

**MINUTES OF WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 2nd MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM
VIA ZOOM**

Present: Cllr Bell, Cllr Head, Cllr Parris, Cllr Savaryn, Cllr Marr, Cllr Baker, Cllr Rimmington, Cllr Gray
5 members of public,

1.	APOLOGIES Community Warden, BCllr Dalton, BCllr Davis,	
2.	MINUTES The minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 2nd February 2021 were proposed by Cllr Head and seconded by Cllr Marr to be a true record of proceedings. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 9th February were proposed by Cllr Head and seconded by Cllr Baker. 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 (on website). Discussion on answers received to the PC questions on which roads were adopted. Oldfield took 6-8 years to adopt. Cllr Baker; concerned that PV will just fall into a void. Cllr Gray; no uniformity as to which roads are and aren't adopted. KCC website says only 3 roads adopted. Peters Bridge not adopted as there is concern over the pilings. Gritters do not grit the bridge only the road up to it and after it.	
5.2	County Councillor: No response	
5.3	Police report Castle Street. On Monday 15th of February around 10:35pm. Somebody broke the wing mirror of a vehicle parked in the road.	
5.4	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Not much to report, more eggs thrown, alleged theft. Cllr Rimmington will attend the TMBC Community Safety partnership meeting tomorrow.	
5.5	Community Warden. Report received (on website)	
6.	PLANNING	
6.1	Planning applications considered and commented upon by the Planning Committee	
6.2	TM/21/00273/FL 134 High St, the shop. Reminder that a second application has to be objected to again, original objections do not carry over. Various items of the plan were discussed, and it was therefore agreed to send a copy of the proposed letter of objections to all members of the Parish Council for their comments, before the final letter is submitted.	
6.3	Planning consents issued:	
6.4	Planning applications refused: Other planning issues: Cllrs Head and Bell met with 5 other PC's to discuss planning on the East Bank. Another meeting on 6/04.	

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7.	<p>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.</p> <p>Rose: Concerned about PV, flooded path, path should be diverted higher up and railings should be put up to stop children running in. Write to SJS re: safety issues and fencing along the flooded footpath. The water rose when the SSSI was flooded so sluice gates were opened and the culvert does not run fast enough. BCllrs are monitoring. Ask for report.</p> <p>Christine. A number of buses and HGV coming into Oldfield, cannot turn round or get through, it is a safety issue, especially for the school children crossing to their playing field. Can some signs be put up?</p> <p>The School Lane junction with Oldfield Drive is confusing. Cllr Bell has asked the question of the BC's, BC Dalton is taking it up. We might have to wait for our new county councillor to push for this for us. The right of way was given to Oldfield Drive in the planning. Written request to KCC asking for priority to be changed. Look into putting up sign from RBLI. Contact Arriva/KCC</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
8.	<p>HIGHWAYS AND VERGES:</p> <p>Verge opposite Tramway still needs work but work vans are still parking on it.</p>	
9.	<p>STREET LIGHTING:</p> <p>No report.</p>	
10.	<p>FOOTPATHS/PROW</p> <p>No report</p>	
11.	<p>ALLOTMENTS:</p> <p>Trenport's 2 surveyors visited today.</p> <p>Cllr Marr states that all allotments are taken up. There are 6 people on waiting list. Rents coming in shortly when some may drop out. Is there any process for plots to be tidied up? Allotments are monitored and letters are sent with a few months' notice to do so. Letter was sent regarding the horse field using the wrong water tap.</p>	
12. 12.1	<p>PETERS VILLAGE</p> <p>SSSI. The PC had reply from Natural England. Not very helpful. They state that they will be monitoring the area from now on. Map of all local SSSI was sent, encourage residents to comment. Comments to clerk's draft response? Ask if Natural England know what Trenports's plans are.</p> <p>Vote to ask for Zoom meeting between SJS, TMBC and the PC to agree who has responsibility for what in PV.</p> <p>Propose Cllrs Rimmington Second Baker</p> <p>All agree</p> <p>Litter bins in PV. Facebook have pictures of overflowing bins. PC asked SJS if we could install some more, they said green bins are joint rubbish and dog poo. Many dog walkers at the moment, taking advantage of the lovely walks. Take up with SJS again. Ask for site visit. Ask TMBC if we could put some wheely bins around.</p> <p>PSPO signs – ask TMBC.</p>	Clerk Clerk
13.	<p>WOULDHAM COMMON:</p> <p>No report</p>	
14.	<p>VILLAGE HALL:</p> <p>Will need new planning application to move it to the car park. Clerk and Cllr Head working on a timetable with time line and costings which will</p>	

