



West Grinstead Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Partridge Green Village Hall
Wednesday 15th September 2010
at 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: - Councillors: Mr. D. Green (Chairman), Mr. A. Childs (Vice Chairman), Mrs G. Nash, Mr. R. Hill, Mr. A. Russ, Mr. M. Staples, Mr. N. Berry.
District Councillor: Mr J. Chowen.
One member of the public.
Clerk: Mrs H. Dayneswood

P_071/10 Apologies:

Cllrs: Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. C. Neal, Mrs C. Watts, Mrs H. Bullingham, Mr. M. Sheath, Mr. P. Kanabus and reasons noted. District Councillor: Mr I Shepherd. County Councillor: Mr. L. Barnard.

P_072/10 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hill declared a personal interest in relation to the item about the Scouts.

P_073/10 Chairman's Announcements:

Cllr Green reported that the Scouts had asked to make a presentation at the beginning of the first full KGV meeting on 28th September, concerning their proposed options for a location for a new Scouts' building. As the Scouts had not indicated how many options they wished to discuss, it was agreed that if they wanted to discuss just one location then it would be feasible to fit this in on the 28th September meeting. Otherwise, it would be better to arrange a separate dedicated meeting for early October. *The Clerk to contact Mr Graham Carey about this.* It was also suggested that the KGV Working Group and representatives from the KGV Sports Groups be invited to the meeting.

P_074/10 Minutes of the last meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Childs, seconded Cllr. Russ) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2010 be approved as a true record.

P_075/10 Matters Arising:

- a) Residents in The Rosary are keen to have a salt/grit bin installed in their close. WSCC policy is to use hippo bags for flexibility of delivery of salt/grit where it is needed at the time. *The Clerk to report back to the residents.*
- b) A resident who lives behind the Partridge Green Village Hall car park has been experiencing an escalation of anti-social behaviour (ASB) by youths climbing on the recycling bins and accessing the garden. The ASB has included significant damage to personal property. It was agreed to ask HDC to move the recycling bins a few feet away from the fence. *The Clerk to contact HDC and update the resident.*
- c) The member of the public present reported that he has suffered damage to his front wall as a result of ASB.
- d) Two members of the Transport Working Group had had to resign for personal reasons.

P_076/10 Police Report:

A report had been received from PCSO Tom Guiney and circulated to members. The Clerk was asked to thank the PCSO and mention the increase in ASB just recently. An increase in police presence on Friday nights would be very helpful. *The Clerk to action.*

P_077/10 District Council Report:

Cllr Chowen reported on the following items:

- a) HDC is looking at integrating Street Scene Wardens with Traffic Wardens. This should result in a more efficient service and also cut costs.
- b) Cllr Chowen is also involved with looking at planning enforcement and health enforcement.
- c) East Street in Horsham town is looking good and the works are nearly finished.

- d) The Audit Commission has been abolished.
- e) The coalition government is making changes in order to achieve a bottom-up way of working rather than a top-down approach.

P_078/10 West Sussex County Council Report:

Written report from Cllr Barnard:

“August, as you will appreciate, is a slow month for the council, although much work was achieved on the coming winter snow plans and the new Local Transport Plan consultation.

You will be aware that WSCC's chief executive is now on extended leave and that Kieran Stigant has agreed to act as the interim CEx. The decision for this action was taken by the leader after full backing from all of her cabinet.

This month I will be meeting with other members of the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership to discuss the future of roadside speed detection cameras, now that funding has been cut. A number of councils have scrapped them altogether and I am under some pressure from my own cabinet to consider their future. At the moment I have asked my officers to provide details of how many there are, and how effective they all are in affecting speeds. Whilst not prejudging the outcome of their work or the meeting I am working on the basis that those on the A24 will remain, given the current level (after cuts) of funding, but others may not.

The future of the improvements on the A24 are the subject of much discussion and we will know more after 20th October.

I met this week with Compass Bus directors and am pleased to say that rural bus routes appear safe, but have to say that much depends on future funding and the comprehensive spending review on 20th October.”

