

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023 7.30PM

SANDHAM HALL, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Those Present: Cllr G Nelson Chairman
Cllr J Evans Vice-Chairman
Cllr A Davies
Cllr O Dudman
Cllr K Coughtrey
Cllr A Lane

C Cllr C Kenyon County Councillor
D Cllr J Campbell District Councillor

Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge Clerk

No members of public present.

23 / 11.00 **TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Dennis, and D Cllrs Clarke and Ellis-Brown.

23 / 12.00 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No new declarations were received.

23 / 13.00 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES**

Minutes for the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 23rd May 2023 was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

23 / 14.00 **FINANCE**

23 / 14.01 **Account Summary:** The Clerk distributed the accounts for Parish Council and Alban Head Playing Fields Committee to members prior to the meeting. These are attached as Appendix A & B respectively.

23 / 14.02 **Payments:** Authorised and payments signed by signatories after the meeting for:

Ice Media	Annual Hosting Fee	£95.00
Travis Perkins	Scaffold Board	£21.60
HM Revenue & n Customs	PAYE (Apr to Jun)	£131.60
Sandham Memorial Village Hall	Meeting Fees (Jul)	£10.00

23 / 14.03 **Authorise & sign amendment to Bank Standing Order:**

Clerk's Salary £418.28 then £404.28 from August - Members authorised the instruction to Lloyds Bank to amend the current Standing Order to reflect a change in salary after the Tax Code change for 2023/24 and was signed by signatories after the meeting.

23 / 15.00 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Nelson highlighted few issues for members:

- The police have received reports of phone scams in the village, where a person calls up purporting to be from the police.

- The Jubilee Tree is looking good.
- About 15 years ago the Water Board put a mains pipeline through the village, which went through the Alban Head Playing Field. The AH has been approached again as a second pipeline is to be put in parallel with the first one. Work is expected in 2028, but the process has started with getting permissions etc.
- He has received a request from a resident, who wishes to be a piscary bailiff, he will contact the existing bailiffs with the possibility of increasing their numbers.
- The editors of the Link have approached the Parish Council, regarding changes to its printing and distribution, and the implications, they wish to meet council to discuss.

22 / 16.02

PLANNING UPDATE

The Clerk updated Council regarding recent applications decisions:

- SDNP/23/00682/HOUS, Yew Tree Cottage, London Road, Hardham. PERMITTED
- SDNP/22/03837/FUL, Barlavington Estates, Land North of Waltham Park Road Coldwaltham, REFUSED.
- SDNP/21/03962/FUL, Fairfax Designs, The Old Mechanics Church Lane Coldwaltham, REFUSED

The Clerk updated members regarding new applications:

- 29 Arun Vale – erection of rear extension
- 2 Thatched Cottages – new gate in “listed” wall.
- Coldwaltham House – demolition of and erection of stable buildings
- Swallows End (Hardham) – change of cladding and roof tiles.
- The Warren (Brockhurst Farm) – erection of garden room
- Hoeland Cottage – erection of single store extension (retrospective)

Cllr Nelson proposed having a meeting regarding the Hoeland Cottage application and Ingrams Farm . This was agreed.

22 / 18.02

TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Cllr Evans posed a question for C Cllr Kenyon regarding changing the speed limit on the two rural roads out of Coldwaltham; Book Lane and Waltham Park Road, to have the limit reduced from national speed limit, how would the PC go about this? C Cllr Kenyon recommended applying for a Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) to no more than 40mph, following WSCC commitment to safer roads, and suggested contacting James Strachan.

Cllr Evans has been in correspondence with Sussex Safer Roads, who suggested that our existing flashing signs are the height of technology. The signs used by FPC (which must be moved regularly to comply with their remit) however, Coldwaltham does not have the enough positions to site similar signs like these in our parish. When asked about flashing signs, WSCC have advised what the parish can't have, but have not advised what types of systems the parish could have. He has also suggested that average speed cameras which would work in our village.

Cllr Evans is hoping that the village gates, for which we have asked for a grant, will prove successful, when speaking to other parishes. they have noted that these do work especially if the road is painted too to further emphasise the speed limit.

This issue is affecting the lives of residents in several ways, there is reduced foot fall about the village, residents have highlighted that this is because of the dangerous speed or users on the road. Also, the noise from speeding road users, is causing disruption to people enjoying their own gardens and homes.

C Cllr Kenyon noted that when she first was elected, she met with various highways officers and she appreciates that there are lots of matters to consider, it is more than just putting in the systems residents want. But she is becoming frustrated with the lack of progress. The processes are through a combination of CHS and TRO, as at Broadford Bridge, where two flashing signs were installed either side of the staggered junction.

23 / 18.00 **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK**

23 / 18.01 Cllr Dudman has made remedial repairs to the Watersfield Bus Shelter. However, the Silverdale Bus Shelter is still awaiting refurbishment, council is hoping to access Section 106 transport money, to assist with the costs.

23 / 18.02 C Cllr Kenyon advised that WSCC has committed a significant increase in Highway's budget, purchasing a third jet filler to help speed up road repairs, and £3 million for gully cleaning.

Cllr Coughtrey advised that she had witnessed a pedestrian having to use the road as the footpath is completely overgrown, along the A29 near to Winters Farm. C Cllr Kenyon asked for specific details.

The traffic lights of the A29 at Church Hill, these might continue for the foreseeable future, as discussions with the landowners is still ongoing. The new traffic lights seem to be working well. To gain access via legal process will inevitably take a long time. C Cllr Kenyon is pushing for scrutiny into the implications for this type of incident.

23 / 18.03 D Cllr Campbell made an observation, following a presentation by HDC regarding leisure projects for the district and noted that there was a large gap in facilities for this area. Cllr Coughtrey commented that Coldwaltham is a very rural parish situated on the very edge of HDC area and seems to get forgotten.

23 / 18.04 Cllr Lane highlighted that the hedges along Brook Lane were overgrowing the lane and what was the date when these could be cut back, hr Clerk advised 1st July.

23 / 18.06 Cllr Davies noted that the verge between the railway bridge and Old London Road had recently been cleared right back but nothing had been touched on the Pulborough side of the bridge.

23 / 18.07 Cllr Coughtrey asked when the hedge between Sandham Hall and Church Lane was going to be trimmed.

23 / 19.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Next meeting of Council is on Tuesday 26th September 2023, at 7.30pm, in the Sandham Hall, a change to the previously circulated date.

Meeting closed at **8.35 pm.**

Chairman:..... **Date:**.....

Distributed to those present, also Cllr Dennis, and D Cllrs Clarke and Ellis-Brown.