

# ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15 pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Icklesham Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Councillors: I Mann, I McConnochie, D Smedley (Vice Chair), Mrs J. Stanford (Chair), H. Sutton, Mrs A. Thomson, and N. Warren

**In attendance:** Jenner Sands (Clerk and RFO)

**22/111 Item 1. The Chair opened the meeting at 7.15 pm. The Chair invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council.**

Brian Leonard of Winchelsea said that he was speaking on behalf of the Winchelsea Residents Association of which he is the secretary. He said that he would like to make a comment on the traffic calming scheme. He said that it is three years since the Council agreed to pursue the project and he thanked the Council and the Officers for pushing it along. He said that, based on his experience, he feels that we are at a very critical stage right now where the project is passed for comment to outside authorities and very often these authorities take a lot of persuading and need a lot of information supplied to them. He said that he hopes National Highways do feel slightly embarrassed by the situation especially as satnavs are now sending long distance travellers through the middle of the town making them turn at dangerous junctions and travel along streets with poor markings only to re-join the national strategic highway. He said that he wants to make it clear that if there is anything that residents could do they are very willing to do that. He said that they have just launched a working group on the A259 itself to see if they can get some improvements done. He said that they would be happy to join with anyone in Icklesham who is also interested in getting the A259 looked at. The Chair made it clear that we need to make sure we are working together and that at the moment the Council's priority has to be the traffic calming project in Winchelsea Town.

Jane Taylor of Winchelsea said that they are pleased to see the data included in the supporting papers and that the data replicates the 2019 survey. She said that if we are now looking at 20mph for any C Road, a substantial percentage of motorists are going over that throughout Winchelsea. She made the point that there are around 300 electors in Winchelsea and there are nearly 2000 vehicles going up and down the High Street on average per week. She said that although the black cat data does not identify the through traffic it does make it clear that a considerable proportion of the traffic travelling through Winchelsea is not local and are just motorists passing through as quick as they can. She said that they are concerned that National Highways have now spent many months not saying very much at all despite everyone's best efforts. She suggested that the Council and the Residents Association collaborate in writing to National Highways highlighting the delay. The Chair confirmed that the Council agreed to involve residents when we needed to and that the Parish Council would take the project forward. The Chair confirmed that we have now received a response from National Highways and that the Clerk will provide an update later on in the meeting.

**22/112 Item 2. To receive reports and ask questions of the County Councillor Keith Glazier and the Rother District Councillors concerning County Council and Rother District Council matters. (10 minutes)**

Cllr Mier of Rother District Council said the he wanted to come along to the meeting to let



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Councillors and residents know that he is always happy to help with District Council matters. The Chair confirmed that a few months ago the Parish Council decided that if a District Councillor wanted to attend a meeting they would be more than happy for them to attend regardless of what ward we are meeting in.

Cllr Warren thanked Cllr Mier for his report and raised the swimming pool closure in Rye. He asked whether any particular Councils are taking the lead on raising funds for the swimming pool. Cllr Mier suggested contacting the Clerk at Rye Town Council about this. It was acknowledged that many residents in the parish council used this swimming baths.

**22/113 Item 3. To record any apologies for absence.** *Apologies received from Cllrs K Glazier (East Sussex), J Justice, D Kitteridge, T Moore, Mrs. C Rice, S Tollett and P Turner.*

**22/114 Item 4. Disclosure of Interests** - to receive any disclosure by members of personal interest required under the Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any written requests made by members for dispensation to allow them to participate in, and vote on, an agenda item for which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. Members are reminded a) to repeat their declaration immediately prior to commencement of the item in question and b) complete the declaration of interests form.

*Cllrs N Warren and I McConnochie declared a personal interest in relation to item 6 c) ii. of the agenda.*

**22/115 Item 5.** To consider and approve the signing by the Chair of the attached minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022. **RESOLVED:** *the Minutes were approved and signed.*

### **Matters requiring a Decision by Council**

#### **22/116 Item 6. Financial Matters.**

- a) To receive the list of items paid to date in October and November and items for payment to date – available at the meeting. **RESOLVED:** approved.
- b) Receipts and Payments report (budget vs actual) – available at the meeting. **RESOLVED:** approved.
- c) To consider Grant Applications received from the following:-
  - i. St Thomas' Church Winchelsea - £1,800 for annual assistance towards church yard maintenance. **RESOLVED:** approved.
  - ii. Icklesham Trusts Committee - £500 towards running costs of providing 'warm hub' in Icklesham Memorial Hall. **RESOLVED:** approved.