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	be shown to the PC in advance. Electricity cable does not go on the old social club site.	
15. 15.1	<p>RECREATION GROUND:</p> <p>Removal of youth hut Cllr Parris witnessed many bottles and broken glass around the hut at the weekend. Cllr Bell went to pick it all up and was helped by 4 young people in the Rec at the time. (The PC would like to thank Poppy, Sophia, Dylan and Charlie for their help) Cllr Parris: The hut was originally used to shelter while watching football but it is not used for that now. Would like to propose it is taken down. Concerned it is only used for taking drugs and drinking. Discussion on just moving the problem elsewhere for instance the green play equipment. (which is covered by the CCTV) Witnesses say people who use it arrive by car. Cllr Parris witnessed a black BMW with many gas canisters around it and also around the hut. An unofficial community survey opinion – residents want it to go, discussion on a resident questionnaire and the relatively few responses the PC would receive. The seats inside have been burnt out. Ask PCSO to walk the area with us? All Agree. Police have been told about the problem numerous times but do not have the resources. It may not be local residents using the hut. Discussion on depriving youngsters of places to play. Move it closer to CCTV cameras with fixed bin? The cost of moving it would be high, the concrete base which would need replacing. MOP asks about football but there are no longer any teams playing. The PC will look to see if it can be moved (both physically and cost effectively) Try to maintain somewhere for the younger kids. Agenda for next month to study the options. Discussion of the PC liabilities now that the problem has been noted.</p> <p>15.2 Installing new bin near to the picnic tables Cllr Parris, lots of people with children in the Rec, nearest bin is by entrance or by play equipment. Clerk to get costings and discuss who will empty it</p> <p>15.3 Small car park in Recreation Ground Working party to look at costings for both areas to bring back to next month's meetings. Cllr's Gray, Parris and Savaryn. VH will take priority. Discussion on there being quite a difference in the cost which may make the decision for us. Cllr Gray comments that with no markings there might only be space for 6 cars! There were 21 cars in the Tramway. Wait to get quote from CW Surfacing until working party have met. MOP is this to be discussed with the residents? Will have to be apply for planning permission when residents will be able to comment, access road isn't even in yet.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16. 16.1 16.2	<p>GENERAL VILLAGE BUSINESS:</p> <p>Discuss and approve matters for Community Magazine: Precept info, Wouldham PC have the 9th lowest precept cost of 27 PC's in T&M.4 PC's have increased precept by over 10%. Census.</p> <p>Noticeboards Clerk states: The PC have a £1900 grant to spend on noticeboards. The idea was to restore the 2 wooden ones, put one in PV and buy a new large one for the new hall. But the old boards look as if they are too far</p>	

