

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WESTHAMPNETT

Held in the March C. of E. School on Monday 19th May 2014 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr. B. Holman (Chairman, Westhampnett Parish Council)
Parish Cllrs: B. Harding, R Fabricus, Mrs. C. McLeish, Mrs. P. Wood, Mrs. C. Moth, and
Mrs. J. Hardstaff.
District Cllr Andrew Smith
County Cllr Jeremy Hunt
Mr. Nigel Carter, Rolls Royce
Mrs M Monachan (Locum Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2013**

The Minutes, having been distributed to Electors prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

4. **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman presented his report (Appended to Minutes).

5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr Smith gave an update on the Local Plan, Old Place Farm and the Travellers Site. He had registered a strong protest at Westhampnett being the only site identified by the seven Districts and Boroughs and County Council across the whole of West Sussex suitable for a travellers' site. However, the police needed such a facility so that they could use their powers under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and therefore supported the principle of the provision of such a facility.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr Hunt read out a written report (Appended to Minutes)

7. **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

No report was received due to the non-attendance of the PCSO.

8. **ROLLS ROYCE REPRESENTATIVE'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The representative presented his report (Appended to Minutes)

9. **GOODWOOD REPRESENTATIVE'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr Harding gave an overview of the year's activities and complaints made by residents.

10. TO RECEIVE THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Moth had taken on the responsibility of looking after the Council's finances in the absence of a clerk. As bank statements for 31 March 2014 were not available a bank reconciliation as of 12th March 2014 was received and was available for those present (Appended to Minutes). It was noted that once the bank statements are available the end of year accounts will be prepared and presented to the Council for approval.

11. OTHERS MATTER RAISED BY ELECTORS

The following issues were raised and discussed: the remedial work in Dairy Lane, travellers' transit site, the Nurseries planning application and the Local Plan.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 19th MAY 2014

The death of Henry Adams our chairman for almost 30 years, the loss of three parish clerks, one to become a full time mum, one moved away and the third who accepted the job backed out and left us in the lurch.

Having to constantly battle to defend our parish against hostile opponents who do not play with a straight bat, I looked in the thesaurus to find a word that best described them and devious, unethical, underhand, are some of the milder adjectives that describes the parishes views on how we have been treated over the last few months. Along with this the district council's determination to annihilate Westhampnett with a total disregard for the people who live here and the future financial wellbeing of the whole area with the threat that large scale development would bring to Goodwood airfield and racing circuit. Bill Harding in particular has fought hard on behalf of the parish council within the committee looking into the establishment of a travellers site and trying to put some common sense forward because heaven knows they need it.

Over the past twelve months this parish council has conducted a local survey, and organised a public meeting on the proposed gypsy site.

Continued working on our local plan, initiated discussions with Southern Water on flooding and sewage problems these are still ongoing.

Continues to strive for a 30mph speed limit through Maudlin, Westhampnett and this includes, Madgewick Lane.

Attend numerous committee and liaison group meeting.

Successfully applied to Operation Watershed to clear blocked ditches and water courses which we will be carrying on this following winter.

Applied for and granted £24,000 of New Homes Bonus funds for equipment to put into the new community hall and to purchase power tools for the volunteer group.

As you can imagine a great deal of time and effort has been put in by everyone on the parish council.

At present I am both chairman and clerk but without the support off the rest of my fellow parish councillors I would have been overwhelmed.

The parish council acknowledges the importance of outside competitors, who keep us informed , advised and abreast of developments which impact on our community and in turn influences the workings of the parish council.

Bob Holman
Chairman

Annual Report by Jeremy Hunt, County Council Member for Chichester North

Good evening Chairman, Members of the Committee, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The last twelve months have certainly flown by and at times it has been a steep learning curve. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the job is meeting so many 'local' people and working with all the Parish councils in my division. I would like to thank all the members of Westhampnett PC who have always made me most welcome.

One of my pledges when I was campaigning last year was that I would support local people on issues that are important to you. I hope you feel that I have made a good start in that direction. Of course, as a Member of the County Council, I am always mindful that I also have a responsibility to represent all the residents of West Sussex, when discussing issues which effect everyone across the County.

So what has been going on in the Parish as far as the County Council is concerned. When I started one of the first issue I was alerted to was the SSZ for the March School. I was involved in an early meeting with our Schools Travel Adviser and rather naively was led to believe that it would be implemented last Summer! I said it was a steep learning curve!! Anyway, following a lot of work by both myself and Garry Rustell this has now been completed. I hope it leads to a safer environment for our children.

Another ongoing issue was the TRO for extending the parking restrictions in Stane Street, which have also now been implemented. No doubt there are differing opinions of the pro's and con's of these restrictions but we can review any issues over the coming months.

Whilst on the subject of TRO's, the one to reduce the speed limit on Stane Street to 30mph should be out for public consultation before too long. Originally this was planned to start near the Church, leaving a short length of road from the roundabout at 40mph. I had further discussions with our Officers and persuaded them to start the reduced limit from the roundabout. The excellent news is that they have now included Madgwick Lane in this TRO, so hopefully this will become 30mph as well. However, I do realise that ideally we would like some extra traffic calming measures on that road as well.

Then came the winter, and guess what, even more rain than last year!

Having learnt from the previous year, I pushed very hard just after Christmas to try to ensure that the EA opened the Chichester Flood Relief channel a lot earlier than last year. Thankfully this was done and together with other work, despite record amounts of rain during the winter (for a second year in succession!) the Lavant mainly remained within its banks.

