

WRESTLINGWORTH AND COCKAYNE HATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Wrestlingworth and Cockayne Hatley Parish Council

Meeting held at Memorial Hall, Wrestlingworth, on 22nd June 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr R Barratt, Vice-Chairman Cllr S Williams, Cllr C Turner, Cllr G Whale, Cllr N Dodgson, Cllr A Dagless, Cllr Kirkpatrick, Central Bedfordshire Cllr's D Gurney and A Zerny, and 8 members of the public.

Apologies: Police Representative PCSO M Didonato.

Co-option of Councillor

The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr Beal had resigned from the Council due to ill-health. He added that he would like to thank Cllr Beal for all his hard work over the years and also his support. He then explained that when the last vacancy occurred, two candidates applied and Andrew Dagless was co-opted. The second candidate was James Kirkpatrick who is now to take over from Cllr Beal. Cllr Gurney added her thanks to John Beal saying that he had a wealth of knowledge and was highly regarded. Cllr Kirkpatrick was welcomed to the Council and Cllr Dagless welcomed back!

Police Report

PCSO M Didonato emailed the crime figures to the Council. See appendix C. The Chairman commented that it was disappointing to see a sharp increase in crime in the parish. The clerk informed the Councillors that Olly Martins has asked if he could visit make a presentation to the Council. The Councillors agreed though asked for it to be after the August meeting.

Open Forum

Richard Whitlock discussed the Green Infrastructure Plan with Cllr Williams. He was concerned that we were behind other Councils with producing a plan, however Cllr Williams reassured him that she was pleased how our plan was progressing and the timescales involved. Mr Whitlock asked about the delivery of faster broadband and a decent mobile phone reception. Cllr Whale informed him that the broadband was due to be upgraded in September of this year, however, this did not include Cockayne Hatley. There are no plans at present to deliver upgraded mobile phone coverage though this could be looked at in the future.

Kevin Millard and Clive Bird then discussed the playground and football pitch with Cllr Whale. It was concluded that further quotes would be sought on rabbit-proofing the field making it safe for children to play on. Cllr Whale reported that he had met with Mrs Sheehan from the school to ask for questionnaires to be given to the children regarding their opinion on equipment needed. In the meantime it was agreed that Mr Bird would carry out repairs to some of the equipment and that the Parish Council would pay for any materials needed. The Chairman thanked Mr Millard and Mr Bird for their help with the project and stressed that they must work closely with Cllr Whale in future with this project. **ACTION GW**

Solar Park Proposal

Cllr Gurney confirmed that a planning application for the proposed solar park in the parish had not to date been submitted. The CEO of the solar company had been contacted but had not replied and it was also confirmed that Alistair Burt MP did not support it. It was also noted that after presentations from the company proposing the solar park, it was clear that the residents of the

parish did not support the proposal. This was confirmed by an exit poll held after the presentation and also in an interview with a resident on the local television news also involving Alistair Burt MP.

Ethics and Standards Code

None declared.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th May, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising & Chairman's report

Since the Annual Meeting on 18th May I have,

Assisted with the production of 'Parish Council Update' for inclusion in the Village Link covering an update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and announcing the plan to prepare a Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan to sit alongside the NP.

With Cllr Williams and Ian Woiwod from the PWWG, attended a meeting with BRCC to discuss the process and timetable for producing the GI Plan

Provided answers and supporting documentation to the Council's auditor in order to obtain sign off of the 2014/15 Accounts.

With other Cllrs, conducted interviews to fill the vacancies on the Parish Council

Investigated the issue in regard to the new planning application for Home Farm whereby the new developer was trying to avoid making the agreed contribution to affordable housing. I am particularly grateful to Liz Whitlock for her research with a number of parties in regard to this matter and to Cllr Turner for the time he has put into this.

Responded to a resident who raised concerns over the contents in the garden of a property in the parish and was asking the Council to intervene.

Met with a resident to discuss the risk to the public that the condition of an outbuilding posed and sought assurances that remedial actions was being planned.

