

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of an Additional Ordinary Meeting of Westleton Parish Council held at 7 pm on Thursday 9th September 2010.

There were present –

Cllr C Fisher (*in the Chair*), Cllrs A Smith, J Alexander, P Holmes, A Paige, S Robertson, R Strowger, R Swindell, G Turner.

In Attendance –

Cllr Slater, SCDC (part of meeting only)
Chris Cardwell, Clerk of the Council.

There were three members of the public present.

PRE AGENDA MATTER

Contributions from members of the public

- Parish plan was an excellent piece of work – hope WPC will take it seriously and be guided by it over the next 2 to 3 years.

10/92 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clough.

10/93 Westleton Parish Plan

(i) Report from the Parish Plan Sub Committee

No report. Sub Committee had yet to meet.

(ii) To resume consideration of Parish Plan

The Chair complemented the Parish Plan Committee on the quality of its work and acknowledged that the Councils Sub Committee had been established to take matters forward.

Council identified the need to –

- Prioritise the plans action points
- Consider the desirability of dividing the allocation of responsibilities between the Council and its Sub Committee
- Allocate appropriate action points to the Car Parking Sub Committee for consideration

The value of the Coast Link transport service was acknowledged and the Clerk was asked to publicise this via the noticeboard and via the Yoxmere Fisherman. It was **NOTED** that car sharing schemes could be of value but these were known to be difficult to organise and maintain.

Cllr Slater joined the meeting at this point.

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Council discussed the benefits of working in conjunction with partner organisations as set out in the plan, on issues such as the availability of parking at Darsham Station, which was perceived to be inadequate. Cllr Holmes **AGREED** to investigate the provision of parking and potential for additional space.

The Clerk was asked to contact ESTA with an outline of relevant issues, as contained in the plan, and invite a representative to attend a future meeting of Council.

Council discussed the potential benefits of Good Neighbour Schemes and **AGREED** in principle to support such a Scheme if a local organiser could be found.

The benefits of the local Parish Nurse Scheme were acknowledged and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk invite Linda Ginn to attend a future meeting of Council.

The importance of ensuring effective snow clearance and adequate provision of grit bins was acknowledged. Mill Street and Barkers Lane were identified as areas particularly at risk.

Council **NOTED** with pleasure that increasing numbers of parishioners were attending Council meetings and that the Councils work was now receiving enhanced publicity via notices and through the Westleton website.

The desirability of a quarterly newsletter was discussed and Cllr Paige **AGREED** to produce the same with support from the Chair and Vice Chair.

Council acknowledged the importance of encouraging residents to respond to planning applications but identified as unhelpful the time constraints as applied. It was **AGREED** that the newsletter should guide readers as to how to access and if desired respond to applications. It was further **AGREED** that Councillors should seek to identify additional potential members of the Planning Sub Committee.

The value to the village of local milk deliveries was **NOTED**.

Cllr Swindell referred to the support for a Film Club and offered to help establish this should no other volunteer come forward in the next 6 months or so.

The Clerk offered to recirculate WPC Paper 10/01 which set out the Plans action points.

10/94 **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 27th September 2010

Meeting closed at 8 25pm
