

**MINUTES OF WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 2ND JULY AT 7.30PM
WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Head, Cllr Parris, Cllr Baker, Cllr Jukes, Cllr Bell, Cllr Marr, BCLlr Davis, BCLlr Dalton, Clerk Nicky Grimes, 7 members of public.

1.	APOLOGIES Cllr Gray Cllr Harrison	
2.	MINUTES The minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the June 3rd 2019 were proposed by Cllr Parris and seconded by Cllr Bell to be a true record of proceedings. It was agreed by all other councillors that the minutes were to be signed by the Chairman.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES Members agreed that any other matters arising from the minutes would be dealt with under the appropriate heading, as the meeting progressed through the agenda.	
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Head Grounds maintenance	
5.	EXTERNAL REPORTS	
5.1	Borough Councillor: Report received. This will be on our website. The East Bank Roads update will be dealt with in 9.1. This will be swapped with 8 so members of the public can speak. The Borough Councillors would like to set date for a meeting with the PC. Chair is concerned that there are meetings held about Wouldham which Parish Councillors are not invited to so if the BC's would like to discuss this. Agree on 7.00 13 th August in Village Hall.	Clerk
5.2	County Councillor: Absent	
5.3	Police report: Laker Road: On Friday 31st of May around 12:41pm. Items have been stolen from the front of a vehicle. Laker Road: Between 9:00pm on Monday 3rd of June and 12:30pm on Tuesday 4th of June. A van was broken into and boxes of clothing were stolen	
5.4	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Wouldham North has nothing to report. Wouldham South, break in on Barge Walk, police were called because it was aggravated.	
5.5	Community Warden. Absent	
6.	PLANNING	
6.1	Planning applications considered and commented upon by the Planning Committee TM/19/01328/FL 2 detached dwellings in the Tramway The Parish Council support this application. PROW have objected due to the width of the new pathways but for years one car has been parked across a PROW. The PC consider that PROW would not be able to afford to road stone the pathways, let alone tarmac them to a high standard.	
6.2	Planning consents issued:	
6.3	Planning applications refused:	
6.4	Other planning issues: TM/19/00135/FL Land on Pilgrims Way Appeal Clerk to send letter for appeal.	Cler

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<p>7.</p>	<p>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. The Chair asks if there is any business not related to traffic:</p> <p>Michael Jones: On Thursday a woman trying to strap baby into her car parked in the High St, had to punch a car that passed too close, a Father could not cross the High St with 2 children.</p> <p>Stella Wingate: Are there any dates for the crossing on Knowle Road to be completed? The workmen have 3 months from the date KCC gives them the work. She would prefer the work not to be started in the next 3 weeks but we would not be able to prevent them.</p> <p>Rosemary Parry: will the developers sign on the green be removed?, Clerk to get it removed. They are starting to appear everywhere. Write to developers to get them removed. Burham had some thinned out at Pilgrims Way but there are still too many.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>8. 8.1</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS AND VERGES: KCC traffic proposal for the High Street: Chair and Vice Chair had meeting at TMBC . Were shown a proposal that KCC thinks will help the problems in the High St. There were 6 items considered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bypass: rejected at 1st meeting 2. Close Hall Rd : rejected at first meeting 3. Close High St: rejected at 2nd meeting 4. Weight restriction adopted. The PC consider this to be ridiculous, 25meter restriction on the boundaries at the top and bottom road. Signage will be at bridge, it is not illegal to go through the signage but when they reach the box they cannot turn around so they will come back through Wouldham. 5. Lane reversal: rejected 6. Remove parking from High St and make new parking spaces in the Recreation Ground. This is the proposal KCC would like us to vote on. Cllr Jukes would like to point out that this does not deal with the pinch points at the Watermans, Ferry Lane or the top of Portland Road. On a daily basis the lives of the residents have been blighted by noise and on occasion violence. This does not deal with Medway corner when buses often have no option but to mount the kerb to get their buses through. In the late 1990's this was foreseen by laymen, concerns were raised time and again but were ignored. Village Rd is also a problem with vehicle volumes which we should be aware of. Speed needs to go down to 20mph. <p>Cllr Parris: The problem is not the villages, it is KCC's problem. Cars goes through like rockets on a daily basis. Residents in the High St do not want to park in the Rec. Put the Greenway back on Hall Road and make it residents only. Use by card or number plate recognition.</p> <p>Cllr Head: At the meeting she made it quite clear she would put it to the PC, this does nothing to address the volume of traffic, just increases the flow. We suggested build outs as before.</p> <p>Graham Gosden: Completely agrees with all that is said. If road is to be kept open it needs to make speed very slow. In 4 years nothing has</p>	