Acted as a point of contact with The Chequers in regard to obtaining council permission for use of the amenity field for events organised by the pub.

Dealt with numerous communication, both verbal and by email, in regard to the proposed local solar parks and also attended both the public consultation sessions. Following these I drafted a statement on behalf of the Parish Council in regard to the information provided at the consultations which, following sign off by the other Cllrs, was issued to our MP, Alistair Burt and this is available from our website.

Attended the GI Plan workshop

Confirmed with CBC that the council is still interested in providing Allotments to the residents but has yet to review the land offered by them due to the number of other priority items being progressed.

Portfolios

Cllr Whale re-capped on progress on rabbit proofing the play area and also progress on the playground equipment project. He added that he was compiling a prioritised task list for maintenance on the play equipment.

Cllr Whale then asked the Council if it would be a good idea to include Highways Bulletins on the parish website. The Councillors agreed that it would be useful assuming there were no confidentiality issues. Cllr Whale will follow up on this.

The Chairman said he would get an update on the speed-watch project from John Beal when they meet on Friday 26th June.

Clerk's report

- Forwarded relevant emails to Parish Councillors and updated noticeboards
- Completed minutes, agenda, budget and financial statement for June's meeting
- Reconciled bank statement with cheques written and transferred £2K to cover today's cheques
- Forwarded planning applications to Planning Committee
- Requested Mr Granger cut areas in CH and Potton Rd, WW.
- Attended meeting with Cllr Whale and Mr Millard regarding play area
- Attended meeting with internal auditor to discuss audit and recommendations
- Chased new street light request, twice
- Requested repairs to War Memorial be carried out by Brown & Ralph, Cambridge
- Completed VAT return
- Sent 5 completed Register of Interests forms to CBC
- Attended Green Infrastructure workshop
- Sent letter regarding proposed solar farm to Alistair Burt MP who has acknowledged concerns and promised a reply

Clerk asked to contact Mr Granger regarding not strimming grass too close to the trim trail in the play area so as to avoid damaging the wooden posts. **ACTION CD**

Neighbourhood Development Plan- Steering group report

Cllr Williams reported on progress:-

The Steering Group has not met since the last Parish Council Meeting. However work continues.

An analysis has been undertaken of responses to the questionnaire by age against the 2011 demographics. It was found that the levels of questionnaire response by age were very similar to the age breakdown for the parish in the census. It has been agreed that no further consultation is needed at present.

A meeting of the Steering Group will be held on Wednesday 24th June when we shall be pleased to welcome Cllr Dagless back to the Group. Items on the agenda include:

- discussion of the written response analysis of questionnaires (copies have been circulated to P C members)
- Keeping Cockayne Hatley residents engaged
- A vision and aims for the Plan
- Progress on the evidence base which is being prepared by Elizabeth Wilson
- The solar farm proposals and whether a policy relating to land use for renewable energy should be included in the Plan

Planning

Cllr Turner informed the Council that there had been 3 new applications since the last meeting, 2 involving trees (a yew tree at the pub & three ash trees in Church Lane). The third application regarded the installation of a shed at St John's church, Cockayne Hatley. Cllr Turner then talked at length on the 2nd application for Home Farm. He detailed a meeting he had with Samantha from CBC and concluded that the £100K originally put by for affordable housing would probably still be

available. The other £60K was less likely to materialise. He also talked about the flooding issues regarding the Home Farm Development.

See appendix B

Finance

Payments Approved - See appendix A.

The Annual return for the year ending 31st March has been approved and accepted by the Council.

Equality Issues

No issues to report

Correspondence

- Village Link Grant Application – Councillors agreed to award a grant of £150 to the Village Link and advised Martin Campbell, in his capacity as Treasurer for the Village Link, that if finances became an issue later on in the year that he should inform the Council.
- Full House Theatre Performance grant request – after a discussion it was agreed that Cllr Dodgson would speak to the Goodwill Association regarding this request.
- Memorial Hall Grant request – after careful consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council would award £1,635 to the Memorial Hall for their toilet upgrade project.
- Magazines and journals passed on to Councillors.