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	gone for repair and brand new, large boards are over £1600. Asks for advice. Cllr Head remembers that Malthouse made the board in the village. Cllr Savaryn will ask if they can make 2 more or ask for local carpenter on FB. Cllr Parris will ask local carpenter she knows.	
17.	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS:	
17.1	Approval of accounts signed by Cllr's Baker and Bell Cllr Rimmington has signed off of last month's bank statement.	
17.2	Funding the lollipop lady Cllr Bell spoke to Dave Weller KCC, he has not been able to get funding to continue with Stella. So, either the PC will have to fund her or find another source of funding. KCC are not prepared to fund her. The PC have the money in the precept for one year. Cllr Baker, proposes to pay for one year whilst we contact developers on site, Cllr Bell tried to find original developers who funded her previously but neither Trenport nor KCC would say who they were. Cllr Parris asks if our County Councillor would fund it? (it is the end of the financial year) Cllr Rimmington asked if the crossing patrol was a necessity. Cllr Parris states that many people use the crossing patrol. Dave Weller picked up on the necessity and felt there was a chance it might get funding because it was definitely required. VOTE: To fund the crossing patrol on Knowle Road for one year, to follow up with developers on site for contributions. Proposer Cllr Baker Second Head All agree	Clerk Clerk
18.	CORRESPONDENCE: 18/2/21 Tracey Crouch MP re: Estate charges 05/02/21 From Roger Gough via Tracey Crouch re: traffic in Wouldham Both these letters are under "documents relating to minutes" on website.	
19.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 6 th 2021	
20.	QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS, CHAIRPERSON AND CLERK Clerk asks if the October meeting can be pushed back one week to October 12 th ? All agree Clerk spoke to KCC area manager Highways. The pothole by the chicane has been temporarily filled and is on his list, the Wouldham gateway sign on School Lane that has fallen down is on his list. He is aware of the poor surfacing of the High St and will look at putting it on the list for re-surfacing. These were in response to Cllr Bells questions. Cllr Gray when is bulky refuse returning? Ask BCllr's Cllr Savaryn. Bench by riverside needs some repair. Cllr Bell: Clerk to contact TMBC regarding the river wall because the gaps are getting much wider and chunk come out of top. Contact Andrew Young and Robert Stiles Litter picking up to Winchester House, Litter warden already has a full rota. Rose and Eddy picked the pathway up to the chicane, discussion on amount of litter and fly tipping. Discuss adding this road to next year's precept.	Clerk Clerk Clerk

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	<p>Discussion on a Community litter pick? Insurance would not cover children in the village walking on pavements, litter warden cannot pick litter from the road except from the gutter.</p> <p>Cllr Parris: Dog poo signs the clerk has laminated have melted in the rain. Clerk to put up metal ones.</p> <p>Meeting ends 21.50</p>	
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Finances up to February 24th 2021						
	Current account Nat West		£ 26,917.21			£ 29,472.21
	Savings account Nationwide		£ 20,433.36			
	Monies from car park donations		£ 555.00			
	Monies for Village in Bloom		£ 100.00			
	Monies from membership grant		£ 1,900.00			
Receipts made up to February 24th 2021						
27/01/2021	Food Voucher		£ 50.00			
09/02/2021	KCC	Grass cutting	£ 688.80			
11/02/2021	F&C van		£ 30.00	£ 768.80		
Payments made up to February 24th 2021						
27/01/2021	Screwfix	Litter warden & lock	£ 30.97			
27/01/2021	Booker	Litter warden gloves	£ 8.39			
28/01/2021	Jellybeans	Donation	£ 200.00			
02/02/2021	EE	Phone top up	£ 15.00			
02/02/2021	EDF	CCTV	£ 13.00			
03/02/2021	Google	Email	£ 5.52			
05/02/2021	N Grimes	Office rental	£ 266.66			
05/02/2021	L Phillips	Litter warden	£ 377.87			
05/02/2021	N Grimes	Salary&expenses	£ 1,009.24			
09/02/2021	Ebay	Dog signs	£ 49.90			
11/02/2021	Freeths	VH covenant	£ 900.00			
23/02/2021	Eon	Streetlights	£ 19.03	£ 2,895.58		
Payments to be agreed March meeting						
	N Grimes	Salary&expenses	£ 980.94			
	E Phillips	Litter warden	£ 377.87			
	N Grimes	Office rental	£ 151.66			
	Google	Email	£ 5.52			
	Eon	streetlights	£ 19.00			
	EDF	CCTV	£ 13.00	£ 1,547.99		
ESTIMATED BALANCES						
	Nat West account		£ 25,369.22			
	Nationwide BS		£ 20,433.36			
	Car park		£ 555.00			
	Village in Bloom		£ 100.00			
	Membership grant		£ 1,900.00	£ 48,357.58		

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