

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of **Westleton Parish Council** at the meeting held at **7.30pm** on **Monday 23rd January 2017** in the Westleton Village Hall.

(Signed)
Phillippa Welby
Parish Clerk

There were present

Cllr A. Smith (*in the Chair*), Cllrs A. Paige, A. Clough, J. Alexander, H Williams, C Freeman, P Holmes and R. Jones.

In Attendance: -

Cllr Michael Gower (SCC) and Phillippa Welby (Clerk).

PRE AGENDA MATTERS

Contributions from members of the public

There were none.

AGENDA

17/1 Introductory remarks and apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr A. Alexander, Cllr Swindell and Cllr Catchpole.

The Chair also announced that the Clerk had handed in her notice and would work until the end of the financial year. An advert had already gone in the Fisherman. The Council agreed to advertise for a new Clerk.

17/2 Declaration of interests

None were declared.

17/3 Pre Meeting Report from SCC Councillor

Cllr Gower began his report by giving an update on devolution. The item is back with Central Government to see if an offer can be made for just Suffolk. Both the District Council and County Council are preparing their response to the stage two consultation for Sizewell C. They are of the opinion that there still isn't enough detailed information to make informed responses.

17/4 Pre Meeting Report from SCDC Councillor

Cllr Catchpole was absent from the meeting.

17/5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th November 2016 be accepted as a true record.

17/6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- **Any other matters** – Cllr Holmes reported that SCDC had replaced the glass in the bus shelter.

17/7 Decision as to accept incomplete application for cooption.

Applicants had been asked to submit a statement to the Clerk for consideration by Councillors. One applicant did not submit a statement. Councillors voted to accept the incomplete application for cooption along with the two complete applications.

17/8 Councillors to vote on co-option candidates for the vacancy.

Nick Sherme was voted on to the Council by way of cooption by 5 votes to 3 votes.

17/7 Community Field

Cllr J. Alexander gave an update in Cllr Swindell's absence. The advisory group is still trying to find the right grade grit for the boules court. Cllr Holmes has rolled the cricket nets up for the winter.

17/8 Common

Cllr Jones thanked the volunteer group who worked the weekend of the 21st and 22nd January. Cllr Jones had also checked with the Community Payback Scheme and they are still offering work free of charge.

17/9 Council Finances and Accounts

- **Income (attached)** To note income to date
- **Expenditure (attached)** To note expenditure to date
- **Invoices and Payments** – The following items were proposed for payment by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Jones. All in favour.

From	Item	Amount
Westleton Village Hall	Room Hire	£37.50
JT Pegg	Repairs to Mill Stone band	£276
Phillippa Welby	Clerk's fees and expenses	£394.84

17/10 Planning applications

The Clerk has received correspondence regarding Old Forge Cottage. Cllrs were read the correspondence and agreed unanimously that proper procedure had been followed and that the original comments regarding the application still stood.

DC/16/4613/FUL – Extension The Old Forge Cottage, Darsham Rd – Amended plans – The Council had no objections to the amended boundary on the new plan

DC/16/4614/FUL – New dwelling site of The Old Forge Cottage, Darsham Rd – Amended plans - The Council had no objection to the amended boundary on the new plans.

DC/17/0137/TCA – T1 Eucalyptus to be felled – The Pightle, Love Lane – the Council had no objections to this application.

DC/17/0116/VOC – Variation of Condition 2 – Hill House, The Hill – It was decided to delay the decision on this as some of the drawings were missing. Clerk to contact SCDC.

17/11 Housing Needs Update

No update this month.

17/12 Tree Warden Report

Cllr Clough had been to inspect trees at Ralph's Mill Cottage that are growing through overhead cables. There are 3 Sycamore trees and 1 large Silver Birch that are the Council's responsibility. Clerk to contact BT to advise that they need to at least remove the upper branches.

17/13 Road works, Hedges and Flooding

Cllrs Smith and Swindell met with David Blencowe the Speedwatch coordinator and Cllr Gower from SCC to discuss options to try to reduce speeding through the village. The possibility of installing the white gateways at each end of the 30mph was discussed. A

meeting with David Chenery from Highways will be requested to discuss this further. Cllr J. Alexander also raised the issue of parking round the shop. Highways had originally said no to any form of lines in this area. This problem area will also be raised at the meeting.

17/14 SALC

No updates this month.

17/15 Sizewell

The Council agreed to write a letter style response to EDF rather than fill in the questionnaire as it was found to be leading and did not address all of the Council's concerns. Clerk to write response and send to Cllrs for approval. Cllr Gower advised sending a copy to Therese Coffey MP.

17/16 Emergency Plan

No update this month.

17/18 Vehicle activated sign

The Council looked at the December figures from the VAS. The Clerk had written to the Police and sent figures to show when would be the best time to send the mobile speed camera.

17/19 Defibrillator cabinet

The lock has been broken on the cabinet. Cllrs Holmes and J. Alexander will look to see if they are able to repair the lock.

17/20 Bonfire finances

The event was not quite so well attended this year partly due to the inclement weather. This meant the collection and takings on the food were down. A retrospective donation of £350 from the Council was made to the Bonfire Fund to maintain balance of £870 to carry over for next year.

17/21 Plot on Village Green, adjacent to pond

The Council agreed to try to ascertain more information about this plot of land with the future possibility of purchasing it for the village. It was suggested that an extension to the pond with a seating area could be made.

17/22 Aggravated Burglaries

Cllr Smith gave a caution to residents and Cllrs regarding spate of recent aggravated burglaries in the local area.

17/23 Correspondence

Thank you from East Anglian Air Ambulance

Cllr Holmes handed Cllr Smith a cheque for £100 for the Council from Westleton Gun Club. Another £100 was also given to the Council from the Gun Club to decide which local charity to present it to. The Council agreed on Middleton Primary School PTA. Clerk to thank the Gun Club and forward cheque.

17/24 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the Council next meets at 7.30 pm on Monday 27th February 2016