

**MINUTES OF WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2015
WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Present : Cllr Head (Chairman)
Cllrs T. Fulwell, G. Goode, D. Parris, A. Marr, R. Fitzwater, K. Aspinall, D. Adams

In Attendance Mrs N. Grimes (clerk)
BCllrs Dave Davies. Roger Dalton
2 Members of the public

1.	<p>APOLOGIES Jo-Anne Tiller Peter Homewood</p>	
2.	<p>MINUTES The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1/9/2015 were proposed by Daphne Parris and seconded by Andy Marr to be a true record of proceedings. It was agreed by all other Councillors that the minutes were to be signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3.	<p>MATTERS ARISING Members agreed that any other matters arising from the minutes would be dealt with under the appropriate heading, as the meeting progressed through the Agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST Jenny Head declared an interest in any ground maintenance issues</p>	
5. 5.1	<p>EXTERNAL REPORTS The Council commented that this was a comprehensive report. Is Bushey Wood in the next Local Plan? BCllr Davies emphases areas in the ‘call for sites’ are not a definite build, will be looked at from a planners point of view, then broken down to a list of suitable sites. There is lots of land available in North Kent, not all housing is required in the North, Maidstone area and Tonbridge area. Does Borough look at empty houses? BCllr Dalton replies if we know of any properties lying empty bring it to their attention but they do not go looking for them. Strategic Housing Market Assessment has a fixed requirement of 673 houses per year which is fixed. Cllr Fulwell said that in the (meeting) Stephen Humphries commented that it would not be wise for Borough to put all development in one area. Medway Estuary and Swale Strategy Group. Catherine Gore farms land along the river and concerned about flooding, she received an email saying that all landowners and member of each PC down the river would be invited to the Group meeting, no-one has heard of it so BCllr Dalton will look into it for us. Cllr Head suggests Mrs Gore should go as a representative of the PC. Cllr Aspinall asks about dates in the Local Plan, started 2011 to 2018/19 plan has to be set by then. Cllr Goode asked about parking in Hall Road, looking forward to buses passing there from Peters Village. An update to follow. Cllr Parris remarked there was spare parking in Russet Homes, clerk to draft letter.</p>	Clerk

Signed _____ Dated _____

<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p>	<p>Clerk emailed Peter Homes to ask for a contribution to CCTV in the car park, he has agreed and needs a quote. Police Fund emailed re CCTV they will also look at grants. PCSO suggests we need more lighting for CCTV to be effective, plan is to put CCTV on spotlight. Cllr Aspinal asked can we look at more lighting, possibly because of all the interest.</p> <p>All read</p> <p>Cllr Aspinal to contact PCSO to speak to NW co-ordinator. Cllr Head to set up meeting. Ask Jo for update.</p> <p>Report to go on FB, forward to Cllr Goode</p>	<p>PCSO</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Downs Farm no comment as just landscaping</p> <p>Number 7 High Street no comment as not enough to object on.</p> <p>BCllr Dalton commented it was refused by planning but the inspector then turned it down for other reasons. Applicant alters plans after each objection.</p> <p>TM/15/02176</p> <p>None</p> <p>Emma Keefe Head of Planning had replied to our letter regarding the Travel Plan.</p> <p>Cllr's Goode and Fulwell do not agree with some of the paragraphs in the reply.</p> <p>After discussion it was decided to take a vote: VOTE: proposer Cllr Head second Cllr Fitzwater that we take complaints about the Travel Plan no further. 5 for 2 against 1 abstain Proposer Cllr Fulwell second Cllr Goode write to TMBC to close the matter 2 for 5 against 1 abstain We need to learn from this in the way we respond to consultations.</p> <p>School Consultation KCC are leading the consultation. Cllr Head suggests we leave questions for consultation until it is published. Cllr Fitzwater went to see Carl Fitter as a member of public. Options are Burham and Wouldham stay the same and PV gets a new school. Wouldham and PV join together. More spaces are required. Pros and cons. 1. Stay the same, Headmaster did not think this was a good option a 2 form entry allows for specialist teachers. Smaller school has less good career structure for staff. Worried that staff would leave and go to PV, present school rooms too small, hall will be too small, almost in breach of Health and Safety now, no kitchen, outdoor space inadequate and have to cross a road to get to it. 2. Improving and expanding, KCC will not renovate the old school.</p>	

