

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The unapproved minutes of Westleton Parish Council at the meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 24th July 2017 in Westleton Village Hall.

Madeleine Kerry
Clerk of the Council

There were Present

Cllr Arlette Smith (Vice Chair) Cllrs Julian Alexander, Cllr Anthony Clough, Cllr Chris Freeman, Cllr Paul Holmes, Cllr Roy Jones, Cllr Nick Shearme, Cllr Roy Swindell, Cllr Ian Alexander. Cllr Richard Smith, Cllr Ian Johnson.

1 member of the public

In Attendance

Madeleine Kerry (Clerk)

PRE AGENDA MATTERS

Contributions from members of the public.

A member of the public brought up concerns about a planning application recently approved by the PC. The query was noted and will be discussed under the appropriate agenda item

AGENDA

17/146 Introductory remarks and apologies for absence:

Apologies Cllr Andrew Paige (Chair)

17/147 Declaration of interests

Council members to declare possible interests they may have in any items on the agenda, either pecuniary or non-pecuniary and to consider requests of dispensation.

17/148 Minutes of Previous Meeting -

Cllr Holmes had a query arising from the minutes and was not happy to sign them off until he had clarification from the Chair who is away at present.

Cllr Smith County Councillor reported that there were no updates on Sizewell.

Cllr Swindell discussed with Cllr Smith County Councillor whether dragons teeth on the road, would slow the traffic down. Cllr Smith CC did not know the logistics but offered to put money forward to pay for them. Cllr Swindell to investigate.

17/149 Matters Arising from the Minutes June 17

17/121 Overhanging Trees – Yoxford Road – Clerk to contact highways Department. No reply from David Watson. Ongoing. Diary Note Sept 17

Grange View ditches - No reply from David Watson – Ongoing. Diary Note Sept 17.

17/120 -Environmental Health – Clerk to get update on rat boxes near the pond. Cllr Clough to be in attendance. - **Ongoing**

17/126 – Kings Farm Reservoir - No reply from Owner Nathan Bacon regarding sign. Clerk to check for sign. Diary Note – **September 17 – Ongoing**

Letter to Nick Rouse – Regarding the cars on the land on Mill Street. No reply to letter. Diary Note October 17.

17/150 Community Field

Cllr Swindell reported that a work party had done a lot of work on the community field, clearing, strimming nettles and thistles. Toilet has arrived. The mower donated by Peter Hector doesn't work. Cllr J Alexander to get quote from garage for mower and service for strimmer.

17/151 Common

Cllr Jones reported this was a quiet time on the common in terms of work to be done.

Moth Box – Cllr Jones was looking into more information that was needed by WPC, and reported that the requestors had changed their minds.

The rotten bench has been removed.

The overhanging trees have been cut back.

The notice board on the Northern part of the common had been shunted.

Next commons Advisory group to be on 25th August.

17/152 Council Finances and Accounts

- **Income (attached)** To note income to date
 1. ESS Higher Entry Level Stewardship – Non Obj £891.00 (23/06/17)
- **Expenditure (attached)** To note expenditure to date in new 2017-18 financial year
- **Invoices and Payments** To consider the following for payment

From	Item	Amount
Cllr Swindell	Land Registry deeds	£35.88
Madeleine Kerry	Clerk	£298.10
J Woodhead	Clerks training 19 & 26 April	£120.00
Cllr R Swindell	Besom Broom (boules court)	£2.85
Cllr Swindell	Grass Cutting	£40.00
Scarletts	Petrol – Strimmer	£6.30

17/153 Planning Applications

From	Item	Details
Rufus Olins, Lavender Cottage, Westleton	DC/17/2882/TCA	Removal of total of 15 trees from Garden

No objection – Clerk to contact Mr. Olins and ask him to cut back his hedge to boundary

17/154 Housing Needs Update

None

17/155 Tree Warden Report

Cllr Clough – near the pond there are a number of overgrown shrubbery, which seems to be inhabited by rats. Clerk gave update on the environmental agency leaving traps out.

17/156 Road Works, Hedges and Flooding.

Cllr N Shearme mentioned the condition of the footpath from Bakers Lane to Shop. He will photograph the potholes and the clerk will contact Highways to deal with them.

17/157 SALC

None

17/158 Sizewell

None

17/159 VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign)

Monthly record sent out to councilors before meeting

17/160 Correspondence

Email received to erect two further dog litter bins on the Mill Street car park and one at Hinton. Clerk to forward email round to council. Hinton is out of our Parish and there are already two dog litter bins on adjoining common.

17/161 Fireworks - 1st January 2018

Cllr Shearme requested permission to purchase the fireworks before the end of August to qualify for the saving. He further requested additional funds towards them, this was rejected as Council felt enough money was being spent and the precept remained unchanged.

17/162- Concerns about the Common Boundary

Because of the sensitive nature of this item the meeting was adjourned for discussion. Councillors unanimously agreed that the PC have no claim on the land SK91524. A letter is to be sent to Mr and Mrs Ingram offering our apologies and an attachment will accompany the minutes further clarifying this

17/163 - Date of Next Meeting

To note that Council next meets on **Monday 25th September 2017 at 7.30 pm**

Supporting statement relating to agenda item 17/162

Having reviewed all appropriate documentation, the Parish Council wishes to make it clear that it no longer considers that the Council has any claim at all to any ownership of land registered as Title No.SK91524. There is therefore no claim to an approximately 30' wide strip or thereabouts of Common Land marked in blue on a Title Plan.

Regrettably, when previously statutorily commenting upon planning application DC/17/2251/FUL, the Parish Council had not made itself in full possession or understanding of the relevant information. Furthermore, the Council now recognises that the Planning Application does not misrepresent the facts and is more than sufficient for the purposes thereof. The Council confirms that it is taking all necessary steps to ensure that all necessary documentation will be available to it for future reference in order to avoid further repetition and that there is no dispute over the boundaries.

The Council unreservedly apologises to the owners of the above Title for the distress and difficulties caused.