Parish Facilities

- Defibrillator request – it was decided that after the Goodwill Committee had sought consultation with a medical representative, it was not viable to have a defibrillator in the parish. Instead it was recommended that a CPR training course be offered instead.
- Repairs to War Memorial – the clerk has requested this to be carried out by Brown and Ralph stonemasons of Cambridge. Andy Brown had informed the clerk that the repairs are to be carried out within the next 6 weeks. **ACTION CD**
- Installation of new street light in High Street, Wrestlingworth – Clerk has chased this request with a response from Ben Callender at Central Beds Highways that there was no further progress to date! **ACTION CD**
- Use of Amenity Field – after a lengthy discussion regarding a request from the landlord of the Chequers Public House it was decided that a letter (Chairman to draft) would be written to Dave Moore detailing the requirements for using the amenity field. Cllr Dodgson to arrange meeting with Mr Moore and the Chairman to discuss this. **ACTION ND/RB**
- Bus shelters – Chairman to get update from John Beal on progress **ACTION RB**
- Allotments – discussed earlier in meeting – see Chairmanship report above.
- Telephone box – Clerk to check on condition/working-order of public phone box in Wrestlingworth **ACTION CD**

Management Meeting

The Chairman requested that a Management meeting be held in the near future to discuss portfolios. Chairman will send out invitation request. **ACTION RB**

Date of Next Meeting – 24th August 2015

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

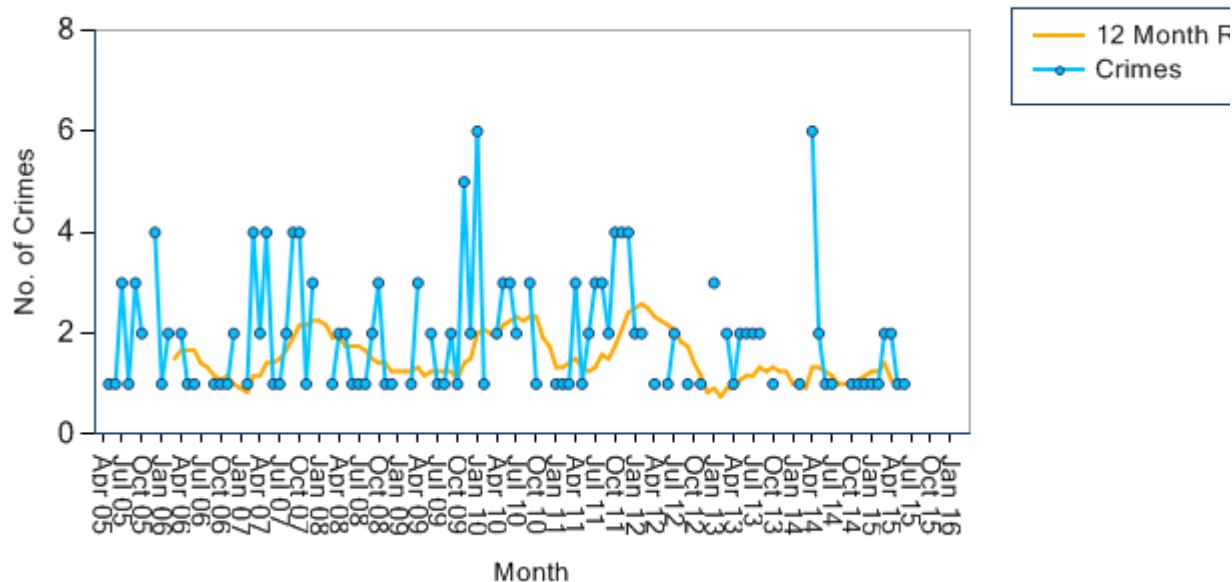
Appendix A**Financial Report – June 2015**

The following accounts are to be paid and I need to request the council's endorsement.

