

**MINUTES OF THE WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING ON
16th MAY 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30P.M.**

Present - Councillor Fisher Chairman
Councillors Clarkson, Davis and Sullivan
District Councillor Burton
County and District Councillor Field

1) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Fisher Proposed by Councillor Clarkson and seconded by Councillor Sullivan was elected as Chairman. The Acceptance of Office was signed.

Chairman advised two additions to item 12 Whatlington Village Hall annual rent £200 and The Parochial Church Council of Whatlington - agreed annual grant towards churchyard grass cutting - £500.

OPEN SESSION

There were five local parishioners attending

No matters raised

Councillor Field said County had been granted additional monies for Transport. They have had problems with transporting children to school and back to home and need more volunteers for this.

They are also looking into more work placements.

The Chairman said there may be problems with the new arrangement for parking in Bexhill,

Councillor Field said it is difficult to find parking places in several areas The new arrangements are to be advertised in the local paper and people can forward their comments on these.

Speed Watch advised they are to have the new machine on trial with the option of purchasing it. They have been advised there is a grant they can apply for to help with this.

Following a request from a parishioner the clerk contacted National Highways regard the high grass on the verge at the junction Riccards Lane - A.21 stopping drivers seeing vehicles coming from the South.

2) APOLOGIES

Councillor White

3) DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosure of interests made

4) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Sullivan Proposed by Councillor Fisher seconded by Councillor Davis

5) APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ROTHER ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Councillors Fisher and Sullivan were appointed as representatives

6) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st March 2024, copies of which had been circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7) MATTERS ARISING

- a. Date for meeting with Highways A.21 team – Councillors discussed their recent email agreeing to a late September meeting providing this was to be a final meeting with actions following
The hall at the moment is available on Mondays until 6p.m and was a preferred day by councillors also available is Thursdays all day. No evening days are available. The clerk will reply to their emails advising the days available with Monday the preferred choice and we need to have a date as soon as possible as the hall could well be booked anytime.
- b. East Sussex County Council- No information on decision for speeding limits in Riccards Lane received

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Rother District Council – Agreed a discount for the printing of the Newsletter of -£100 for 12-page version and - £125 for 16-page version. The Editor has been informed.
- b. Parishioner had asked if there was a weight limit on Whatlington Road. The clerk had checked the Audit carried out when the Walkway was constructed and it states no weight limit.
A parishioner had queried this at the time and was told there was no weight problem with the bridge.
- c. Parishioners living near Park Lane B2089 have emailed saying they have difficulty walking along this road and would like this looked into by the A.21 Safety Team. Councillor Clarkson said there are difficulties in this area he will add to their request and forward a copy of this to the clerk to send .

9) EMERGENCY PLAN

Councillor Davis had amended the plan and gave all councillor a copy. The plan was agreed and will be put in the newsletter

10) DEFIBRILLATOR

This is now sited and working with just the electric wire to be connected. Councillor then discussed as the cabinet is locked where the code information should be. After discussing advertising, the code and any problems that may cause, it was agreed not to advertise the code but have a card with the code on the inside window of the cabinet. Councillors were advised the code number.

11) PLANNING

RR/2024/631/TN	Footland Wood	INFORMATION ONLY
	Removal and Replacement oof 3 x existing Telefonica antennas at 30m	
	Installation of radio units and other ancillary items	
RR/671/2024/P	Dorrells, Woodmans Green Road	
	Proposed extension to existing garage bui8lding	
RR/672/2024/2	Dorrells, Woodmans Green Road	
	Proposed lowering part of existing kitchen floor	
RR/2024/441/P	2 Forstals, Woodmans Green Road	GRANTED
AP/U1430/W/24/33337523/2190 - Riccards, Riccard's Lane		APPEAL

12 FINANCES

The balance in Barclays Bank as at 1st May 2024 – Current Account - £2,023.75

Business Savings Account - £7,852.08. The first half of the Precept has been received

Barclaycard

Fast Host –Email fee - £2.88 H.P. Instant Ink – Photocopying -£11 .99 £14.87

Adobe account - £21.14 - Fasthosts - £2.88 – H.|P. Photocopying - £5.49 £29.51

100875 London Heart -Defibrillator £750.00

100876 Whatlington Village Hall – Annual Rent £200.00

100877 Section 137. The Parochial Church Council of Whatlington
Grant towards Churchyard Grass Cutting £500.00

100878 Clear Council – 3-year Annual Insurance- as agreed by councillor s £261.73

100880 East Sussex Association of Local Councils - Subscription - £75.74

National Association of Local Councils - £20.80 £96.54

We are still awaiting bills for siting Defibrillator and repairs to Bus Shelter

13 SECTION 1 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Agreed by Councillors and signed by Chairman and Clerk

SECTION 2 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2023-2024

Agreed by Councillors and signed by Chairman and Clerk

ANNUAL INTERNALAUDITORS REPORT 2023-2024- and letter

Agreed by Councillors

AGAR APPLICATON FORM AND SIGNED.BY CHAIRMAN AND CLERK

Agreed by councillors and signed by Chairman and clerk

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 19th September 2024

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30pm

Minutes remain in draft format until approved at the next Meeting of the Council