



# West Grinstead Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Partridge Green Village Hall

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011

at 7.30 p.m.

## MINUTES

**Present:** - Councillors: Mr. D. Green (Chairman), Mr. A. Russ (Vice Chairman), Mr. R. Hill, Mr. D. Pearless, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. N. Berry, Mrs H. Bullingham, Mr. P. Kanabus, Mrs C. Watts and Mrs O. Izzard.

County Councillor: Mr. L. Barnard.

District Councillor: Mr J. Chowen

Clerk: Mrs H. Dayneswood

**PC\_185/11 Apologies:** Cllrs: Mrs G. Nash, Mr. J. De Little. District Councillor: Mr A. Dunlop.

**PC\_186/11 Declarations of Interest:** None

**PC\_187/11 Chairman's Announcements:** None

**PC\_188/11 Minutes of the last meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Kanabus, seconded Cllr. Bullingham) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011 be approved as a true record.

**PC\_189/11 Matters Arising:**

- a) The salt spreader for use in Partridge Green High Street and area had been delivered. *The Clerk to purchase rock salt from Horsham Fencing shortly.*
- b) Cllr Bullingham offered to create a Facebook page for the Parish Council, in order to communicate information to a wider audience.

**PC\_190/11 Police Report:** None

**PC\_191/11 District Council Report:**

Cllr Chowen reported on the recent study produced by Baker Associates on possible sites in Horsham District for pitches for travellers, gypsies and travelling showpeople. Two sites have been identified in Dial Post. Concerns had been raised by some local residents. There will be an extensive period of consultation on the recommendations from the Baker Study.

Members raised queries over a) whether HDC would use compulsory purchase powers if necessary b) the definition of 'permissible' sites. *Cllr Chowen offered to make further enquiries.*

Cllr Chowen briefed members on the HDC proposal to decommission the Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre. This would be going to Cabinet at the end of November and to full Council in December.

**PC\_192/11 West Sussex County Council Report:**

Cllr Barnard reported on the following items.

- a) Plans for new dwellings and allotments in the Henfield area.
- b) WSCC had cut 30% of their staff and there are another 800 jobs which will go. The number of select committees is being reduced as well.
- c) He recently met with representatives of the CVS (Community Voluntary Service) to see what services volunteers could and/or would like to take on.
- d) There is an example of good practice in adult learning operating in Burgess Hill.
- e) The superfast broadband project is progressing.
- f) He had been involved with the Crawley Town Centre Partnership, looking at redevelopment options in the northern area of Crawley. It's possible that John Lewis may open a branch in Crawley.
- g) He was sorry that the Olympic torch would not be coming through Horsham but he did not have any say over the route.
- h) It looked likely there would be no significant further changes to libraries at present.

**PC\_193/11 Update on the Partridge Green Scout Group**

Mr Graham Carey and Mr David Nutbrown-Hughes attended the meeting to provide an update. Mr Carey described the recent changes within the leadership. The beavers and cub groups were going well but the Scouts had had to be suspended for a while. However, they now had a new Scouts leader, so they hoped to have the Scouts Group back up and running soon.

Now that they had planning permission for a new building in KGV playing fields, they had been working on fund raising. One of the leaders (Mr Young) was progressing the applications and one of the parents was helping. Mr Carey said that where they could do with some help was in the area of project management. Cllr Green suggested that the Scouts approach Mr Marcus Staples to see if he could help with this.

Cllr Barnard reminded the Scouts that when they got to the stage of kitting out the building, the County Local Committee (CLC) may well be able to help by giving a grant to the Scouts.

Cllr Izzard suggested that Mr Carey get in touch with Mr Alan Childs, who had had a lot of fundraising experience in relation to the new Dial Post Village Hall.

Cllr Izzard also suggested that perhaps a representative of the Scouts might like to join the 'Friends of KGV' group.

Mr Nutbrown-Hughes updated members on the 30 saplings that had been obtained under the Sainsbury's voucher scheme and were due to be planted in the KGV playing fields. He would be liaising with Cllr Russ over the details.

**PC\_194/11 Correspondence:**

HDC: Update of HDC's Byelaw for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces. Comments/objections to be submitted to HDC by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011. *Noted.*