Unfortunately this was not enough to stop some serious flooding to properties in Dairy Lane. There is still ongoing investigation work to try and alleviate this problem and as soon as there are any concrete proposals I will let you know. I was pleased to see that at least

we finally cleared the ditch in Dairy Lane, although I appreciate that the resultant spoil is a mess. I have been told that there are plans to tidy this up, but when I'm not quite sure. I also note that some remedial work has now been carried out to the ditch along Stane Street, towards Strettington, so hopefully there will be less flooding here in future.

I would just like to remind the PC that Operation Watershed MK2 has now been launched, so if you have any further flood related projects in mind I suggest you consider an application. The fund is limited, so an early application is recommended.

I believe that your Chairman is currently liaising with our Officers, and possibly Rolls Royce, regarding the development of a cycle route running through the village. No doubt he will update you in due course.

Bob has also requested that a bus stop box be painted on the road at the end of this lane. I can confirm that this is in the programme, but unfortunately I can't confirm when it will be done.

Finally, I would like remind you of the WSCC Communities Initiative Funding (CIF) and the Big Society Fund (BSF). The BSF is for major community projects up to about £30k, whereas the CIF is for smaller more local projects, usually any amount from £100 up to £3000. The CIF is controlled through the South Chichester County Local Committee and is for 'local' projects. It is not available directly to PC's, as precept bodies, but is available for any other group, from your local scouts and guides, to such things as supporting a community group in setting up a community based project.

The CLC meetings that I just referred to are held four times a year at County Hall and are open to the public. This is your chance to come along and hear debate on local issues. We would encourage participation from local people, as well as representatives from the local PC's. There is always a section where you have your chance to ask us questions and as the Council Leader, Louise Goldsmith, is one of the members of this CLC it might be an opportunity not to miss!

I apologise, I am sure I have gone on far too long, but if anyone has any questions with regard to the County Council I will try to answer them as best I can.

Thank you for all your support during the year.

ROLLS ROYCE MOTOR CARS

- First quarter sales were positive and we are on track for another strong year.
- Majority of the 100 new jobs announced in January have now been recruited.
- Full order book for Wraith, and Phantom and Ghost sales continue to be strong.

- Regular communication to the workforce that they are to observe speed limits and be mindful of creating excessive noise when entering and exiting the site.
- As a general rule we receive very few complaints from local residents. Where we do, we have a process in place to deal with the issue quickly – even when it transpires it's not Rolls-Royce at fault. We'd much rather know if there was a problem!
- Over 520 employees now regularly travel to work using alternative methods. i.e. not one vehicle/one person. Cycle, Car Share, walk, public transport.
- May saw the launch of a staff monthly prize draw for sustainable travel methods. We are seeing an increase already.
- We are planning an employee's family day 6th July and will be utilising the aerodrome with a bus shuttle for the overflow car Park.
- Triathlon events to be held at the Westhampton lakes

Sunday 1st June

Sunday 7th September

Sunday 21 September

Organisers have been informed that they will be able to utilise the Stane Street Car Park. Relieve some of the pressure on the local roads.

For information; The event on the 1st June coincides with a breakfast club meeting at the aerodrome.

Nigel Carter

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 12TH MARCH 2014

Opening balances @ 5th February 2014

	£
Barclays Current Account	15,414.91
National Savings and Investment Account	<u>5,711.18</u>
Total	21,126.09

Plus receipts 5 February 2014 to 12 March 2014

Barclays Current Account	3,100.00
National Savings and Investment Account	<u>0.00</u>
Total	24,226.09

Less payments

787.60

(includes cheques issued 1 November 2013 to 3 January 2014 but not yet cleared)

Balance at 10th March 2014

23,438.49

Represented by:

Barclays Current Account	17,727.31
National Savings and Investment Account	<u>5,711.18</u>
Total	23,438.49

Sub-total 0.00 0.00

Balance as at 3 January 2014

23,438.49

Prepared by

Caroline Moth, Parish Councillor

12th March 2014

Approved by

R C Holman, Chairman Parish Council

12th March 2014

Financial statement 12th March 2014

Date	Payee	Description	Cheque No	Amount (Inc VAT)
16.01.14	WSCC	November salaries & oncosts	100609	£250.26
16.01.14	WSCC	December salaries & oncosts	100610	£231.04
16.01.14	Parish Online	Parish Online Annual Fee	100611	£33.60
16.01.14	Mrs M Cousins	Reimbursement of expenses	100612	£28.72
03.02.14	Smiths Gore	Rent for playing field Westerton	100613	£100.00
03.02.14	Chichester DC	Wkly emptying dog bin Apr/Mar 13/14	100614	£345.07
03.02.14	Mrs M Cousins	Reimbursement of expenses	100615	£55.20
05.02.14	XT&AT Computers Ltd	Toshiba laptop, Canon printer	100616	£676.80
03.03.14	Henry Adams Planning	Planning Consultancy – APL930	100617	£480.00
03.03.14	SSALC	Invoice 7362	100618	£24.00
03.03.14	WSCC	Invoice 8001014640	100619	£231.04
10.03.14	A Blanchard	Play park repairs	100620	£6.58
10.03.14	R C Holman	S&L Flowers-Flowers for M Cousins	100621	£45.98