6.4a	<p>3. Joined school 2 form entry, more specialist staff and better career path. Existing proposed sites, Cllr Fitzwater comments impressive school and staff. If there is a 2nd school in PV, worry is Wouldham will lose the Head. Most important is education of local children, Cllr Fitzwater thinks village will be better served by having a new school. Cllr Aspinal and Cllr Head agree that the Council should not have any other comments until the consultation is out and not to jump to conclusions. Cllr Head happy with Cllr Fitzwaters' report, council will get together once information is out.</p>	
7.	<p>PETERS VILLAGE New leaflet out. Site visit was rained off but good chat to Shirley Boards, sent photos and looked at maps. Anybody who wants to go round the site can make an appointment. Contact Shirley.</p>	
8.	<p>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC One member of the public commented that Carl Fitter has brought his wife and children to Wouldham so in her opinion not likely he would move on. Cllr Adams says the Head thrives on a challenge and no one knows how hard all the staff and governors work. Bottom of Tramway overgrown, Cllr Parrish has cut branches down. Report again. Mark Heeley at Lafarge</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>STREET LIGHTING Cllr Fulwell summarizes, what kind of lights do we want? Dimmer, off, on etc. Cllr Parris, lack of lighting has been of great concern. Cllr Fitzwater was sent link saying various monies would be saved but did not say what the cause and effect would be. What are the consequences of spending this money? Cllr Head asks would KCC spend the money on something else, possibly not. Cllr Fulwell KCC thinks move to LED lights good thing because of more control and saving money. Cllr Head we should ask if LED lights are fitted can they be on all night. Cllr Fitzwater would not support that unless he knew what else the money would be spent on. Cllr Adams also need to consider the environment. Council to email clerk to combine opinions</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>HIGHWAYS AND VERGES HGV sign, permission to put on lighting post requested but it may not stay on post if not working. Report potholes outside Starkey Castle to KCC Disabled lines, painted in the disabled lines we wanted removed, replaced the broken up ones. Once the disabled signposts have been removed they should remove the lines, cannot enforce one without the other. Cllr Fulwell. Double yellow lines. Andy Bracey has to follow up. BCllr Dalton didn't think PC have made a decision. Letter of intent went to Andy Bracey. Copy letter to BC's. BCllr Davis, all work to be carried out by KCC not TMBC, realistically this will go into the next plan in 2016. When buses to PV start Arriva will put on a 2nd 155 bus in the half hour round PV roundabout. Write to Andy Bracey to remind him about the lines. Peter Homewood to pay for them. BCllr Dalton ask Peter to forward email to clerk. Already putting up signs in PV, is it worth asking what signs they have planned for Hall Road. Cllr Fulwell to ask Rex at Bam</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>BCllr Dalton</p>