P_079/10 Correspondence: *All items were noted.*

- a) Cabinet Office: invitation to take part in a National Survey of Charities and Social Enterprises.
- b) HDCP: News about Henfield Community Partnership – Community Transport.
- c) CAIP: One day training course for farmers about correct methods of pest control.
- d) WSCC: Safer Place Awards – cash funding for initiatives that tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.
- e) HDC: Street Naming and Numbering service.
- f) Communities & Local Government: the Community Right to Build.
- g) Rural Services Community: £250K boost for affordable homes.
- h) HALC: Request for items to put forward at annual meeting with HDC.
- i) AIRS: Annual Conference, 23rd September.
- j) WSCC: Consultation on future of day services and activities. Deadline 27th October 2010.
- k) SLCC: Special edition newsletter – information about parish councils, precepts and the requirement for a referendum.
- l) SLCC Clerks meeting minutes. Item 1) Proposal to abolish the Standards Board and transfer responsibilities elsewhere. Bill due to go before Parliament Nov 2011. Item 2) It has been confirmed that the Rural Service Network is a political organisation.

P_080/10 Committee Reports:

PLANNING: Cllrs Green & Nash reported on the last two meetings. (For the full reports, please refer to the minutes of the Planning Committee.)

OPEN SPACES: Cllr Childs reported on the last two meetings. (For the full report, please refer to the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee.)

FINANCE: Cllr Berry reported on the last two meetings. (For the full reports, please refer to the minutes of the Finance Committee.)

P_081/10 Working/Advisory Group Reports:

ALLOTMENTS:

- a) Cllr Russ provided an updated schedule of costs and funding sources for the Allotments project. They had managed to reduce some costs in relation to the water supply element. An application to HDC for Section 106 funding of £3271 was about to be submitted. The suggested source was funds from the Cambria development. Parish councillors had no objection to this.
- b) Cllr Russ had just attended a training course on Allotments Management. He had received advice that it was a good idea to keep the Allotments Working Group running, so as to provide a direct link back to the

Parish Council. This should prevent a ‘them and us’ situation developing between the Allotments Association and the Parish Council.

- c) It was agreed that it would be appropriate to ask HDC for some of the outstanding Section 106 money from the Hillreed development to be used to pay for the works on the access road into Jolesfield Common and the allotments site. When the invoice is presented for those works, *the Clerk to contact HDC about it.*
- d) Cllr Green thanked Cllr Russ once again for all his hard work on the allotments project.

P_082/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies:

Sports & Social Club: Recently held their AGM. Mr Simon Adlam is the new Chairman. The works for the new kitchen are going ahead.

Partridge Green Village Hall: Bookings for parties have increased a lot of late. The rental agreement for the Parish Office is being prepared and a 5% rent increase is being requested. The heating has been revamped. There is now a separate boiler for the hot water. Some work has been done on the electricity circuit. Mr Baker is going to be asked to carry out regular 3-monthly inspections for maintenance issues.

P_083/10 Any Parish Council issues linked to the KGV Playing Fields Trust:

It was mentioned that an informal decision had been made at the last Open Spaces meeting to invite Mr N. Seal to carry out the KGV pond works.

P_084/10 The Charity Status of Jolesfield Common

It had come to light that, although there was a Deed of Dedication for Jolesfield Common as a playing field, it did not appear to have charity status. It was also not a KGV field. *Cllr Green to review the Deed of Dedication paperwork.*

P_085/10 Allotments Site - Authorisation for Execution of the Lease between the Landowners & the Parish Council

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Nash, seconded Cllr. Hill) that Cllrs Green and Childs should sign the lease, on behalf of the Parish Council, between the landowners and the Parish Council.

P_086/10 Public Open Forum: As mentioned in Matters Arising above, the member of the public present raised the issue of anti-social behaviour in the area outside his house.

P_087/10 WGPC Accounts for September 2010:

In addition to the accounts list approved at the September Finance Committee, there was one further item of Parish Council expenditure to add to the list:

Andrew Gale	Tree surgery at allotments	646.25	VAT 96.25
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It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr. Berry, seconded Cllr. Nash) to approve all the listed bills for payment.

P_088/10 Approval of Quotations (urgent): none

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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