**PC\_195/11 Committee Reports:**

**PLANNING:** Please refer to the Planning Committee minutes.

**OPEN SPACES:** Please refer to the Open Spaces Committee minutes.

**FINANCE:** Please refer to the Finance Committee minutes.

**PC\_196/11 Working/Advisory Group Reports:** none

**PC\_197/11 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies:**

- a) Allotments Association: Cllr Russ thanked the PC for the £100 donation towards the cost of the petrol strimmer. The plot holders were due to have a working day on 27<sup>th</sup> November, to do hedge planting and learn how to use the new strimmer safely.
- b) Sports & Social Club (SSC): Cllr Russ reported that there had been a positive response to the idea of sharing the responsibility for KGV grass cutting between the sports clubs and the PC. Plans for obtaining the agreed mower were progressing well. He also reported the latest idea of a '50 Club' in order to generate more income.
- c) PGVH Management Committee: Cllr Watts reported that Cllr Pearless and Mr Matthew Walden had joined the committee. Mr Walden was also the new contractor, taking on a lot of the odd jobs around the village hall.
- d) PG Youth Club: Cllr Hill reported that this continued to go very well. *The Clerk to ask Mrs P. Saunders* (Dial Post Village Hall Committee) if the donation they offered previously to help with running costs could now be paid over to the Parish Council Youth Club bank account.
- e) County Local Committee (CLC): nothing to report.
- f) Local History Group: Cllr Berry advised members that the launch of the new book on Education would take place on Mon 28<sup>th</sup> November in PGVH from 2 to 4pm.

**PC\_198/11 Public Open Forum:** No members of the public present

**PC\_199/11 WGPC Accounts for November 2011:**

Nov 2011						
WGPC Income						
	none					
WGPC Expenses						
Chq No	Payee	Narrative		Gross	Vat	Net
				£	£	£
SO	HDC	Emptying dog bins		60.62	0.00	

DD	Tiscali/Talk Talk	Broadband monthly bill		20.42	3.40	17.02
		Staff salaries		1473.58		
		Staff expenses		16.44	1.47	14.97
	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI		353.66		
	WSCC	Clerk's pension				
		Clerk's contribution	100.83			
		WGPC contribution	280.78			
				381.61		
	EDF	Final bill - balance outstanding on Christmas Lights kiosk supply		53.06	2.53	50.53
	PGVH	Hall hire for PGYC - 7 @ £18		126.00		
	Cuckfield Garden Machinery	Petrol strimmer for JAA. Costs shared with PC.		330.00	55.00	275.00
	Neat & Stripy	Grass cutting at St. George's (13th & 27th Oct) <i>Inv 7791</i>		192.00	32.00	160.00
	DJ Flynn	Grass cutting at DP green	154.29			
		Grass cutting at St. Michael's burial ground	64.28			
		Grass cutting at Jolesfield Common	92.57			
		<i>Invoice no 831</i>		311.14	51.86	259.28
	Eon	First bill from Eon for electricity supply to parish street lamps		42.35	2.02	40.33
	Key Industrial Equipment	Salt spreader		87.60	14.60	73.00
	Peter Martin	Three Christmas trees		85.00		
	Mrs P Foggarty	Supplies for PG Youth Club tuck shop (re-imbursed)		158.75	25.60	133.15
			<b>Total for WGPC</b>	<b>3,692.23</b>	<b>188.48</b>	
<b>KGV Income</b>						
	none					
<b>King George V Expenses</b>						
	DJ Flynn	Grass cutting at KGV field <i>(Invoice no 830)</i>		401.14	66.86	334.28
	N. Hedley	Hedge cutting KGV northern border		180.00	30.00	150.00
	Wicksteed	Four replacement seats - junior swings		166.66	27.78	138.88
			<b>Total for KGV</b>	<b>747.80</b>	<b>124.64</b>	

<b>INTER-ACCOUNT TRANSFERS/PAYMENTS</b>					
	Co-op WGPC to Co-op PGYC	Transfer monies belonging to PGYC activities (now PGYC acct open).		1,173.80	

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Izzard, seconded Cllr. Taylor) to approve the WGPC payments as listed.

**PC\_200/11 Approval of Quotations (urgent):**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Izzard, seconded Cllr. Bullingham) to approve a Christmas bonus to the Village Tidier for his excellent work, as finances would not stretch to a pay rise next year.

**King George V Playing Field Trust Summary**

**PC\_201/11 Declarations of Interest & Notification of Changes to Interests:**

Cllrs. Hill and Russ declared personal interests in relation to membership of the Sports & Social Club.

**PC\_202/11 Matters Arising: none**

**PC\_203/11 Approval of KGV Accounts for November 2011**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Pearlless, seconded Cllr Bullingham) to approve the KGV payments as listed above.

**PC\_204/11 Other KGV Matters to Report Back to the Parish Council Meeting:**

- a) The Clerk reported that a KGV AGM would be scheduled after the KGV accounts audit had taken place.
- b) Cllr Watts reported that on the footpath leading from the bottom of South Street through to Star Road, there was a dangerous hole that had developed as a result of the householder dramatically lowering the level of his garden.  
*The Clerk to write to the householder to ask him to fill in the hole for safety reasons.*

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed as a true record.....Date.....  
Chairman West Grinstead Parish Council