		Cllr Fulwell
11.	FOOTPATHS/PROW	
11.1	216 High St. Complaining about tree in alleyway. Going to be taken out. All agree Jenny will get it taken out. Will treat stump. Payback group have tidied alley.	
11.2	Black Robin path disappearing, Jenny to ask payback. Cllr Adams asks about using Payback on path by common. Least we should ask for Hill Road is flaying the sides to vehicle height as cannot avoid potholes. Cllr Head complained about School Lane, contractor will make it clear this is unacceptable. Write to Michele Snoding to submit a report on condition of road.	Cllr Head Clerk
11.3	Bridleway upgrade. The reason WPC is interested it that our residents want to use the paths but it is in Burham territory. Cllr Head asks for views to clerk of collated views. Cllr Goode we need to find previous correspondence. Maria McCloughlan KCC will know. Cllr Fitzwater comments that bridleways become defacto highways, bridleways are gated so they cannot be used by motorised transport. Cllr Head speculated that developers wanted to get rid of pathways to fit in houses.	Clerk
12.	ALLOTMENTS Cllr Marr, scalplings are still on the Rec, cannot get them transported to allotments. Ask on FB Break in. No more heard about it. Left the tools too long. PCSO suggest we paint the tools to keep a track of them.	Clerk
13.	WOULDHAM COMMON Cllr Adams path needs cutting. Wild flowers. Cllr Head suggests when Burham was planted, wild flower seeds were spread around. Suggest bringing children in, bring their own seeds. Area in Rectory Close can be planted. Cllr Goode suggests daffodils outside the church wall, crocuses round trees, Agree to set a budget. £12.95 for 12. Quote from Cllr Goode and email to agree it. Contact Chris Fox about flowers along riverside.	Cllr Goode Clerk
14.	VILLAGE HALL	
14.1	Cllr Fulwell. Had meeting. Main issue Barclays won't change signatures over. Still no authority. Is going to change bank. Changed cleaners and everyone is happy with new cleaner who cleans in a shorter time. Encourage JB to put things away. Reduction in cleaning bill is significant. Hand dryer. JB said that would be OK for the children, Cllr Fulwell to get quote for dryer. No maintenance issues. Chairs, Cllr Fulwell says new chairs would clear fire exit and be in a rack in corner. Will talk to Youth Club to keep their stuff out of the way. Cllr Aspinall reminds everyone that we need an asbestos check. No progression on proposed new hall, Fund raising continuing.	Cllr Fulwell
14.2		
15.	RECREATION GROUND Cllr Parris reported fencing been tampered with. Someone has removed bolts. Cllr Fulwell to look at vandal proof ones. Will monitor.	

	Bin in play area has been tampered with by foxes. There is a request for one with a lid. Cllr Head asks for recommendation and cost. Bin outside Nelson Road also has no lid. Bin in Square between 79-97 has no liner.	Cllr Parris
16. 16.1	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS: Approval of Accounts. Had payment of precept. Cllr Head. Lots of expenses last month. Explains Trenport allotment payment was from last year. All agree clerk to go on CiLca All agree to sign Clerks contract , Cllr head signs. Clerk to find out interest rates. Cllr Fitzwater to see if we can get better interest rate. Look for F Rances contract.</p>	Clerk Cllr Fitzwater
17.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE As filed</p>	
18.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 3rd November</p>	
19.	<p>QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS, CHAIRPERSON AND CLERK Cllr Aspinall. Lovely comments on FB about Freddie's work.</p> <p>Cllr Head. This is our 6th meeting, so much has been achieved. I believe we have achieved 6 major things: we have hired an excellent clerk in Nicky who I believe will become a first class clerk and an asset to the village. Organised a great Fun Day. Resurfaced part of the High St, levelled car park and planned CCCTV and kept the buses flowing through the village. In the next 6 months we will hopefully get changing facilities for the footballers and more importantly a new village hall. Let's all look forward to this happening.</p> <p>Cllr Parris . Stencils in village, Cllr Head to look at different stencil and different coloured paint. Letters are too small so Mr Head to make stencils of our own. We hope this will keep the issue in everyone's mind.</p> <p>Cllr Fitzwater concerned about Downs Farm. As far as he is aware someone is living in the barn. His wife is in the cottage. Cllr Aspinall says natural England have never commented on the plans. He is in breach of his planning conditions. <i>Propose to continue after 10pm. Cllr Fulwell seconds.</i> We should write to the Council to say we are concerned these premises are being used as residential, we would most strongly wish that it is investigated. Copy in BCllr Dalton. We cannot have Council make an appointment as he just moves into the cottage.</p> <p>Meeting closed 10.05pm</p>	Clerk