

**Minutes of Whatlington Parish Council meeting on 21st September 2023 in the village hall
At 7.30p.m. Open Session 7.30p.m. – 7.50p.m.****AGENDA****OPEN SESSION / ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chairman decided to take planning application RR/2023/1497/P during the Open Session to allow the applicants to explain what their application proposed and the reasoning for this. The applicants then outlined this. Councillor White raised some concerns including the design and proposed height of the new houses for the area

Items of Interest- The clerk had been advised by Rother that the delay in a bill for our two elections being sent was they are still awaiting expense claims from parish councillors in order to know the final overall costs. They have promised to send our bill in time for our November meeting.

The clerk had been approached by a church warden asking if the council would consider purchasing large Royal British Legion poppies to go around the village. As they had been advised that the poppies were selling fast the clerk using her allocated monies purchased 10. Councillors volunteered to site these around the village, the date for doing this being 1st November.

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies

2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

After the amendment of spelling, in fourth line last word entity, the minutes of the council meeting on the 13th July 2023, copies of which had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Request for funding for Community Website- This is not needed at present as one of the promoters is funding and they are considering raising revenue with advertising being charged.
- b) Request from Speed Watch for funding for New Speed Indicator Device – The police have not yet decided whether to ask the parish council for funding.
- c) Reply from Flexi Bus - Why Whatlington not listed as able to use bus. Councillor Field had received their reply saying as we were on a bus route the service is not available to us. The Chairman said he had seen the bus in Robertsbridge who are also on a bus route. Our bus only covers the journey through Battle to Hastings does not cover the adjoining villages such as Sedlescombe. Councillor Field will contact them again regarding this.
- d) Quantity of concrete still not removed from grass verge in Riccards Lane. Councillor Field said she will contact County as this is on their land.
- e) A21 Safety Team –Telephone call received 15th September, advising they are now looking into footpaths and the Royal Oak Junction where a CCT camera will be sited during week starting 17th September results will then be discussed. Will contact us end October with any updates and meeting date. Chairman said he did not believe the sign had been sited will check and let the clerk know if we need to contact them about this.

5 CORRESPONDENCES

- a) Vinehall School – Request to have school details on council's website. - After discussion it was decided not to have the schools details on our website but advise them they could approach the new village website for this.
- b) Huw Merriman M.P. Meeting with councillors and public –Whatlington Village Hall 3rd November at 3.p.m. The clerk was asked to check that parishioners can ask our M.P questions as this had not been made clear.
- c) Invitation to councillor - Residential Development in Rother meeting 2nd November Manor Barn 10a.m.-2p.m. No councillors advised their interest in attending
- d) Barclays Bank. Confirmation that any problems with our account corrected and matter closed as complete, but awaiting confirmation from Mandate Team.

6 REPORT ON SPEED WATCH FROM STEVE TURNER

Report was available for councillors

7. REVIEW OF FOLLOWING: -

No Policies due

8 PLANNING

RR/2023/990/P	Forest Lodge	GRANTED
RR/2023/1651/P	The Old Rectory	
	Erect a garage with store and home office over. Supported by council	
RR/2023/1800/FN	Application to determine if prior approval is required for an agricultural building for storing of Hay, Straw and machinery.	
	Notification for information only	
RR/2023 1497/P	Riccards – land adjoining Riccards Lane, Proposed demolition of existing Outbuildings and the erection of 2 dwellings. Councillors discussed the application. The Chairman then took a verbal vote which supported the application.	

9 FINANCES

The external audit of the council’s finances has been completed with Exempt Status granted

The balances of our accounts with Barclays Bank was current account - £377.35 Savings account £11,245.91

The half year payment of our Precept has now been received. £3,550.00 not yet included on bank statement

July – H.P. Instant Ink – Photocopying £4.49

Fasthosts – Website fee - £2.63	£7.12
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August – H.P. Instant Ink – Photocopying - £17.49

Fasthosts - Website fee £2.63	£20,12
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100860 Cancelled

100861 V. Bennett half annual salary	£1600.64
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100862 V. Bennett Administration costs	£160.31
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100863 Averdell – Grass cutting- £600 and maintenance Fence and drains £100	£700.00
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100864 East Sussex ALC Limited – Councillors Davis and Sullivan training	£96.00
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10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 16th November 2023

Minutes remain until agreed at the next parish council meeting