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<p>happened. Suggests a public meeting for a protest.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Suggests average speed cameras, but this will not reduce the volume.</p> <p>Cllr Head; suggested lights to make High St one way so that south bound cars would have to go through Burham. Cars need to be deterred so that it is not a run through from Borstal/Rochester to the motorways.</p> <p>Cllr Bell: There is only one way to solve problem, that is to close Hall Road but there are logistical problems.</p> <p>Could there be a toll on the road? When we asked it was just a “no”.</p> <p>Cllr Bell would like the wording to be careful when we respond.</p> <p>Cllr Marr: A lot of traffic is due to the school opening up to Chatham, Borstal and beyond.</p> <p>What do KCC think this would achieve?</p> <p>BC Davis: Firstly to get traffic flowing to prevent gridlocks. Secondly to control speeding. This was KCC’s attempt. There is some money available but he cannot see any plan to contend with the volume. This will be a problem for a long time. Some members of KCC do not consider this is abnormal traffic for a village in Kent. KCC argue there is nothing wrong with the level of traffic compared to other villages in Kent. They look at accident rate and Wouldham’s is low. Highway Engineers work on statistics.</p> <p>Cllr Jukes: Good planning and a better infrastructure would have avoided these problems. The planning for the S106 did not take Wouldham into account at all.</p> <p>BC Davis spoke to the KCC engineer in charge back in 2005/6. Believes the village has been let down by the bad planning. KCC used Trenports figures of traffic generated by Peters Village instead of considering who will use the bridge to get from Rochester to the M20.</p> <p>Cllr Head: What is the best thing for the PC to do now? Chris Hall (Trenport) said DYL would allow 12000 cars a day. Need a scheme to get volume reduced or a deterrent.</p> <p>BC Davis, there is limited amounts of money which have been well articulated and the PC’s surveys are invaluable. We do have a higher visibility in KCC than other villages but still no solution. Look at previous report again, look at what they have suggested and marry the 2. Try to work with the KCC and Ian Grigor.</p> <p>To reinstate the greenway on Hall Road, find somewhere in the country where this works. Lane reversal has been a failure in the past. A greenway would be impossible to police and would need an act of parliament to change a highway to a greenway. For Hall Rd to be for exclusive use of residents of Wouldham has been rejected. Find a village where a precedent has been set.</p> <p>Closing Wouldham Road: sunken bollards for buses and farm traffic has been considered.</p> <p>Original Hall Road was to have 2 sets of lights but KCC changed it just before BAM started to lay down the infrastructure.</p> <p>Did KCC have to go to consultation to change the green way? How did that happen? The greenway was for cyclists and buses. Then Trenport offered money for a new bus route, this added cars and upgraded Hall Rd and moved the greenway to the path.</p> <p>Cllr Bell. There is a sign on the roundabout saying Local Traffic only,</p>	
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	<p>Trenport leaflet stated that controls have been put in place.</p> <p>The vote would be: VOTE: Does the Parish Council agree with the KCC proposal to remove parking spaces from the High Street? Agree with suggestion Disagree with suggestion</p> <p>No-one is prepared to propose this proposal so it is rejected.</p>	
9.	<p>STREETLIGHTS: The light from Worrall Drive has been removed and made safe. Ravensknowle light, this has been repaired but still reports that it isn't working. Check it.</p>	clerk
10.	<p>FOOTPATHS/PROW Hedge next to the Watermans has been cut.</p>	
11.	<p>ALLOTMENTS: Contact Sue to arrange meeting. Many allotments aren't looked after properly. Consider bringing it back into PC management.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>PETERS VILLAGE Trenport have written a letter asking us to not call Peters Village "Wouldham South". The Parish Council believe that historically this area was always part of Wouldham, Wouldham Hall, Wouldham businesses etc. Calling it Wouldham South was not meant as any offence. Cllr Baker thinks we should revert to Peters Village and the PC agree. We all have to work together to agree that it is the bridge that has caused problems with traffic etc. and not the residents of Peters Village.</p>	
13.	<p>WOULDHAM COMMON: Car gone through the hedge opposite the common. Cllr Jukes to work on the trees after the birds have flown.</p>	
14.	<p>VILLAGE HALL: <i>On June 26th 5 Councillors agreed to Bluebell Estates details of sale</i></p> <p>Planning application has gone in for the new hall. There have been 2 views of the current hall. Should have meetings to decide on timings especially with regard to Jellybeans. Clerk has written to the Lady Masons to ask if they would rent us their hall. Discussion on getting bridging loan.</p>	
15.	<p>RECREATION GROUND: <i>On June 21st 7 Councillors agreed to ask Headland to quote for work on the Rec.</i></p> <p>Visual checks on the play equipment have been reinstated. Cllr Parris considers that the parking bays are too large and could be many more spaces. Write to CW to see if they could help. Add to agenda next time. Work continuing on the area between the pathway and the wall, resident has volunteered to clear the area, another resident has volunteered to plan the planting. Apply for grant for bus shelter, Cllr Bell passes over information</p>	Clerk Clerk
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16.	<p>GENERAL VILLAGE BUSINESS: <i>On June 18th 6 Councillors agreed that the annual Bat and Trap could be played on the Recreation Ground</i></p>	Clerk

