon Chandler was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Parsons; Phil O'Donovan was proposed by Cllr Chandler and seconded by Cllr Roberts. The documentation will be completed by them to be signed and witnessed at the next meeting.

6. Planning:

WWPC SCDC

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22/04689/F UL	Boreham	73 The Lamb Yard	Demolition of dwelling	1/12/22	Spt with comments	
22/04886/H FUL	J.Gilley	Old Orcfhard Cott. Six Mile Bottom	Single storey ext. to side	12/12/22	Support	granted
22/05189/hf ul	J Smith	Oxcroft Farm, Honey Hill	Single storey rear ext. & minor int. altns. 22/02253/LBC	20/12/22	Support	Refused
22/05190/L BC	cc		Listed bldg consent	"	support	Refused
23/00138/S7 3	L.Linehan	29 The Common	Change of use	8/2/23	Object with comments	
23/0139/TC A		Dibley Hse. The Causeway	Tree reduction work			
23/05596/F UL	R Causton	1 Mill Road	Erection of dwelling to rt.hand side of The Chestnuts pub	7/2/23	Support with comments	Refused
22/01331	A Hamilton	Valley Farm Rd, land to SW of gran.	Change of use into self storage facility	15/3/23		
23/0602/TT CA		The Old Hall, 61 High St.	Tree work	Inf.only		

a) 22/04689 – Boreham development: Cllr Williams-Gray said a decision had still not been made and asked County Cllr Batchelor if he had any news on that, who replied that it was a big development and so it took time to reach a decision.

b) 23/05596 – 1 Mill Road: The Asset of Community Value has been re-applied for and accepted, meaning we can activate the ACV for six months. During this time it would give the village the option to put an offer in for the purchase of the pub. It is hoped that Mr & Mrs Causton will inform the Parish Council about any potential purchasers. This would be helpful to reduce the risk of a potential purchaser who may have plans to develop the site rather than support our pub. It was agreed that the Parish Council will seek legal advice from SCDC about what action can be taken and what legal rights does the village/community have in regard to this matter.

7. Finance:

a) Authorised payments:

£196.20 HMRC PAYEE 1st qrt. due 5/7/23. (chq. 1257))Paid

£523.50 J.Richards June/July salary less PAYE (chq. 1258)

£ 59.60 J.Richards expenses re audit, stationery and postage (chq. 1259).

- £ 45.00 J.Dockerill (Running Total) for audit accounts (chq. 1260)
- £ 40.00 ICO Data Protection (chq.1261)
- £570.00 William Knowelden Garden Services Inv. 2302 (cheq. 1262)

b) Monies received:

- £250.00 WWSports Pavion rent
- £220.00 WWFC contribution towards maintenance of recreation ground.
- £ 70.00 D'Abo Tennis Club contribution towards maintenance.

£346.53 CCC grass cutting contribution.

c) Audit update: The internal audit has been carried out satisfactorily and the internal audit report distributed to all councillors. The accounts were exempt from an external audit.

d) Signatory update: It was thought that both Cllrs Parsons and Williams-Gray had applied but Lloyds have no details of this and therefore Cllr Parsons is setting this up again.

The Vice Chairman said he had received an email enquiring about the grass cutting in Hayter Close and which part did CCC carry out (which the Parish Council cuts) and which do SCDC cut. He will reply to this query with a map giving this information.

8. Maintenance.

a) Trees in Hayter Close: Mrs Scilla Harvey gave an account of how and why the two trees were planted and that they were registered under the Queen's Canopy Project, set up before the Queen died. Although the Parish Council turned down their request they went ahead and planted them and are taking full responsibility for their well-being. They checked with those living in Hayter Close and none (apart from one) objected. It is still uncertain whether the area where they are planted belongs to Highways, CCC or to the Parish Council. The Vice Chairman asked Council if they were in agreement to let them remain and they said yes. The trees could not have been moved until the autumn anyway. In future permission must be sought by anyone wishing to plant trees on Parish land before doing so.

9. Correspondence:

a) Letter from Rt.Hon Lucy Frazer regarding Community Funding of 150m which could be 80% of total capital request. This had been distributed to the councillors but it was agreed it should also go on the website as it has a contact link for those requiring further information.

b) Letter of thanks from MAGPAS for donation sent by Parish Council.

c) Letter of confirmation of receipt of the ACV application.

10. Village Hall:

b) Update on Land Registration re ownership of Village Hall: The Parish Clerk contacted CAPAC about this, who emailed a considerable amount of information which was passed on to the councillors. Due to the possible Boreham development up to the borders of the Village Hall land it will be necessary to get the trustee names changed and the Parish Clerk was asked to contact CAPALC again to see if they were able to assist with this.

11. Recreation ground & Pavilion:

a) Cllr Parsons reported that the WWFC are still looking for funding for the proposed junior football pitch using the old bowls green area. At present the Junior teams have folded and therefore fund raising is necessary to help with the costs.

12. Traffic Issues & Speed Restriction Equipment:

a) SID equipment – have received no data recently due to holidays.

b) 20mph speed limit application: Cllr Chandler has heard nothing yet but Cllr Batchelor told Council that the scoring on the application has been carried out and so the result should be sent soon.

13. Play area:

Cllr Chandler reported on the proposed purchase of bark and had decided to only order half the amount to see how far this would go. She pointed out that this had been one of the items noted for S106 money. Cllr Batchelor said that the amount of S106 money will not be known until a Planning decision has been made.

14. Report of meetings: None.

15. Report by County Cllr Batchelor– distributed on website and to Cllrs.

a) Due to the closure of the A1307 over the weekend be aware that there will be increased traffic likely to be coming through the village.

b) *Community Capital Fund:* This is designed to help with the community assets, e.g. village halls, sports pavilions etc. An application for a grant for solar panels would be the sort of proposal looked kindly upon.

16. Any other business:

a) The website: Mike Rowland who has run this from the start wishes to retire from this task and Simon Chandler has kindly agreed to take this on. He said he may make changes and asked the Parish Clerk to give him details of the support companies (re data protection etc.) for which we pay an annual subscription.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th September at 8.00pm.

Vice Chairman.....