

**MINUTES OF WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
21<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:-** Councillor Fisher in the Chair  
Councillors Davis, Clarkson, Sullivan and White  
District Councillor Burton

**OPEN SESSION / LATE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

2 government electors attending

Hugo Fox have advised our website was updated before the 31<sup>st</sup> October deadline to WCAG2.2

Our Footpath Warden said they were trying to encourage people to walk the footpath and to report any problems they find. He has written a summary on this to go in the next Newsletter

Councillor Burton mentioned about the possible consultation on having council meetings on line. The Chairman said we have already dealt with this between meetings with councillors writing with their comments which were against this, the clerk also wrote but as a parishioner.

**AGENDA**

**1) APOLOGIES**

County and District Councillor Field

**2) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

No disclosure made

**MINUTES**

- 2) Minutes of the council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 copies of which had been Circulated, the minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

**4) MATTERS ARISING**

- a National Highways - Flooding and closing the road at Marley Lane Junction – They advised the flooding is caused by the road being low at the junction and also being on a flood plain. It would be too costly to raise the road for the amount of time there is flooding needing the road to be closed. They also advised they will look at and possibly consider in future closing the A.21 at Johns Cross and diverting traffic down the A.2100.

- b Meeting with our M.P. Kieran Mullen – Councillors decided to suggest January or March which is the Parish Assembly and could be helpful

- c East Sussex Highways – Lowering the speed limits in the parish – They advised they will be assessing the C.293, B2090 and B.2089 to see if these roads need to have a lower speed limit and also if pathways can be sited.

The Chairman asked if the clerk could write to them asking for the white center lines to be reinstated as following work on the road these were covered up. Drivers are finding cars being driven in the center of the road, very dangerous around bends. Councillors were divided on this, as the road is a country road and should not have lines, but as they were there and it is for safety They agreed on asking for these to be reinstated.

- d A parishioner had also written to East Sussex Highways regarding the danger from speeding vehicles to pedestrians and asking for a lower speed limit.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) National Highways A.21 Safety Team -They have set out the work they can implement with pathways and road crossings and also work they cannot undertake because of restrictive grass verge problems.
- b) Bus shelter being used as a toilet - The Chairman said they have had five of these incidents over the past 25 years with member of the parish stepping in and clearing the mess. Councillors discussed how this could be solved but no resolution on this was voiced. It was agreed to state the problem in the Newsletter.

**6) REPORT ON SPEED WATCH – STEVE TURNER**

The group are now equipped with a new detector gun which has a narrower beam so better to detect speeds of oncoming traffic. The full report was available for councillors and on our website.

**7) REVIEWS OF FOLLOWING: -**

Equality and Diversity  
Privacy Notices  
Retention of Documents and Records

**8) CLERKS ONLINE MEETING**

There is consideration of a consultation being held on the merging of County and District Councils. Councillor Burton said this is not just a local issue it is a National one. The number of grass verges cuts a year and the high costs for those parishes that have more than 4 a year... They were advised that Contact is available for clerks with Karl Taylor.

**9) PLANNING**

Appeal -APP/U1430/W24/3352916/3042 – Hillside Nursery  
RR/2024/1782/PIP – Land on West side of Whatlington  
Battle side of Sunset, Whatlington Road – Council have objected as no information given on this

**10) FINANCES**

The balances in Barclays Bank as at 1st November 2024 was current account - £607.75  
Deposit account -£8,106.99  
There was one account to pay -100889 – Society of Local Council Clerks – Subscription £110.00  
Two accounts paid between meetings  
100887 – B. Clarkson – Siting of Defibrillator £95.00#  
100888 – I.D. Electrical Services – Electricity fitting to Defibrillator £120.00  
Barclaycard direct debits  
Hugo Fox – Silver Service fee £71.97  
September – Fast Host – Email fee - £2.88 H.P. instant Ink – Photocopying -£5.49 £8.37  
October – Fast Host - email fee £2.88  
All agreed cheque drawn and signed

The Meeting closed at 8.25

**11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.