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<p>16.1</p> <p>16.2</p> <p>16.3</p>	<p>Rules for the car park: Make up rules by email for agreement, ask RBLI for examples. Get quotes for height barriers. Consult KALC</p> <p>Keep Wouldham Connected Cllr Jukes. This is not PC business, Cllr Jukes is admin, this group was started by a resident but he has left the village so 2 others do the admin. This is a discussion group so the PC cannot police what goes on it. If they would like anything removed go through the FB report function. Cllr Baker considers that comments escalate very quickly as there are a few trolls.</p> <p>PC's social media policy, all Councillors should be aware that whatever they post, they are still Councillors and should be careful what they write.</p> <p>Discuss and approve matters for Community Magazine: There is no meeting in August, there might be some news to come out of August meeting with BC's. Other news to be decided at September meeting. Closure of MR5</p> <p>Chair disappointed to read that Trenport have reduced their S106 contribution for buses from 10 years to 3 years.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>17.</p> <p>17.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>17.3</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>Approval of accounts signed by Finance Committee Signing off of last month's bank statement Cllr Gray to sign off next month</p> <p>Clerk still working on changing signatories for Nat West.</p> <p>To review the following: Standing Order Financial Regulation Social Media policy Terms of Reference Risk Assessment</p> <p>The PC have reviewed these document and agree to adopt them, Proposer Cllr Marr Second Cllr Bell Clerk to put on website. PC to adopt.</p> <p><i>After an inspection by Cllrs Head and Bell, 6 Councillors agreed by email on June 18th to pay CW Surfacing by cheque for their work on the car park at Knowle Road</i></p> <p>Village Hall accounts</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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	PC have seen accounts. Bank account stands at £6843	
18.	CORRESPONDENCE: Trenport 25.6.19	
19.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 3 rd 2019	
20.	QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS, CHAIRPERSON AND CLERK: Cllr Baker. He has a meeting on 17 th July at the school, he will have to be voted on to the School board. Cllr Parris. The phone box. Resident has volunteered but not enough residents come forward. Clerk to apply for members grant for the solar lights Clerk is away next week Meeting ends 21.45	Clerk

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Current account Nat West				£ 75,272.78					£79,309.52
Savings account Nationwide				£ 24,433.36					
Monies belonging to Youth Club				£ 761.56					
Monies belonging to Fun Day				£ 855.18					
Money from Members Grant				£ 2,420.00					
Receipts up to June 24th									
04/06/2019	Allotment rent			£ 506.00					
07/06/2019	Transfer from funds			£ 10,000.00					
11/06/2019	Donation from Bellway			£ 2,000.00	£ 12,506.00				
Payments made up to June 24th									
03/06/2019	Google	email		£ 12.17					
03/06/2019	EDF	CCTV		£ 15.00					
04/06/2019	F Rance	Litter Warden		£ 192.61					
04/06/2019	Office rental			£ 216.66					
04/06/2019	N Grimes	Salary & expenses		£ 939.02					
07/06/2019	Donation	Sixty + club		£ 100.00					
10/06/2019	Councillors Conference			£ 72.00					
13/06/2019	Lifebuoy rope			£ 61.19					
21/06/2019	CW Surfacing			£ 81,878.16					
24/06/2019	E On	Streetlights		£ 28.84	£ 83,515.65				
Payments to be agreed July meeting									
	Streetligh Repair			£ 117.30					
	Kent Loos	Fun Day		£ 336.00					
	F Rance	Litter warden		£ 192.41					
	Office Rental			£ 216.66					
	N Grimes	Salary & expenses		£ 931.84					
	HMRC	PAYE		£ 453.53					
	Ben Larkir	CCTV clean		£ 5.00	£ 2,252.74				
Estimated balances									
Nat West	Current a/c			£ 358.56					
Nationwide	Building Soc			£ 20,433.36					
Youth club				£ 761.56					
Fun Day				£ 519.18					
Members Grant				£ 2,420.00					
Bellway donation for solar lights				£ 2,000.00	£ 26,492.66				
VAT return	£536.09 + 13842.63								

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