#### **22/117 Item 7. Traffic Calming**

- a) To receive the data collected via the black cats to date  
*Clerk explained that the black cats are now up and running in constant rotation. The only ward which hasn't yet been covered is Winchelsea Beach as there has been some issues with placement. Clerk is working on this and hopes to have this resolved soon. The data shows that there is a problem with speeding traffic throughout the whole Parish. **RESOLVED:** the data was noted. Clerk is to write to Sussex Police and Highways regarding the high speeds throughout the Parish.*
- b) Update on Winchelsea Traffic Calming Project including meeting with Cllr Glazier and East Sussex Highways and to discuss next steps.  
*Clerk explained that she and Cllr Smedley met with Cllr Glazier and Nick Skelton of East Sussex Highways. The meeting was positive and helpful. Clerk confirmed that we have only just heard from National Highways who require a numberplate destination survey. GTA have obtained costings for this in the sum £2,500. East Sussex Highways do not*



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*have the equipment to undertake the survey.* **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to obtain a further quote for this if possible. Clerk was given authority to accept the best quote for this.

### **22/118 Item 8. East Sussex Local Transport Plan Consultation**

The development of East Sussex County Council's fourth Local Transport Plan (2023-2050) for East Sussex is currently underway. Council is asked to consider:-

- a) what they feel are priorities are for travel and transport
- b) what they feel the key issues are
- c) what opportunities for improving travel across the county are important

*The main issues highlighted were vehicle speeds and the protection and continuation of the bus service in our rural communities and the school bus service between Rye and Hastings.*

**RESOLVED:** Clerk is to respond highlighting the issues noted.

### **22/119 Item 9. Clerk Mobile Contract**

To consider the Clerk entering into a new contract with EE for 12 months at a cost of £12 per month (currently £16.67 per month). **RESOLVED:** approved.

### **22/120 Item 10. Vandalism in and around Icklesham Recreation Ground**

- a) To note that the black bus shelter outside of Icklesham Recreation Ground has been vandalised again. Clerk has reported this to police. Council are asked to discuss possible deterrents.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Warren is going to mention this in the next Icklesham Village Newsletter and is also going to see if there is any interest amongst residents in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch. Clerk will also put something in the next Parish Newsletter encouraging residents to report anything they witness to the Police or to the Clerk.

- b) To consider the following quotes to repair bus shelter:-

- i. Mark Saunters - £310
- ii. Waynedale – £300

**RESOLVED:** Clerk is to source a third quote and refer the matter to the Open Spaces Committee.

## **Matters for Information or Noting**

### **22/121 Item 11. Programme of Works.**

**RESOLVED:** Clerk and Assistant Clerk are to meet Cllr Sutton in Winchelsea Beach regarding maintenance works.

### **22/122 Item 12. Correspondence.**

- a) Telephone note – Clerk conversation with Winchelsea Beach resident regarding Dogs Hill Road. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to write to Cllr Glazier regarding the issues raised.
- b) Email received from Icklesham Resident regarding shop in Icklesham **RESOLVED:** Cllr Warren is going to raise this at the next Icklesham Trusts Committee Meeting.
- c) Letter received from John Rodley regarding Poppy Appeal Donation **RESOLVED:** the letter of thanks was noted.
- d) Letter received from Winchelsea Methodist Chapel regarding installing a small rail on pavement outside Winchelsea Methodist Chapel. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to respond referring them to Highways as this is not something the Parish Council can take forward.

**22/123 Item 13. Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended.** Councillors to update Council.

*Cllr Warren attended the recent Code of Conduct training organised by Rother District Council. He said the training was very good and encouraged other Councillors to do this if Rother run*

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*it again which they are planning on doing.*

**22/124 Item 14. Items for Consideration for Future Agendas.**

Nothing to note.

**22/125 Item 15. Date and venue for next meeting.**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Budget Meeting) 7.15 pm at Rye Harbour Village Hall

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January (Full Council Meeting) 7.15 pm at Rye Harbour Village Hall

***Agreed as a true record of the meeting***

**Signed .....**

***Cllr Mrs. J Stanford  
(Chair)***

***Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023***