June	E-on D/Debit		117.12
June	Clerk's Salary D/Debit		352.17
June & July	Clerk's expenses		32.85
May & June	D J Granger		1,851.3 0
May	VES Printing		22.80
May	Hall Hire		18.00
June	CBC – election expenses		64.50
June	Sandra Williams – GIP meeting		11.50
April	Knibbs Horticulture		50.00
May	Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA report		114.00
May	Kevin Millard – repairs to play equipment		75.53
June	BDO LLP – External Auditors		120.00
June	Clive Bird – repairs to play equipment		105.14

Appendix B

Appendix C

Wrestlingworth and Cockayne & Hatley Parish Council**08/05/2015 – 19/06/2015****Long term trend****Crime Type Breakdown in last 12 months**

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	2	1											3	1.50
Financial Year: 2014/2015	6	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	17	1.42
Financial Year: 2013/2014	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	11	0.92
Financial Year: 2012/2013	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	11	0.92
Financial Year: 2011/2012	3	1	2	3	3	2	4	4	4	2	2	0	30	2.50
Financial Year: 2010/2011	2	3	3	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	17	1.42
Financial Year: 2009/2010	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	5	2	6	1	0	24	2.00
Financial Year: 2008/2009	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	15	1.25
Financial Year: 2007/2008	2	4	1	1	2	4	4	1	3	0	0	1	23	1.92
Financial Year: 2006/2007	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	4	14	1.17
Financial Year: 2005/2006	0	1	1	3	1	3	2	0	4	1	2	0	18	1.50

Long term trend for each offence**Burglary dwelling**

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	2	0											2	1.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2013/2014	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2012/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2011/2012	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	0.50
Financial Year: 2010/2011	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2009/2010	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2008/2009	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2007/2008	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2006/2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2005/2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0.25

Burglary other

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	0	0												
Financial Year: 2014/2015	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0.50
Financial Year: 2013/2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2012/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2011/2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0.25
Financial Year: 2010/2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2009/2010	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2008/2009	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	8	0.67
Financial Year: 2007/2008	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2006/2007	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2005/2006	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.42

Vehicle offences

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	0	0												
Financial Year: 2014/2015	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2013/2014	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.25
Financial Year: 2012/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2011/2012	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2010/2011	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2009/2010	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2008/2009	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2007/2008	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2006/2007	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2005/2006	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0.50

Criminal damage

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	0	0												
Financial Year: 2014/2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2013/2014	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2012/2013	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0.33
Financial Year: 2011/2012	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	9	0.75
Financial Year: 2010/2011	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2009/2010	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0.42
Financial Year: 2008/2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2007/2008	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.33
Financial Year: 2006/2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2005/2006	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08

Theft of motor vehicle

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	0	0												
Financial Year: 2014/2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2013/2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2012/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2011/2012	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2010/2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2009/2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2008/2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2007/2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2006/2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2005/2006	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08

Theft from motor vehicle

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	0	0												
Financial Year: 2014/2015	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0.33
Financial Year: 2013/2014	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.25
Financial Year: 2012/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Financial Year: 2011/2012	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2010/2011	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.17
Financial Year: 2009/2010	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.33
Financial Year: 2008/2009	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2007/2008	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.08
Financial Year: 2006/2007	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.25
Financial Year: 2005/2006	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0.42

Year to date since the last parish council meeting

Crime Type	Recorded Crime		Solved Crimes	
	08/05/14 to 19/05/14	08/05/15 to 19/05/15	08/05/14 to 19/05/14	08/05/15 to 19/05/15
	Violence without Injury	0	0	0
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Burglary - Non Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Offences	1	0	0	0
Other Theft	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0

The following crimes have been recorded since your last meeting:

01/06/2015 - Burglary dwelling in The High street Wrestlingworth: Unknown offenders have gained access to the rear of the property and have gained entry to the property via the main back door by smashing a window. A messy search has been conducted and jewellery has been taken.